NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
3256 LEVANS ROAD, COPLAY, PA 18037

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2022

Meeting brought to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 12, 2022 by Chairman Brian Horwith

Attendance:

Chairman Brian Horwith
Robert Korp
Jeff Johnson
Richard Semmel
Richard Fuller
Judy Goldstein; Gilmore & Associates
Stacy Yoder; Gilmore & Associates
Supervisor Al Geosits
Township Manager Chris Garges
Township Zoning Officer Jeff Mouer
Township Solicitor Lisa Young
Township Engineer Steve Gitch
Planning Secretary Jane Kelly

1. North Whitehall Township Comprehensive Plan Update Discussion

- **Judy Goldstein** reviewed goals and objectives for the Township's comprehensive plan which were developed by Gilmore & Associates.
- These goals and objectives are guides for the future development of the Township.
- There are 6 different categories of goals, with each having one or more objectives. These objectives will be followed with action items as the discussions progress.
    - Land use
    - Housing
    - Economic Development
    - Community Facilities
    - Transportation & Infrastructure
    - Natural Resources
- These categories were reviewed and discussed by the Planning Commission and included comments from the audience (both in-person and on Zoom). Revisions and clarifications were suggested and will be followed up by Gilmore & Associates.
- **Planning Commission member Robert Korp** had previously reviewed the outline and suggested many revisions that will ultimately be outlined as action items.
- Also reviewed was the Future Land Use map.
- **Planning Commission Chairman Brian Horwith** will help Stacy Yoder with the location names on the Future Land Use map.
- There was discussion on the amount of commercial the Planning Commission wants on the Future Land Use map. Judy Goldstein suggested the Planning Commission members discuss this at another time and get the information back to her office.
- Larger maps will be printed out for the Planning Commission members to review, both the Future Land Use of 2009 and the one they received this evening.
- The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7pm.

- **Planning Commission Chairman Brian Horwith** asked Judy Goldstein about multi-municipal comprehensive planning.
- **Judy Goldstein** explained how they make sense and the benefits, she suggested to explore with your eyes open, and to look long and hard about who you would join with.
- **Planning Commission member Richard Semmel stated we should keep our options open in the future.**
- **Planning Commission Chairman Brian Horwith** stated he is not in favor of slowing down the process they have already started noting that changing the structure now would be disruptive, cost more and delay the timeline.

Jeff Johnson motioned to adjourn, Richard Semmel seconded, all others agreed

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45pm.
Jane K. Kelly
Planning/Recording Secretary
North Whitehall Township