

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP
Comprehensive Plan Update: Kickoff Meeting
Tuesday, April 21st, at 7:00PM

NOTES

I. Demographics Review

Greg Papiernik called the meeting to order at 7:03.

- Demographics Analysis: Math does not correspond to text on pg. 3 for population projections data

II. DRAFT Community Values Survey Review

Liv reviewed the Community Values Survey.

TF discussed advertisement/distribution of the survey.

- Distribute to HOA's
 - o Posters for Clubhouse
 - o Heather Noll has annual meeting first week of May – share out with the HOA for that meeting
 - o Digital correspondence to HOAs – ask to post or share in newsletters or alert notification systems
- Facebook
 - o Post in the You know you live in Cochranville when...
 - o Township page
 - o Conservancy page
- Midterm elections (May 19th)
 - o TF members to hand out surveys
 - o Maybe a drop box for folks to fill it out then and the mail back
 - o Provide general comprehensive planning materials for TF members to table at election day
- Business
 - o Limestone Pizza
 - o Buck and Doe
- Waste Transfer station – laminated posters
- Prefer the title Londonderry Township Community Value Survey
- Newsletter version or word version
 - o Newsletter version needs to have check all that applies
 - Do the mail back version
 - Add QR code to mail back version
- TF Feedback: Can we see what works? Try one way and if not could try a different approach
- CCPC Feedback – Highest response rate post-COVID was West Whiteland (8%)
- TF Feedback: Want to make sure Township plans for all of the things that they do not love
 - o Somewhere in the process there needs to be education about planning for less desirable land uses

III. **Community Visioning Session: Breakdown of Stations**

- Survey will be available at the Visioning Session (May 20th at Cochranville Fire Company)
- Can we specifically advertise to large landowners and explain that Land Conservation staff from Conservancy will be present with a station to answer all questions regarding land protection and easement process
- Postcards to easement landowners
 - o Grain Elevator

IV. **Stakeholder interviews**

- Have several interviews scheduled
 - o Held interviews with PennDOT and TMACC
- Working on EMS joint interview

V. **Key Issue #1: *Preserving Open Space, Recreation and Protecting Natural Resources***

- TF Feedback: Do we need to include all listed topics, even if some are higher priority than others?
 - o Per the Pennsylvania MPC, Comprehensive planning must include all of the listed topics, and can expand on additional topics as necessary
- TF Feedback: What about trails and pedestrian connections?
 - o Can these networks be expanded – to dive deeper in the Multi-Modal Transportation Topic
- Goal #1 Recreational opportunities
 - o TF Feedback: Township Soccer field not really used
 - o TF Feedback: Think more passive recreation (for a new playground or tot-lot)
 - To reevaluate after receiving survey responses
 - All parents leave Londonderry for passive recreation (specifically playgrounds and tot-lots)
 - o Promote existing recreation (ask HOAs about public access)
 - o Should a tree bank be a separate recommendation
 - TF Feedback: Tree replacement is not an issue due enough land for replacement requirements
 - Not opposed but not sure there has been a situation where that is an issue
 - Already in the ordinance – add specifics like number, caliper, could this be opened to eased lands? Riparian Buffer gaps?
 - o Should the Township consider a Township-wide invasive and native botanical survey?
 - TF Feedback: No, not at this time. But there needs to be enforcement of ordinances and education of ordinances to remove/prohibit invasive species.
 - Do they have a noxious weed ordinance?
 - TF Feedback: Need guidance on funds for invasive removals
 - Can require/encourage native in landscaping ordinances during a SALDO application
 - Biggest issue is when a property isn't maintained
 - Adopted international property maintenance code

- Need to think about capacity for enforcement
 - Need to figure out a solution for invasive management control
- Parks and Rec Recommendation 2.4
 - A recommendation to improve access and accessibility to those cycling throughout the Township
 - Could be based on a threshold of xx number of square feet
 - Could be expanded to bike facilities like fix it stations – like at the Whip
- Land Preservation Plan is this something the Township would be interested in?
 - East Nottingham used this to lead to an Official Map
 - TF Feedback: This would be a big help in understanding key parcels throughout the Township based on presence and proximity to natural resources, prime ag soils and protected lands
- As Amish farmers move in, is there anything that should be considered
 - Access to education resources
- Add on page 2 “work with new resident landowners...” can that be added back in? – can there be more of an educational piece?

VI. Final Comments and Questions

Next meeting on June 16th: Key Issue #2: Expanding Heritage Preservation and Interpretation Opportunities Goals and Recommendations with initial survey and Community Visioning feedback.