



Township of Northampton
55 Township Road
Richboro, PA 18954

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF
JULY 12, 2016
MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

Members Present

Evan Stone
Edward Ingle
Andrew Gannon

Excused

Steve Saddlemire
Dr. Arthur Friedman
Gail Foley

Others Present

Mike Solomon, Director of Planning and Zoning
Larry Weinstein, BOS Liaison

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM for a work session of the Planning Commission.

Northampton Township Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Stone provided an overview of the background chapters that have been prepared by the Bucks County Planning Commission.

It was noted that the last Northampton Township Comprehensive Plan was prepared in 1999. There was discussion about the statistical information related to the Township. Managing vehicular travel was also discussed.

In response to several residents in the audience, regarding pedestrian travel, it was noted that Rails to Trails is not specifically noted in the draft. However, establishing trail connections was identified as an overall planning topic, including connecting the Civic Center to Tyler Park.

Mr. Stone noted that the plan should provide guidance on planning initiatives, including trails. In response to Mr. Gannon, it was noted that DVRPC provides statistical projections regarding population.

At this point, there was extensive discussion about aging in place and the age cohorts within the Township. There was also discussion about sidewalks, bike lanes, and requirements in our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. It was noted that the Richboro Plan, which is a component of the Comprehensive Plan, will provide greater detail on sidewalk connectivity in Richboro.

In conclusion, there was general discussion about the limited vacant land in the Township, which will result in a greater emphasis on redevelopment. Traffic and the status of the Mill Race Inn were also discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Solomon
Director of Planning and Zoning