

MINUTES FOR GARRETT HILL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR APRIL 29, 2008

The Garrett Hill Steering Committee (GHSC) met on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Radnor United Methodist Church, 930 Conestoga Road, Garrett Hill, PA for its scheduled weekly 7 pm meeting.

Present were Chair Rick Barker, Vice Chair Phil Ahr, Secretary Jim Cunilio and Committee members Jerry O'Connor, Nancy Leinwand and Rick Eulo. Not present was Committee Members Le Turner, Bob Adams and Betty Lou Norcini. Jim Campbell, one of the the GHOD Planning Professionals, was also present. Members of the public were present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Barker at 7:15 pm.

Adopting the Agenda

O'Connor moved to adopt the submitted Agenda and was seconded by Ahr. No discussion was held and the Agenda was approved unanimously.

Approving Minutes

Barker read the Minutes for the April 16, 2008 Meeting, with edits. Cunilio moved to approve the Minutes as read and was seconded by O'Connor. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

Announcements

Barker announced that the GHSC presentation of the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission on August 4 would be made by Matt Baumann and Committee Members, only because there was no funding to have the Planners assist in the presentation.

Barker also announced that the \$27.98 invoice for water for the Zoning Workshop will not be paid by Radnor Township, nor will the expense for water for the June 24 Community Meeting. Consensus that this invoice will be submitted to the GHC for consideration.

Barker announced that there will be a meeting at 8 am the next morning, April 30, 2008, in the Radnor Township Building with Matt Baumann, Dan Malloy and Bob Loeper to get their feedback on the first draft of the Zoning Ordinance. Barker encouraged all members of the GHSC to attend this meeting.

Report of Officers

None

Report of Working Groups

None

Unfinished Business

Invited speaker Al Murphy, former Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Radnor Township Planning Commission, was asked to give his opinion on the initial draft of the Zoning Ordinance. He observed that, given the priorities in the Master Plan for Park Improvements, Gateways and Spillway Beautification, he saw a disconnect between the Master Plan and all the detail in the Zoning Ordinance which did not relate to these priorities. He also cautioned the GHSC to be careful of the law of unintended consequences, giving as an example a builder who could build a whole block of structures right up to the 5 foot front yard setback, if that was the setback requirement. Finally, he encouraged that GHSC to have three dimensional visualizations to see how development could occur under the new Zoning Ordinance. There was public discussion following Mr. Murphy's presentation.

The GHSC then reviewed the first draft of the Zoning Ordinance, Section by Section, with members and the public expressing their opinions on each Section. Consensus not to vote on the Sections but consensus that Barker will communicate the Member and public's requests for changes and clarifications to Marian Hull, the planner who is writing the Zoning Ordinance.

Adjournment

At 10:42 pm O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Ahr and the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
James Cunilio,
GHSC Secretary