

Bridgeton Township Planning Commission

Minutes of Oct 26, 2021 Meeting, Via Zoom

Joint Zoom Meeting with Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC).

BTPC: CC Hopf (Chair), Terry Brown, Mike Doyle, and Roger Keller

BCPC: Evan Stone, Executive Director; Bryn-Erin Kerr, Planner; Michael Roedig, Director of Planning Services.

I. Call to order

CC Hopf called the meeting to order at 7.50 pm.

II. Review of Sept 28, 2021 meeting minutes.

The minutes from the Sept 28th meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Roger Keller and seconded by CC Hopf, the minutes were approved.

III. The Comprehensive Plan.

Mike Roedig said that the BCPC is supporting the BTPC in updating the 1994 BT Comprehensive Plan according to the agreed upon proposal: to provide some general direction and discussion of the main issues. Issues as per the Pennsylvania MPC: such as transportation, natural resources etc. The plan should be practical and flexible.

Roger Keller said that the BTPC had reviewed the services that would be available from the BCPC. In particular, support with maps, the new census data, and how we relate to our neighboring townships would be very helpful.

Roger Keller: the township has issues concerning truck traffic on Route 32 (River Road). Evan Stone commented that trucking issues are zoning/enforcement issues and that we must be careful to distinguish zoning vs planning.

CC Hopf said that she had concerns relating to our ecosystem: such as climate change, sustainability, the effect of proposed pipelines.

Terry Brown said that most of the new and recent development has been along the river. Will we revise/update the existing CP – e.g. by updating the existing land use map on page 22 or will we write a new plan.

Terry Brown added: we should be asking what do we want to change? Or what don't we want to happen... What is our 'Main St' in Upper Black Eddy?

CC Hopf noted that we used to have more commercial properties on River Road but many fewer now – the Delaware River is our Main St! So, I come back to the issue "what do we want to protect what we want to keep and sustain?".

Using the BCPC maps and their overlays should help us get a better understanding of our community.

Terry Brown said that the map defines what we're talking about. First the map must be updated, then we can consider changes.

Evan Stone commented: we need to update the p31 map taking account of the new census data to get the existing picture. This is then the basis for formulating the plan for the future.

Mike Roedig, BCPC, said that it is very important to gather public input and we need to have structure.

Terry Brown reiterated his concern about the cost of the BCPC study.

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Evan Stone, BCPC assured him that the cost had been agreed upon.

IV. Adjournment

With no further PC comments and no public comments, CC Hopf moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Roger Keller and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Michael Doyle