

MINUTES
May 11, 2023
Milford Township Planning Commission Hybrid Workshop
560 Route 6 & 209, Milford, PA 18337
7:00 p.m.

A workshop of Milford Township Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Robert DiLorenzo through a Hybrid call, the Zoom contact information for which had been advertised in advance in the Pocono Record. Also present at this workshop were Supervisor Rachel Hendricks, Solicitor Thomas Farley, Members Kevin Stroyan (Vice Chairman) and Patrick McCarthy, Secretary Shahana Shamim, and Jayson Wood from Woodland Design Associates, LLC.

A discussion regarding the logistics of the in-person survey took place. It was agreed that a table would be provided at the front entry of the municipal building with a large sign notifying the public of the survey. The table would be run by Kevin Stroyan, Rachel Hendricks, and Jayson Wood; each for portions of the primary election day, May 16th. No election pins, buttons, or information may be worn, discussed, or included at that table. The paper QR Code will be hung up in several places for the public to scan and access the survey. The Township Secretary and Jayson Wood can provide hard paper copies of the survey to make filling it out easy and accessible. The Township Secretary and Rachel Hendricks will make sure there are self-addressed, stamped envelopes for those who would like to consider the survey at home and mail it back in. The press release was reviewed. It was deemed adequate and a discussion regarding where it could be shared took place. The press release has been provided to the Pike County Courier and will be published in the paper and on the website. It will also be sent to the Pike County Dispatch to accomplish the same. The article will be posted on the Townships official website and unofficial Facebook page as well. The survey was reviewed with several minor word changes requested. Jayson Wood will correct these and provide the revised survey online and in pdf form tomorrow for final use.

A short discussion took place regarding the metropolitan influence the area receives, particularly in regard to product and residential pricing. There appears to be an obvious economic mismatch between the price of products and housing and local income/Pennsylvania's minimum wage being half of what it is in the immediately adjacent states. The Township is noticing that young people and young families appear to be getting "priced-out" of home ownership and struggling to profit from new business investment. The Township is aware of state and federal social and economic programs that can assist these residents, but are interested in confirming these noted hardships with the community and the future focus group-- and discussing how they might be able to support positive change.

The survey shall take place at the municipal building from 6am to 8pm on May 16th and data provided to Woodland Design shortly after. Woodland Design shall work to obtain screen images of the survey press release being provided on social media so they may be described and added to the Comprehensive Plan.