



MEETING MINUTES *DRAFT*

Date: April 7, 2014
 Project Title: Bedford Township Master Plan Steering Committee Minutes
 Project #: BEDT0018
 Owner: Bedford Township
 Prepared By: Royce R. Maniko

The Bedford Township Master Plan Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Township Clerk, Trudy Hershberger.

Attendees:

- Korleen M. Bialecki, Chairperson, Bedford Township Planning Commission
- Dennis Jenkins, Vice Chairperson, former Bedford Township Planner
- Joyce Blanton, Secretary, Downtown Development Authority and Beautification Committee
- Brad Greeley, Bedford Township Board of Zoning Appeals
- Trudy Hershberger, Bedford Township Board Liaison to the Steering Committee, Bedford Township Clerk

Excused:

- Gene Stock, Citizen Representative
- John Kreuchauf, Samaria
- Karen Fisher, formally of the Economic Development Corporation

1. Introductions:

Bedford Township Board Members:

- Greg Stewart, Supervisor
- Paul Francis, Treasurer
- Larry O'Dell, Trustee
- Rick Steiner, Trustee

Bedford Township Planning Commission Members:

- Robyne Bush
- Mary Ann Bourque
- Jeff Biggs
- Tom Zdybek

The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG):

- Barry Buschmann, PE, Principal
- Royce Maniko, AICP, Community Planner
- Patrick Etchie, AICP, Community Planner
- Glenn Grisdale, AICP, GISP, Principal, Reveille

Others in Attendance:

- Dennis Kolar, Bedford Township Building Department
- Karen Kincaid, Bedford Township Planning Department

2. Elections:

- Korleen M. Bialecki was appointed Chair and Dennis Jenkins Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee.
- Joyce Blanton was appointed Secretary of the Steering Committee.

3. Discussion of Mission Statement:

- Vice-Chair, Dennis Jenkins, handed out a draft Mission Statement for the Master Plan Steering Committee to consider. He discussed the importance of building consensus, engaging public input from Bedford's citizens, stakeholders, and to seek advice and counsel of volunteer boards and committees. Discussion followed on Public input, the "Bedford Center", the unincorporated areas of Temperance, Samaria, and Lambertville; the



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Downtown Development Authority (Sterns and Secor); Economic Development; overlay zones; the States Complete Streets Initiative; Parks and Recreation and children with disabilities, etc.

- Because three members of the Steering Committee had a scheduling conflict, the Mission Statement discussion would continue at the next Steering Committee Meeting with anticipation of adoption of the "Mission Statement".

4. Discussion of Goals, Objectives and Strategies:

- Royce Maniko, MSG, recapped from the adopted June 19, 2002 Master Plan; the goals, objectives, and strategies. There were 5 goals, 13 objectives, and 50 strategies covering Agricultural Lands, Environmental Features, Residential Land Use, Commercial Land Use, Industrial Land Use and Community Facilities and Infrastructure. When the previous plan was adopted, Bedford Township was at the top of a residential boom with a major reduction of farmland. He pointed out that the opposite has happened in the past few years. As background information he had provided the Township Planner information for the Steering Committee:
 - Bedford Township Master Plan (June 19, 2002)
 - Public Act 33 of 2008, Planning
 - Enabling Act, with the 2010 Amendments
 - Pages 20-34 MSG Project overview
 - Roster Steering Committee Members

5. Other Items from Members:

- Discussion followed regarding a community survey for citizens to have public input. The survey questions will be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.

6. Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 19, 2014 Time: 7:00 PM