

Joint Steering Committee Meeting #5

Hanover Borough-Penn Township Joint Comprehensive Plan

Summary

Monday, July 22, 2013

6:00pm at Hanover Borough Municipal Building

Attendees

Committee Member		Committee Member	
✓ John Gerken	Borough Council President	✓ Joe Klunk	Board of Commissioners
✓ Gerry Funke	Borough Council, Council Planning Committee	✓ Ray Van de Castle	Township Planning Commission
✓ Barb Krebs	Borough Manager	✓ Jeff Garvick	Township Manager
✓ Cindy Wyatt	Borough Treasurer	✓ Eric Bortner, P.E.	Township Engineer/Public Works Director
✓ Zachary Steckler	Borough Engineering office	✓ Kristina Rodgers	Township Admin Assistant, PC Secretary
✓ Katie Caples	York County Economic Alliance/Hanover Main Street Manager	✓ Roy Livergood, Jr.	York County Planning Commission
✓ Michelle Brummer, AICP	Gannett Fleming		
✓ Michael Mehaffey, PE	Gannett Fleming		

Discussion

1. Welcome

- Meeting #3 and #4 summaries are posting to www.hanoverpennplan.com.

2. Presentation and Discussion of Issue #5 – Parks and Recreation

Michelle overviewed the advance handout on parks and recreation. The committee members offered the following comments, corrections and additions.

Parks and Recreation Facilities

The Borough and Township each had corrections to Table 5-1 Parks and Recreation Sites in the Hanover Area and Table 5-2 Facilities in Parks and Recreation Sites in the Hanover Area. The Borough indicated that the number and type of sports field was the primary recreation concern, as noted in the handout. The Township stated that the community park is still being developed.

Katie Caples mentioned that recreation is a topic of regional interest and viewed as an important amenity to economic development.

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The Township noted that it participates in the recreation organization affiliated with the Southwestern School District.

Trails

The Penn Township portion of the York-Hanover Trolley trail is ready for construction. The status of the Heidelberg segment was unknown.

The Borough is working on a nature park and trail on the north end of town near the intersection of Eisenhower Drive and Eichelberger Street. The Borough applied for a development grant and is waiting for a response from PA DCNR.

There are no other trail concepts or projects in the Hanover area.

Recreation Programs

The Borough offers recreation programs for children and adults. Popular topics include flower arranging and computer skills.

The Hanover Borough Recreation Board sponsors special events throughout the year, such as the July 4th Liberty Day, Hanover Chili Cook-off on Labor Day weekend, and the Memorial Day and Winter Holiday (Santa) Parade. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors Hanover Dutch Days held in late July on Center Square.

Recreation Promotion

Municipal newsletters, websites, and word of mouth are the promotional vehicles for recreation programs, activities, and events.

3. Presentation and Discussion of Issue #8 – Community Facilities and Services

Michelle overviewed the advance handout on community facilities and services. The committee members offered the following comments, corrections and additions.

Public Safety

The Borough police department has grown over the years. The most significant change has been the addition of female officers and resultant need to provide some separate facilities, e.g. locker room/changing room, for women.

The number of firefighters and other volunteers shown in the handout is not accurate. The distinction between the Parkville and Pennville companies no longer exists.

The Joint Fire Chief position is viewed as positive, cooperative effort between the Borough and the Township.

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Education

No comments.

Health Care

Hanover Hospital has been increasing its specialty services and locating some of these outside of its primary location on Highland Avenue. Hanover Hospital offers outpatient services. Is a “Comp Outpatient Rehab Center” something more specific? Michelle said this may be a special classification, or the PA Department of Health database may be out of date.

Solid Waste and Recycling

The Township’s recycling center is located at the municipal building. At times, the recycling center is very busy, almost too busy for this location.

4. Discussion of Issue #6 – Character and Identity

Michelle districted a 4-page handout on character and identity. She noted that character was part of an earlier discussion about downtown. Because many people use “character” to refer to historic architectural character, this discussion is especially relevant to the downtown. But other portions of the Hanover area have character, too. Buildings, neighborhoods, and public spaces can have character that distinguishes them from others. Character can unite individual buildings positively such as in a desirable neighborhood or negatively as in a blighted block.

Katie Caples said that few people know that there is a historic district and even fewer know what it means and what the implications are.

5. Next Steps

- No Meeting in August
- Next meeting: Sept 23 or 30, 2013 at 6pm at Hanover
- Prepare and distribute draft white papers (preliminary chapters with recommendations) for
 - Issue 1 – Downtown Vitality
 - Issue 2 – Regional Economic Development
 - Issues 3 – Growth Management (Land Use, Housing, and Zoning)
 - Issue 4 – Circulation and Parking
 - Issue 5 – Parks and Recreation

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- Issue 6 – Character and Identity
- Issue 7 – Water Utilities
- Issue 8 – Community Facilities and Services