

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held March 1, 2016

A special workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman William L. Hornung, on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hornung were: William B. Hawk; William C. Seeds, Sr., Gary Crissman and Robin Lindsey.

Also in attendance was George Wolfe, Township Manager; and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Crissman led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment was presented

Discussion regarding future project specific activities
desired to be pursued by the Board of Supervisors

Mr. Wolfe noted that he included in the packets from the last visioning session bullet points that were discussed by the Board members. He explained that he broke them out into four separate categories: Projects that are a municipal responsibility; Projects that would involve a public/private partnership; Projects that create or enhance a sense of place in Lower Paxton Township; and the last category the Board identified was a beginning step in the visioning process for its implementation. He noted that the minutes that were previously approved had much detail for the discussion on these matters.

Mr. Wolfe questioned how do you want to begin this evening.

Mr. Hornung questioned if anyone had come up with any new items they wanted to add to the list. He noted that he did not say that you could not add more items in the future, but he is looking to see if any new items have come to mind since the process started.

Mr. Seeds noted that he spoke before about doing something about Paxtonia and we should ask the Planning Commission to take a look at it for zoning for the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Wolfe noted that it is on the list under creating a sense of place on the second page. Mr. Seeds noted that it would create a sense of community just like Linglestown has and it relates to the three fire companies as well. He noted that he has been talking about that for years, taking the wide street to do a village concept with small retail shops. Ms. Lindsey questioned if he was talking about Old Jonestown Road. Mr. Seeds answered yes. He noted that the same thing could be done for Colonial Park at the shopping center, maybe putting up some kind of sign, something to identify the area.

Mr. Crissman questioned if we have brainstormed our ideas to the place where we are ready to move beyond the brainstorming session. He noted if we are not then we need to continue that tonight. He noted if we have reached the place that we have brainstormed everything on paper then he would recommend a process beyond this point.

Mr. Hornung stated that he did not know if he wanted to brainstorm too much because then we start solving the issues and going through the process and he thought it would be better to discuss prioritizing the list. Ms. Lindsey stated that is what we said we would do as the next part of the process. Mr. Hornung noted that we have high and low priorities and we also have things that need to be done immediately and also long term items. He suggested that it would be more appropriate to put it into a matrix then to list the priority. He noted that he is in search of a process and if Mr. Crissman has a suggestion he is open to it.

Mr. Crissman suggested that we have brainstormed ideas and recognize the municipal responsibility with some requiring partnerships. He noted other than a charrette, if we list all the things we want to do then we can identify three short-term goals that we would like to achieve. He noted that the next question is to define short-term goals and he would define that as something that we could complete within three years. He noted the second part of the process would be to identify three long-term goals to achieve and the definition for that would be five to seven years. He noted if we know what those short-term goals are, once we identify them then we go to the next process to take each goal and identify the process that we are going to follow, lay out the matrix for the time for when the phases for each goal would occur with a completion time. He noted then we will have a plan to follow and see the progress for if we are on target, ahead or behind in reaching the goal.

Mr. Seeds explained, earlier he was asking and would like to ask again is for this Board to ask the Planning Commission to look at the zoning in Paxtonia. Mr. Crissman noted that is a specific and he is not at that stage yet. Mr. Seeds noted that we need to do that right away as they are involved in the process now. Mr. Crissman noted that he agrees if it is one of the short-term goals that we identified. He noted that the entire Board has to decide what the top three are. He noted that he is not talking about specifics, rather a process, a model, the method and process for doing this and the action plan identified.

Mr. Hornung noted that he understands what Mr. Crissman is saying but what Mr. Seeds is saying is that some of these can be combined noting that the Comprehensive Plan is planned for a 2016 update; therefore it could also include the Linglestown, Paxtonia, type of thing. He noted that some could be combined into one items.

Mr. Crissman noted that you are correct as that is where he was going to go next. He noted before we start to identify which are the short-term goals, as they are listed here, do they stand alone or can some be married as one project. He noted that comes at the end of the brainstorming process as the next step is to combine them into the specific items. He noted at that point then we should identify short-term versus long-term goals. He noted that we need to define what short-term is and what long-term is.

Mr. Hornung noted that we should go down the list and put a label of short-term or long-term goals. Mr. Crissman noted that the step before that is to look at them and see if we can combine any of them as one project.

Mr. Hornung requested Mr. Crissman to lead the Board in this process. Mr. Crissman noted that he did not mind. He noted that Mr. Wolfe needs to be helpful as well as he knows what we can and cannot do. He noted that he would be helpful in determining what we can combine as one project.

Mr. Crissman suggested that some projects can be done in a years' time. Ms. Lindsey noted that the celebration of the Sestercentennial celebration as well as the Comprehensive Plan, can be done in a year's time. Mr. Crissman noted for the Sestercentennial anniversary, if all we are doing is appointing a chair and setting up a committee, it does not need to be one of the goals.

Mr. Hornung noted that the items that Ms. Lindsey mentioned do not have a lot of involvement on the part of the Board so they need to be removed from the list. He questioned if they should have a different category. Mr. Crissman answered that they can.

Mr. Crissman requested Mr. Wolfe to make changes as we talking. Mr. Wolfe noted that he would email the word document to his computer and he would be able to do this.

Mr. Crissman noting that fighting stormwater runoff may be a category onto itself. He noted that everything listed under it fits into it. Mr. Hornung noted that it is a big project. Mr. Crissman questioned if the Wolfersberger Tract should be on the list because we are doing the process in stages; does it come off, or is it important to say it needs to be a top goal. He noted that it would probably be a long-term and not a short-term goal. Ms. Lindsey noted that it is a long-term goal because of money. Mr. Hornung noted that is true if we come up with the money; however, if we can go after public money then it would speed the process up. He noted if efforts were put into this there are some people who are interested in developing the park, such as CASA. He questioned if we could turn it into a sport complex or do we just take public money and do parts of it. He noted that he does not know how that would fit in, but it is probably a long-term goal. Ms. Lindsey agreed.

Mr. Crissman noted that updating the Comprehensive Plan is a short-term goal. He noted after we do this, we need to decide how many of them are achievable within the time frame we want to do them.

Mr. Hawk noted that he checked off nine areas to be considered and we can't do all nine at the same time. He noted that the Comprehensive Plan is one that we are already behind on. Mr. Crissman noted that he would like to finish consolidating the list first.

Mr. Crissman noted that succession plan for retiring baby boomers... Mr. Hornung in regards to updating the Comprehensive Plan, he agrees with Mr. Seeds in that the approach to creating cohesive approach for the use of Township facilities is going to be a sub category to the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that a lot would have to do with rewriting our ordinances to promote the development of Linglestown and Paxtonia into a community. He noted that it may mean that two projects are going on at the same time but he doesn't know. Mr. Crissman noted for updating the Comprehensive Plan, on page two where we have the cohesive approach to the

Township facilities, that will fall under that. He noted that it also integrates the multiple centers of the community for Linglestown and Paxtonia. He questioned if the paragraph on the second page under create and enhance a sense of place, other than the celebration the Sestercentennial Committee, that bullets two and three, should be part of the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that even the formation of business leaders should be part of the Comprehensive Plan as well. He noted that these should be added to page one for updating the Comprehensive Plan except for the 250th anniversary. Ms. Lindsey noted that updating the TV and web site do not belong in that category. Mr. Crissman noted that he included it because it would be things we would want to infuse into the development but maybe it should be a standalone. Ms. Lindsey noted that those items just need to be updated. Mr. Hornung noted that it is something he has wanted to do for a long time and his visions for a 24/7 television station is that it could be utilized by a lot of our community to publicize their activities such as PHR Baseball, Linglestown Football, to put it on TV, so when someone is looking to move to this community and they go on our site, they will see all of the activities going on and will say this is a cool place to live. He stated that it is a separate standalone item.

Mr. Crissman directed Mr. Wolfe to take the first, second, fourth and fifth bullet points and move them to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the development of the Wolfersberger Park should be a vision or does it no longer become a vision because we already have a preliminary plan after spending all that money to have a park study done. He questioned if it needs to remain on the list as it has its own action plan. Mr. Wolfe noted that you have a Wolfersberger Park Plan and you have begun efforts to fill in the land so it could be graded into a park. He noted that you have not moved forward with the park plan development which is going to be a multi-million dollar project. Mr. Seeds noted that we should leave it in there.

Mr. Hornung explained he met with Eric Kessler who owns much of the land in the area of the park, and he wanted to make sure he doesn't do anything with that land as we were looking into doing something in Linglestown. He noted that Mr. Kessler mentioned that some of the Koons Park area needs to be changed, moving some of those things to the Wolfersberger

Park. Mr. Wolfe noted that was part of the plan. Mr. Hornung noted that the development of Wolfersberger Park is connected to the continued development of other parks.

Mr. Crissman suggested that maybe we need to create a third category other than short-term or long-term goals, maybe an in-progress goal. He noted that we don't have to choose it as it is already in process. Mr. Hornung stated that he sees the final outcome for the Wolfersberger Tract as not being determined enough that it is in progress. He noted that he is not satisfied with the final determination; noting if we incorporate public money that outcome will change. He suggested that someone should go after public money to develop the land otherwise it will sit there for a long time.

Mr. Seeds noted that he did not agree with putting Koons Park and Wolfersberger Park together. He noted that it is wrong as we are putting money into Koons Park to redo the tennis courts.

Mr. Crissman noted that he is leaning at putting it "in-progress" not that it is a completed thing, as opposed to things we are looking at that are new that we want to do. He noted that it is not a done deal and not finished and it will change. He suggested that we will have other projects to put in this category. Mr. Hornung noted that is fine. Ms. Lindsey questioned if the word got out about this being a private development, would people come forward now. Mr. Hornung answered that he has been approached by two groups that want to do something there. He noted that they know that it still has to be a part of our park system. He noted that there is interest and he has not rushed into this but they are eager to do something. He noted if we had someone who would work on it, either a board member or someone else, something great could be done there. Ms. Lindsey questioned if these organizations are interested, should we bring them in and talk to them in a workshop to see what they want to do. Mr. Hornung answered yes. Ms. Lindsey noted if they are willing and have some money behind them... Mr. Hornung noted that they already started to spend money in other areas and that is part of the problem.

Mr. Crissman noted that updating the Comprehensive Plan is important and bullet one, bullet two, bullet four and bullet five, need to be moved from the second page to the first page.

Mr. Hawk noted that updating the PEG TV could be done immediately. Mr. Crissman noted that it is a separate item for the Board to consider.

Mr. Seeds noted that those things need to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and we should ask the Planning Commission to look at it.

Mr. Hornung noted that he was speaking to Ms. Focht who works the front desk talking about the local malls as they go empty and she told him that she read an article about an area that has a shopping center that went empty and they moved the library to that location, having computer rooms, committee rooms, and meetings that were televised across the world. He stated that she was going to get the article for the Board to see.

Mr. Crissman noted that the next item is the succession plan for retiring baby boomer employees. He noted that it may be a short-term goal consideration.

Mr. Crissman noted for the road and bridge projects, should anything else be incorporated into this one. Mr. Seeds questioned if the road and bridge means the adjoining pavement next to the bridge. Mr. Wolfe answered that it is road or bridge projects. Mr. Seeds noted that he would like to see something done with the intersection of Blue Ridge Avenue and Mountain Road. He noted that we are aware of the issue with Colonial Road/Crums Mill Road/Devonshire Road/and Valley Road. He questioned if we need all these things in the program. Mr. Hornung noted that they should be separate as there is funding that we can go after but Blue Ridge is a nightmare. He noted that there are other areas that need work, having done this in the past and being very successful at identifying a certain area. He noted that Devonshire Heights and Nyes Road is a problem. Mr. Seeds noted that there is a plan to fix that intersection. Mr. Crissman noted that we need to put as bullets those areas that need work. He noted that the Jonestown Road Bridge is one. Mr. Wolfe noted that he would not list it as they are moving forward. Mr. Wolfe noted that Red Top Road Bridge is another project. Ms. Lindsey noted that you have the Colonial Road corridor, Devonshire Road Heights at Nyes Road, Devonshire Road corridor, Crums Mill and Linglestown Roads, and Blue Ridge Avenue at Mountain Road. Mr. Seeds noted if they put a no left turn sign coming out of that intersection it would help. Ms. Lindsey questioned if they get a lot of accidents at that location. Mr. Hornung noted that he did not know but it is good to get a list from staff for areas that have high traffic accidents. Mr. Hornung noted that there is Colonial Road and McIntosh Road.

Mr. Crissman noted that there is the transfer of development rights. Mr. Wolfe noted that should be moved to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the Hodges Heights Park replacement should be a standalone. Ms. Lindsey agreed that it should. Mr. Hornung agreed as it is a high priority project.

Mr. Crissman questioned if private and public partnerships should be a long-term or short-term goal and should it be something we rank, as well as a plan for retail space to rethink the big box model. Mr. Hawk noted that it is a long-term goal. Mr. Crissman questioned if it could be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hornung agreed that it should be moved to the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Lindsey questioned if we have a lot of empty retail space. Mr. Wolfe answered not at this time but we have a lot of big boxes that may not be attractive in the near future. Mr. Wolfe noted that you could take all of those items and throw them into the Comprehensive Plan which means that you have put almost everything under one item. He noted that there is logic to it under the Comprehensive Planning process. Ms. Lindsey noted that she would not put the senior housing with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Seeds answered that it should be for whoever gets involved, other than the Planning Commission, should be looking at it for the right kind of zoning.

Mr. Crissman noted with the Comprehensive Plan, these could be standalones as the Board could take the initiative, for example with the senior housing, we could be sitting down with Mark DiSanto asking him if he would consider thinking outside the box for Blue Ridge, consider partnering with someone like Messiah for senior housing. Ms. Lindsey noted that she thinks it should be a standalone that the Board needs to work on. Mr. Crissman noted that it is a separate issue as opposed to doing the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Lindsey noted that the Board knows that there is a need for it and the Planning Commission may not understand what we are looking at. Mr. Seeds noted that it needs to be in the Comprehensive Plan so they look at the proper zoning that would allow for it. Mr. Hawk noted that the land beside the Presbyterian Church, George Parmer had a plan for senior housing and it feel flat. Ms. Lindsey questioned if he would ever come back with another plan. Mr. Hawk answered that he did not know.

Mr. Hornung noted that he knows of four developers who want to do senior housing. Ms. Lindsey stated that we need to sit down with them to get the ball rolling. Mr. Hornung noted

using the Messiah Village mantra. Mr. Seeds noted that we need to let the Planning Commission know that this Board is in favor of this type of development. Mr. Crissman noted if we use this as an example for the process, if we identify this as one of our areas of long-term goals, then we must begin to establish the partnership by going to Planning Commission and telling them this is what we are looking at. He noted we sit down with Mr. DiSanto to let him know what we want to do and ask him if he wants to be an active partner in this process. Ms. Lindsey noted that we need to do this sooner or later.

Mr. Hornung noted that we have several areas where this could occur. Ms. Lindsey questioned if the land that Micki Molinari owned along Colonial Road would work. Mr. Wolfe noted that she had 30 acres and Sandy Prah has over 100 acres.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the plan for retail and big box stores should be kept as a standalone. Ms. Lindsey suggested that it should be kept on the list. Mr. Hornung noted that it should be a standalone. He noted that the Board needs to take the initiative for senior housing, and keep it as a standalone item.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the encouraging of desired development in the Village of Linglestown, Blue Ridge County Club, and the Elk's Parkway should be a standalone. Mr. Wolfe noted that there is a difference between the second and third bullet. He noted that senior housing is residential housing, but the third bullet is a community development with single family, apartment, assisted living, and nursing. He questioned if the third bullet should be a sub category for the senior housing. Ms. Lindsey answered that it should be. Mr. Crissman noted that we should encourage desired community development. Mr. Hornung questioned if Linglestown is mentioned somewhere else. Mr. Wolfe noted that this is only for senior housing.

Mr. Crissman questioned what to do with the item to become a regional destination through a plan that uses municipal facilities to attract visitors who shop at local businesses. Ms. Lindsey noted that this would come under the Business Improvement District. Mr. Crissman questioned if it is a standalone or should it be combined with the next bullet. Mr. Wolfe noted the second item is more of a developing recreational facilities that would coalesce with the retail section. Mr. Crissman noted that they need to be two standalones. Mr. Hornung noted that he sees the first one as being a philosophy instead of a project. Mr. Crissman suggested that it needs

to come off the list as it is not a specific item as it is a philosophical statement as opposed to something we would actually do with brick and mortar.

Mr. Crissman questioned what to do with work to provide for the redevelopment of business properties. He questioned if that is a philosophical statement or something we can do. Mr. Hawk noted in regards to Villa Teresa the building is filled with asbestos and needs to be mitigated. Ms. Lindsey suggested that it would need to be torn down. Mr. Hornung noted that they could gut the building. He suggested that we could look at funding for this project for a long-term project. He noted that he would like to leave it on the list as it is just sitting there and if we have to help the church to get somewhere. Ms. Lindsey stated that she thought a convent out of Texas owned the land. It was noted that it was sold and it is privately owned. Mr. Hornung questioned if there are other properties like this that are sitting vacant that we need to address with the owners... Mr. Wolfe noted that you don't have vacant properties but you have properties that are unattractive. He noted on Route 22, west of Colonial Park, the buildings on either side need work. He noted that some of the properties around the mall need some rehab. Ms. Lindsey questioned if he was talking about Budget Car Rental and that area. Mr. Wolfe noted that he was discussing the red light district. He noted from the Verizon building to the Colonial Park Mall, it is underutilized. He noted that you have a little restaurant, Meadows and a housing complex. He noted that you have underutilized retail space in the community. Mr. Hornung suggested we label it that and identify those areas and try to find a way to do something about that on a one-by-one basis. Mr. Crissman noted that we should label it as redevelopment of businesses and identify those areas as bullets underneath. He noted that it would be consistent for what we have done.

Mr. Hornung noted that he had a store on 29th Street in the City of Harrisburg and across the street is a huge amount of retail space that was sitting empty for years and it caused the value of every property to go down. He noted that recently someone started to upgrade that property and it is starting to turn around and is making a huge difference in that area. He noted if we could do stuff like that to keep it alive and well, that would be great.

Mr. Crissman questioned if you can think of other areas then the area between the Colonial Park Mall and Verizon store, we should add it to that list. He noted that it is good that we are specific for these items.

Ms. Lindsey noted that you can't require a business to upgrade but you could ask them. Mr. Hornung noted that there are some ways you can do that. He noted that he was speaking to someone from Riverview Bank who is involved with redevelopment and is on the Board for Pottsville. He noted if you drive around the coal region, most of the towns have boarded up housing, but if you go to Pottsville, the downtown is bustling and it is crazy and he asked him what they did. He noted that he was told that they made changes to their ordinances so that it would improve the face of the buildings and encourage that through ordinances and other things. He noted that the area is busy with a lot of traffic. He suggested that it would be good to get the information to see what they did.

Ms. Lindsey noted that we have four houses that are boarded up as a result of fires; the one on Pine Hollow, two are on Care Street, one of which was in 2014, and who knows what will happened on Gloucester Street. Mr. Hornung suggested that the land bank may be helpful for these properties. Mr. Wolfe noted that is what it was designed to do. Ms. Lindsey questioned how long the process would take. Mr. Wolfe suggested that it would take 12 to 24 months.

Mr. Hornung noted that there is a property in the Township where the people lived in the home and the sewer line broke and all the sewage from the home was in the basement. He noted to fix it, you would have to have a hazmat group come in and it would cost \$100,000 to mitigate it before you could renovate it. He noted that the home on Pine Hollow will probably go to foreclosure and then go to sheriff's sale. Ms. Lindsey questioned about the home on Care Street where the lady died in 2014. Mr. Wolfe explained that there are multiple issues with all these properties as they could be underinsured, fighting with the insurance agency, and the owners could have taken the insurance money and not used it properly. Ms. Lindsey noted that she feels bad for the people who live beside them.

Mr. Hornung noted that there is a \$500,000 home in Hunt Club where the basement fills up with water and they pump it out all the time. He noted that the owner is in South Korea and we can't get him to do anything about it. He noted that the house just sits there.

Mr. Crissman noted that the other two items are the celebration of the Township's 250th Anniversary and enhancing the use of the LPT TV and webpage. He noted that we all agreed that they should stay on the list.

Mr. Crissman requested Mr. Wolfe to run clean copies of the spreadsheet for the Board members. Mr. Wolfe noted that he would email it to himself and make copies. Mr. Crissman noted, once we do that, we can identify them as long-term or short-term goals and then agree on how many short-term and long-term goals we want to do. He noted that we may agree to do more short-term goals as opposed to long-term goals and they could be done more quickly.

A short recess was taken at 7:09 p.m. while Mr. Wolfe made new copies. The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Crissman noted that a short-term goal would be to move on the 250th Anniversary Committee and enhancing the use of the TV and webpage. He noted that we could get those accomplished in a year. He noted that we should look at how many short-term goals we could knock out within a year. He noted that we could identify the short-term goals for one year or two years etc. He noted that we could look at five short-term goals as we can do the first two really quickly.

Mr. Seeds noted that you mentioned a charrette and we did one with the Linglestown project. He noted that a charrette gets a buy-in from the community and it gets people involved or they will come to a meeting to raise heck later on. Mr. Crissman noted that he has done so many charrettes and if they are done correctly, he noted that last time we did the long-range Comprehensive Plan they were horrible. He noted that they provided each group cameras and told us to take pictures of the best things and the worst things and the consultant was to combine the information and they never did it. Mr. Seeds noted that it depends on who runs the program. He noted if it is run correctly it has merit.

Mr. Crissman noted that we need to identify each bullet to determine if it is long-term or a short-term goal.

Mr. Crissman noted that funding storm water is a long-term goal. It was agreed that it was a long term goal as well as the development of the Wolfersberger Tract. Ms. Lindsey noted that it is but if Mr. Hornung has some groups interested they need to come forward to talk to the

Board. Mr. Crissman suggested that it would not be a short-term or long-term goal; rather a third category of an in-progress.

Mr. Crissman noted that updating the Comprehensive Plan is a short-term goal and it will probably be the top short-term goal. He noted that the succession plan for the retiring baby boomers can be a short-term goal. He noted that road and bridge projects would be a long-term goal. He questioned if the Hodges Heights Park is short-term or long-term goal. Ms. Lindsey answered that it is a short-term goal as it needs to be addressed now. Mr. Crissman questioned if the senior housing opportunities is long-term or short-term. Mr. Seeds noted that it is a little of both. Ms. Lindsey noted that Mr. Hornung stated that he could get in touch with certain people to start the ball rolling. Mr. Crissman noted that he would label it as both short-term and long-term.

Mr. Crissman questioned the regional destination plan attracting people, suggesting that it is a long-term goal. Mr. Hawk agreed. Mr. Crissman questioned work to provide for the redevelopment of businesses properties. He suggested that it would be a long-term goal.

Mr. Crissman noted the 250th Anniversary is a short-term goal and the upgrades to the TV and media is a short-term goal.

Mr. Crissman questioned if they could look at the short-term goals and he questioned if we could define what a short-term goal should be. Ms. Lindsey stated that it should be within a year. Mr. Hornung suggested that it should be less than two years. Ms. Lindsey questioned how long it would take to do the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wolfe noted that it is a two year process. Mr. Crissman noted that short-term would be less than two years.

Mr. Crissman noted that the list for short-term goals includes updating the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that it would be S-1 for the sake of the discussion. He noted that we will get that done in two years. He noted that the succession plan can be done within two years. He noted that would be S-2. He noted that they are not in priority. He noted that the Hodges Heights Park replacement could be done in two years and is S-3. He noted that the development of senior housing as an S and L. He noted that the 250th celebration would be S-4 and enhance the LP TV and media is S-5.

Mr. Hornung noted that all the long-term goals have some short-term components. He questioned if prioritizing would take care of that if we designate it as a long-term goal, but we

start working on it now. Mr. Crissman noted that he is only identifying the five short-term goals and he questioned if we should prioritize them and then number the long-term goals and prioritize them. He noted that based on grant funds or outside interest, a long-term goal may become a short-term goal. Mr. Hornung noted if land is being sold we need to discuss it as a short-term goal and not wait. He noted that Blue Ridge almost has to be short-term as components for it would have a window of opportunity that will go away. He noted that you have to deal with it.

Mr. Wolfe noted that short-term is something that you expect to complete in two years and long-term is something that you expect to complete within five years. Mr. Hornung agreed with that. Mr. Crissman requested that this be added to the list.

Mr. Crissman noted that funding stormwater would be a long-term goal; development of Wolfersberger Tract; road and bridges; encourage development of senior housing; become a regional development; and six would be work to provide for redevelopment of businesses. Mr. Wolfe noted that he would like the Board to reconsider Hodges Heights Park as a short-term goal. He noted to find a parcel of ground, purchase it and develop it in 24 months will not work. Mr. Crissman noted that it needs to be a long-term goal. Ms. Lindsey noted that it needs to be started now. Mr. Wolfe noted that all the goals will be started now. Mr. Hornung noted either way we need to prioritize the goals together. Mr. Crissman noted that we will prioritize them after we have identified them for the correct goal.

Mr. Hornung suggested that we have done enough.

Mr. Seeds questioned what direction we should give the Planning Commission. Mr. Wolfe noted that we are not there yet. Ms. Lindsey noted that they are already working on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wolfe noted that you will get there in plenty of time to address their needs.

Mr. Hornung noted by the next time we work on this process again, we should have an idea for prioritizing each list of goals. Mr. Crissman noted if Mr. Wolfe provides the Board with the updated list for the short-term and long-term goals, we should be able to prioritize them. Mr. Wolfe noted that the number one would be for the most important and the number six would be for the least important.

Mr. Crissman noted that we got a lot accomplished but not as much as he had hoped.

Mr. Hawk noted when you look at the best quality of life in a growing community, to be a recognized leader in Central Pennsylvania; he looks around Central Pennsylvania, some places have a hook, such as Marietta is the antique capital of the world. He noted that New Hope has a hook and Mechanicsburg and Hershey have hooks. He noted that we are not looking in that direction necessarily or are we looking for a draw. Mr. Hornung noted that part of our hook is certainly Hershey Park and some of the activities in the area. He noted that we can enhance and build upon it but there are other things we can do as well. He noted if we decide to go after a hook, there are certain areas that we can do that for. He noted that Linglestown could be turned into a Lititz type place, or maybe a sports complex. He noted that we have much to offer for the Harrisburg area. He noted that all of these items will work towards that goal. He noted that he did not know if one will outshine the other as it is too early to say at this point.

Mr. Crissman noted that we need to be branding our municipality. Mr. Hornung noted that Lower Paxton Township could become a sports area.

Adjournment

With there being no other business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

William B. Hawk
Township Secretary