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Meeting Minutes
Middle Township Vision 2030
Goshen Hamlet, Del Haven Village, Green Creek Village & Swainton Village
Middle Township High School
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
7:00 PM-10:10 PM

Attendees:

see attached sign-on sheet

Handouts:

- Public Questionnaire
- Summary of Draft Zoning

Summary of Meeting:

1. Bob Noel kicked-off the meeting with a welcome and introduction to the first Middle Township Vision 2030 public meeting, which is focused on Goshen, Del Haven, Green Creek & Swainton. Mr. Noel discussed the purpose of the meeting, which is to allow for the public to participate in the design of the four village centers being designated in the Master Plan Land Use Plan Update as part of the Township's Plan Endorsement Petition with the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth. Mr. Noel continued to explain the planning studies that have taken place in the past 4 years to get to this point, including the initial Plan Endorsement Petition (2005), Natural Resource Inventory (2007), Draft Environmental Protection Ordinance (2008), Housing Element & Fair Share Plan (2008), Nitrate Dilution study (2009) and the Draft Land Use Plan that is still in process.
2. Marcia Shiffman gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the Smart Growth process and Draft Zoning being considered for the Villages in Middle Township. Ms. Shiffman noted that the Center boundaries have informally been accepted by the NJDEP and NJOSG. Ms. Shiffman's presentation discussed the existing land use, existing zoning and draft zoning for each of the four village centers.
3. Exercise #1 commenced at the conclusion of the presentation, in which the attendees were asked to answer the following four questions:
 - a. *What are important assets of Middle Township that you feel should be maintained and/or preserved in the future?*
 - b. *If you had a magic wand, how would you like Middle to look like in the future?*



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- c. What do you see as the major planning challenges, i.e. land use, transportation that need to be addressed in the future?*
 - d. What do you think the future holds for Middle Township if we continue with business as usual?*
4. The attendees' responses were summarized and posted on the wall. Each attendee was provided with 3 dots for each question (red, blue, yellow and green) and were asked to vote on each answer by placing a dot next to it on the poster. The results are tabulated in the attached Memo.
5. Exercise #2 involved the attendees dividing into four groups, one for each village. Each group was asked to review their assigned center by using three colored markers to define areas that they would like to see be redeveloped (Green), upgraded (Blue) or remain unchanged (Red).
6. For Exercise #3, each group was asked to illustrate their ideas for the areas they want to see changed. Each group was provided with photos of various types of buildings, open spaces and streets typically found in a village setting to help illustrate their ideas. The results can be summarized as follows:

Green Creek Village

- Sidewalks and bikeways should be added along Route 47
- Future development or revitalization should consider the country setting and add charm to the village
- The Marlboro Produce Market should remain unchanged
- Future development should consist of 2-story mixed-use

Goshen Hamlet

- Sidewalks should be added and curbs removed along Route 47
- A traffic light should be added at the Route 47 and Goshen-Swanton Road intersection
- Future commercial development should consist of smaller building types
- A public park should be added

Del Haven Village

- Existing land uses should remain unchanged
- Benches should be added to the County Park
- The existing restaurant should be upgraded



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- Public water and natural gas should be provided
- Bike paths and/or sidewalks should be added

Swainton Village

- The existing land uses along Route 9 and Route 601 should be upgraded
- Architecture should be upgraded
- Commercial buildings should be 2-story mixed-use
- Plaza with outdoor dining should be added
- The south end of the village should be upgraded with commercial

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by D. Bloch.

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MIDDLE TOWNSHIP VISION 2030
SIGN IN SHEET

<u>NAME</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>	<u>AFFILIATION WITH MIDDLE TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>CENTER MOST INTERESTED IN</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Official • Business Owner • Resident • Vacation Home Owner • Other (Specify) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape May Court House • Del Haven • Goshen • Green Creek • Hildreth • Rio Grande • Swainton • Whitesboro-Burleigh
1. Bob Noel	Bob@BobNoel.com	Business Owner	CMCH
2. Jim McLaughlin			
3. Marie Pawlert			
4. Eileen Falusey	wecoak@verizon.com	President MTA	Swainton
5. Jenn Bolling Brown	jen4_10@yahoo.com		Del Haven
6. John Lu Nam			
7. Bud & Edie Corson		Resident	CMCH
8. Steve Barry		Tax Committee	all
9. Norm Bond		Property Owner	DH
10. Tom Griffith		Resident	DH

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11. <i>Bob McLink</i>		<i>Res. Business</i>	<i>CMCH - Burleigh</i>	
12. <i>Tish Carpinelli</i>	<i>tishbo@comcast.net</i>	<i>Res./Business</i>	<i>Green Creek</i>	
13. <i>Matt Frame</i>		<i>Resident</i>	<i>Myville/R</i>	
14. <i>ED FERSHANA</i>		<i>RESIDENT</i>	<i>RIOGRANDE</i>	
15. <i>PETER LOMAX</i>		<i>RESIDENT - BUSINESS OWNER</i>	<i>SWANTON (2 ADJACENT)</i>	
16. <i>Diana DeLung</i>		<i>Twp Committee</i>		
17. <i>Wilma Tombo</i>		<i>Res.</i>	<i>Swanton</i>	
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20.				

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Exercise #1 Results

What are important assets of Middle that you feel should be maintained and/or preserved in the future?

- Neighborhood Preservation	3 Dots
- Maintain Rural Atmosphere	5 Dots
- Saving the Environment	3 Dots
- Maintain Balance of Open Space	0 Dots
- Wildlife Habitat	3 Dots
- Small-Scale Buildings	0 Dots
- Diversity	6 Dots
- Historic Neighborhoods	4 Dots
- Historic Architecture (Victorian/Colonial)	2 Dots

If you had a magic wand that gave you the ability to make Middle look the way you wanted, how would you like Middle to look in the future?

- Charm	1 Dot
- Family-Friendly/Smaller Affordable homes	5 Dots
- "The Wheel"/Jitney	1 Dot
- Single Family w/In-law Apts.	1 Dot
- Community Open Space/Town Square(Walkable)	1 Dot
- Employment Opportunities (Year-Round)	4 Dots
- Non-Vehicular Transportation	3 Dots
- Improved Traffic Patterns	4 Dots
- Alternative to Route 9	1 Dot
- Aquifer Recharge System	6 Dots

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Exercise #1 Results

What do you see as the major challenges, i.e. Planning related problems, land use, transportation, etc., that we need to be addressed in the future?

- Affordable Housing	5 Dots
- Maintaining Youth	1 Dot
- Senior Citizen Community	0 Dots
- Employment Opportunities/Higher Level	5 Dots
- Environmental Constraints	1 Dot
- Transportation/Traffic	2 Dots
- Water Supply	6 Dots
- Sustainable Energy/"Green"	6 Dots
- Maintain Cost-Effective Services	1 Dot

What do you think the future holds for Middle Township if we continue with business as usual?

- Senior Citizen Community	3 Dots
- Lose Taxpayers	6 Dots
- Lose Residents	5 Dots
- Seasonal	0 Dots
- Overcrowded/Congested	5 Dots
- More Polluted	5 Dots