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April 13, 2023
Milford Township Planning Commission Hybrid Workshop for Comprehensive Plan
560 Route 6 & 209, Milford, PA 18337
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of Milford Township Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Robert Di Lorenzo through a Hybrid call, the contact information for which had been advertised in advance in the Pike County Dispatch. Also present at this meeting were Members Ray Willis and Michael Williams, Supervisor Rachel Hendricks, Solicitor Thomas Farley, Jayson Wood from Woodland Design Associates, and Secretary Shahana Shamim.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Chairman DiLorenzo will continue to work to obtain the adopted zoning map from 1991 so that the Planning Board can review their notes and make amendments to the map for eventual adoption. The public water supply/wellhead map draft will continue to be reviewed by the Township Supervisors. The 407.2 Zoning Amendment is under review with additional definitions requested.

A review of the draft press release for the proposed survey was reviewed with several changes noted. A review of the draft Survey Questions took place with the following questions drafted:

Milford Township Community Survey:

1. How would you feel about an area of high-density, mixed-use development being constructed within the Township?

- Encourage
- Discourage
- No Opinion

2. How would you feel about a Technology Park and/or light industrial area being constructed within the Township?

- Encourage
- Discourage
- No Opinion

3. Which three (3) community services, do you feel, should receive increased monetary investment from Milford Township to function at an acceptable level? (Please select only three (3)).

- Ambulance
- Fire
- Police
- Urgent Care
- Regional Hospital
- Affordable Housing

4. Do you support the planning of a municipal public space? Please selected one of the following.

- Yes, a Dog Park
- Yes, Ballfields
- Yes, Trails and Parks
- No, I am not support of this.

5. Over the next ten (10 years) I would like the Township to consider:

6. Are you interested in joining the Comprehensive Plan process (considering community needs and development over the next decade)?

-Yes

-No

If, yes, please provide your contact information.

The blighted property at 127 Evergreen Lane was noted and a request to include Blighted Properties and the development of affordable housing was noted by the Planning Board. This point serves two purposes, repairing blighted properties and making affordable housing. It used to be a multi-unit low-income housing, it was purchased, and now the owner can't afford the demolition and the rehab process. It was serving an important purpose, and the County has resources for projects that are falling down. A massive infrastructure won't be needed, as the number of units are limited. This township doesn't have a lot of blighted properties. County might need spaces for affordable housing. State funding is available for tearing down blighted properties.

UTV and Ambulance recently purchased by the Fire Department and Borough (through grant monies were noted. Woodland Design was also provided the Municipal Hazard Mitigation Plan (from Pike County) for consideration in the Comprehensive Plan. Lastly, it was noted that Pike County has temporarily suspended the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) application process.

The following action items were decided:

- Woodland Design will revise the press release and distribute to the Township to publicly advertise the survey.
- Woodland Design will revise the survey and create a paper version and a digital version.
- Woodland Design will provide a QR Code flyer for those who want to scan and digitally participate to do so.
- Woodland Design will provide personnel at the municipal building to run the Survey Table from 1:00pm to 3:30pm on May 16th.
- Woodland Design will develop a paper display sign for the Survey Table.

Public Participation/Discussions:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.