AGENDA FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 AT 6:00 PM VIA ZOOM*

*For the Public Meeting of the Comprehensive Plan to be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, online as a virtual meeting during the COVID-19 Restrictions and/or Stay-At-Home Order.

Public Access Information:

Zoom Meeting Link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/761802384
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A. Public Meeting: Presentation of the Plan Recommendations & Future Land Use Policy Map
Middletown Township Comprehensive Plan Update
Public Meeting, April 14, 2020- via Zoom (Virtual Meeting)
Plan Recommendations
Chapter 4: Enhance Pedestrian Network and Walkability
## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Chapter 4- Enhance Pedestrian Network & Walkability

1. Establish a pedestrian and bicycle connection along Printers Way

2. Identify new trail, pathway, sidewalk connections and build them
   - a. Identify and prioritize new pedestrian connections
   - b. Advocate implementation of trail/sidewalk connections through land development
   - c. Pursue funding for implementation of identified pedestrian connections

3. Provide enhanced pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
   - a. Provide more accessibility to residents by building more pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
   - b. Encourage subdivision and/or land development applications that illustrate pedestrian and bicyclist amenities
   - c. Require pedestrian amenities to be incorporated in redevelopment along Baltimore Pike
   - d. Consider bicycle facilities when building new roadways

4. Increase safety measures throughout the existing pedestrian network
   - a. Update signage for existing trail facilities in the Township
   - b. Facilitate the integration of physical security systems in the existing Pedestrian Network

5. Increase outreach methods of the recreational opportunities available to residents
   - a. Generate a public map of the Pedestrian Network in Middletown Township and update the trails section of the Township website as needed
   - b. Circulate the Pedestrian Network Map to all Middletown Township residents
   - c. Maintain communication with Township residents about bike/ped network
Chapter 5: Improve and Create Public Spaces
## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Chapter 5- Improve and Create Public Spaces

1. **Incentivize the integration of public spaces into commercial and institutional areas**
   - a. Promote incentives for the incorporation of public gathering spaces and public amenities in land development
   - b. Require multimodal connectivity through the land development process to increase the pedestrian and bicycle networks throughout the township
   - c. Adopt a light pollution ordinance

2. **Continue to promote and improve Baltimore Pike as the targeted commercial corridor**
   - a. Work with developers to incorporate infill strategies to support context sensitive design
   - b. Devise regulations for context sensitive design for both development and redevelopment opportunities
   - c. Continue to encourage compact, mixed use development to minimize land consumption

3. **Explore funding opportunities for connection of existing trails and pedestrian facilities to parks and other community facilities**
   - a. Coordinate with PennDOT, surrounding municipalities, and planning and transportation organizations to ensure that improvements to the cloverleaf integrates all modes of travel to permit connections outside of the Township
   - b. Encourage development of pedestrian paths and trails within new residential developments and between targeted commercial centers within the Township

4. **Preserve additional open space and create a program to include greater stewardship**
   - a. Undertake a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) plan to focus on priorities for the Township
   - b. Pursue funding to undertake a PROS plan.
   - c. Identify parcels that could be purchased or for which easements could be obtained through the drafting of an official map

5. **Continue to maintain existing park facilities and develop new municipal public parks and recreational facilities on Township-owned properties**
   - a. Utilizing the Smedley Tract Master Plan completed in 2010, undertake the recreational and passive open space improvements to complete a new park in the Township for residents
   - b. Undertake a public master planning process to design the use of the extension of Sleighton Park
   - c. Pursue grant funding to update/improve township-owned park facilities

6. **Ensure safe and secure recreation environments for all residents**
   - a. Pursue grant funding to implement township-wide wayfinding improvements
   - b. Pursue grant funding to augment the operating and maintenance costs for on-going safety and security improvements at municipally-owned recreational facilities
Chapter 6: Manage Traffic and Vehicular Congestion
## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Chapter 6- Manage Traffic and Vehicular Congestion

#### 1. Support use of mass transit

- a. Incentivize connections that link non-motorized transportation to existing transit
- b. Explore/Identify ways to improve access to Elwyn station

#### 2. Support improvements to mass transit facilities

- a. Coordinate with SEPTA regarding the long-term maintenance and potential upgrades to the Elwyn train station, including parking area improvements
- b. Coordinate with SEPTA to identify improvements to bus routes or rail schedules
- c. Support bus stop enhancements, like streetscape elements and bus shelters, to complement existing facilities
- d. Support increasing pedestrian access to all transit facilities in the Township

#### 3. Improve traffic flow by implementing access management strategies/operation and capacity improvements

- a. Coordinate with PennDOT regarding long-term maintenance and potential upgrades to PennDOT roads in the Township
- b. Coordinate with PennDOT regarding long-term transportation improvements targeted for the Cloverleaf Project
- c. Review Township ordinances, programs and policies to consider amendments that would refine access management strategies/facilitate capacity improvements

#### 4. Consider adopting policies to transform township roads into complete streets

- a. Review Township ordinances, programs, and policies to identify implementable streetscape improvements
- b. Develop a consistent roadway cross section design to guide conversion and/or implementation of complete streets and standardized streetscaping details
- c. Temporary installations of complete streets to test out strategies in the community

#### 5. Engage and participate in regional transportation projects

- a. Coordinate with DCPD, DVRPC, and other transportation agencies to add projects to the TIP and LRTP.
- b. Coordinate with PennDOT about the long-term transportation improvements targeted for the Cloverleaf Project
- c. Pursue funding for transportation projects for planning, engineering, and construction costs
Chapter 7: Maintain and Enhance Services We Provide
### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Chapter 7- Maintain and Enhance Services Provided**

1. **Continue to support Township staff, Public Works, and Sewer Authority to enhance services provided**
   - a. Maintain a Capital Improvements Plan to address the long-term goals of Township Council

2. **Develop new municipal parks and recreational facilities on Township-owned property**
   - a. Examine the possible conversion of Township-owned open space for passive recreation
   - b. Identify parcels that could be targeted for purchase of recreational or open space purposes through development of an Official Map

3. **Support/expand community activities for civic and recreational purposes**
   - a. Coordinate with the Middletown Free Library to discuss maintenance and capital improvements of the site of the new library and Roosevelt Community Center
   - b. Coordinate with developers of the Promenade at Granite Run and Franklin Mint Redevelopment to implement public gathering space into the redevelopment

4. **Provide support to the fire companies, EMS provider, and other security measures for the Township**
   - a. Work with Fire Companies leadership to regularly assess staffing, equipment, and facility needs
   - b. Encourage Neighborhood Watch programs for security along trails and in public park space

5. **Improve stormwater management through best practices and regulations**
   - a. Identify/ prioritize Township-owned properties for new or enhanced retrofitted stormwater facilities
   - b. Implement a stormwater impact fee to support mandated MS4 activities and infrastructure
   - c. Support education programs for Township residents and businesses of voluntary actions that impact stormwater
   - d. Periodically review/update Township Code 198

6. **Incentivize and adopt township policy that promotes renewable energy use and energy conservation**
   - a. Review Township ordinances, programs, and policies to identify amendments to the current standards to include regulations for the use of wind, solar, and geothermal energy sources
   - b. Adopt an energy efficiency plan for Township facilities
   - c. Implement municipal demonstration projects to reduce energy consumption
   - d. Identify possible funding for municipal energy conservation projects in the Township
   - e. Pursue Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification
Chapter 8: Future Land Use
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Chapter 8: Future Land Use**

1. Review and amend zoning ordinance to streamline the number of zoning districts.

2. Target commercial development and infill along the Baltimore Pike Corridor
   - a. Identify areas and appropriate uses for infill development
   - b. Update design guidelines of the preferred appearance of the Baltimore Pike Corridor
   - c. Consider the use of tax incentives to aid in attracting development

3. Enhance the accessibility and appearance of commercial areas by integrating public gathering space
   - a. Work with developers of mixed-use commercial areas to identify opportunities for incorporating civic space for public events
   - b. Explore funding sources that would facilitate implementation of civic space in redevelopment projects
   - c. Sponsor community events aimed for all ages

4. Maintain the character and integrity of the Township’s existing housing stock and residential neighborhoods
   - a. Promote residential clustering on remaining undeveloped tracts as the most efficient use of land
   - b. Enforce building codes to ensure housing and neighborhood integrity is upheld

5. Support a variety of housing choices to accommodate individuals and families of all ages
   - a. Encourage new multi-family housing options to locate within the proximity of multimodal transportation options.
   - b. Promote a mix of housing types to accommodate differing affordability of housing

6. Continue to improve and enforce regulations that protect natural resources
   - a. Consider removing landscaping regulatory standards from the zoning ordinance and placing updated landscaping regulations in the Subdivision and Land Development ordinance
   - b. Consider adding regulatory standards for woodland protection in the subdivision and land development ordinance
   - c. Encourage private landowners to participate in resource protection and best management practices

7. Consider implementing policy to better protect identified historic resources
   - a. Verify the accuracy and update the map of historic resources located in the Township
   - b. Develop and maintain accurate listed/eligible historic resources
   - c. Investigate ordinance provisions to adopt for better protection of identified historic resources
   - d. Encourage rehabilitation of existing buildings, including adaptive reuse of historic structures, by adopting regulations