

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2016

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The Chairman, Dr. Behr, called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. He then read the following statement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting a copy of the public meetings on the municipal bulletin board, by sending a copy to the Courier News and Echoes-Sentinel and by filing a copy with the Municipal Clerk on January 7, 2016.

PRESENT: Chairman Behr, Mr. Hands, Mr. Sandow, Mr. O'Brien (Bd. Planner), Ms. Kiefer (P&Z Coord.)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS – No one from the public was present.

DISCUSSION:

- Recreation Element Recommendations: Mr. Hands suggested that the Central Park Vision Committee be invited to a MPC meeting to discuss the Kurz property. It was also decided to make a division between active and passive recreation.
- Millington and Stirling Village Recommendations: It was decided that a quorum of members was necessary in order to have a discussion.
- Plan for Engaging Public: Areas to explore: Long Hill Township Facebook Page, MPC Web Page, public meetings, newspaper articles, surveys, contact Chamber of Commerce. The philosophy would be to reach out to all residents.
- Trails: Mr. Hands and Chairman Behr will review the potential for boat launches on the following properties: Town Hall, Ball Fields, "Y" at the west end of the township and extending Main Avenue for a boat launch. It was noted that River Bend has a launch. Since there is a trail that goes through the Kurz property, it was suggested that the MPC ask the Vision Committee what the potential plans were for that property. Mr. O'Brien suggested that the MPC contact JCPL to see if they were interested in allowing the trails to use their easements. Mr. Sandow suggested that they show the existing bike trails and the washed out river trail and overlay trails in the Great Swamp. Mr. Hands suggested creating a loop on the east end. The concept of using paper streets to link schools to potential trails was also discussed.
- Trail-by-Rail: Chairman Behr will talk to NJ Transit to find out how they feel about this concept.
- Historical Element – Chairman Behr questioned the status of the element.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Date:

Cyndi Kiefer, P&Z Coordinator