

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors and
Planning Commission
Joint Meeting
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, Pa 17320
Growing Greener: Conservation By Design Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2006

Supervisors Present: Chairman James E. Benner, Road Master Jay Edward Deardorff, Police Coordinator Coleen N. Reamer, and Supervisor Robert L. Gordon

Planning Commission Present: Chairman Curtis Musselman

Others Present: Timothy Cormany from Martin and Martin, Inc., Lynn Smallwood with the Adams County Greenways Plans

Public Attendees: None

Supervisor Chairman Benner called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Ms Smallwood spoke about greenways throughout local developments to connect to greenways throughout Adams County. These greenways would be open to the public and could include historical sites and beautiful views. These greenways would most likely be walking trails. She distributed a proposed plan in Liberty Township preserving Flat Run. She spoke on how to use an official map and the possibility of using eminent domain for connecting greenways. Road Master Deardorff stated it could be possible to connect Carroll Valley Park, Fairfield Area School District, McGinley's Choice and a couple of Liberty Township's development in to a greenway. Mr. Cormany stated Franklin County and other townships have utilized the official map for road construction. Funding to maintain the open space would be private or public.

The Natural Land Trusts will be consulted when the Township is nearing the end of the Growing Greener: Conservation By Design process.

Since the last meeting Mr. Cormany consulted with Adams County Land Conservancy (ACLCL). The ACLCL only monitors and will hold easements. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the property. The ACLCL would like a minimum of 10 acres or more parcels for their program.

Mr. Cormany explained Buchart and Horn mapping features for future water sources.

Mr. Cormany would like all the collected historical information about the Township and any other information that the Township's wants to include in GG: CBD be given to him by the September 26, 2006 Planning Commission meeting. He would like to compile a packet to present to the Township and the public soon. He is hoping to complete GG:

CBD by the end of 2006. A Public Hearings on GG: CBD could be held in October 2006 but more likely in November 2006.

Board Chairman Benner stated Planning Commission member Guy Donaldson believes a 35% building slope is more reasonable. Mr. Cormany stated some engineers believe 33 % building slope is reasonable. Police Coordinator Reamer stated it has been discussed that the Jack's Mountain Road area has a sliding building slope percentage. Mr. Cormany will consult with the Natural Land Trusts on their allowable slope percentages. Some developers would like the minimum acreage of fifty or more acres for GG: CBD. Presently the Township has 10 or more acres for GG: CBD.

There were comments on how to enforce landscaping on future developments to maintain a rural appearance.

The next meeting Planning Commission will be September 26, 2006. Mr Cormany suggested all information concerning water and historical information be given to him by September 19, 2006.

Zoning District map changes should be included with the GG: CBD Public Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

LuAnn M. Dille
Secretary/Treasurer

James E. Benner
Chairman