

West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors
7171 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17112

Board of Supervisor Workshop Minutes
Monday May 07, 2018

1. Mr. Miller called the workshop was called to order at 6 pm.
2. Company present:

Connors, Stacey	Megonnell, Jay	Miller, Kyle	Steinmeier, Don
Zimmerman, Gloria	Yost, Jon	Tim Staub, HRG	Tim Mellott
Jeannette Zimmerman			

3. Buck's Tavern Subdivision – Presented by Tim Mellott, resident. He saw this as an opportunity to give back to his community. Buck's Tavern is approximately 4 acres net. He suggested two lots instead of three – the density would be 5.5 units per acre/ at 0.9 acres. Mr. Mellott recommends generating as much revenue as possible with the subdivision. The lots have public utilities available. The suggestion is to retain three acres and sell one. Mrs. Zimmerman said that the Parks & Recreation Board wishes to keep as much as possible. Mr. Miller said that he was not in favor of the three lots. Mr. Yost said that the Township could always do a deed consolidation in the future. In the audience, both LuAnn and Jeannie Glaser, Historical Society, stated that the Historical Society still has a great interest in Buck's Tavern.
4. Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan: Presented by Mr. Tim Staub, HRG. Mr. Staub read through the Parks Comprehensive Plan that was handed out. The proposed timeframe is June 2017 – June 2018. West Hanover Township has had the most significant population increase in the last ten years than ever before. He said that we are having problems getting volunteers, having people attend meetings; they are just not interested. We need to establish a brand identity. In the online survey, residents stated that 25% of parks are in fair or poor condition without any ADA accessibility. Mr. Staub stated that even if we include the Fowler property (and 30+ Acre Park) West Hanover Township is still deficient by 45 acres of parkland. When asked if we should look at acquiring more land or fixing what we already have, the decision was in favor of fixing first. The plan is to hopefully advertise and then adopt the Comprehensive Plan in June.

Mr. Steinmeier said that more people are retiring earlier than ever, we need to have programs for those in their 50's. A majority of Parks & Recreation programming has little to no fee. He would like to see opportunities with higher fees/ more sponsorship.

Mrs. Zimmerman commented that the foreword section is harsh and blunt. She would like the section to be more favorable on the Township. Mr. Holmes replied that this is a very critical plan and we want to know what to fix. Mr. Rosario said that any changes requested will hold up the process; we cannot advertise until the product is final. There was discussion on how this would affect the plan.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:57 pm.