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BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda February 26, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

EAC Climate Action Plan

Manager's Items

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held February 26, 2025 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Maggie Rash	Chairman
	Jon Forest	Vice-Chairman
	Paul Calderaio	Member
	Dana S. Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
Not Present:	Luke Rosanova	Bucks County Planning Commission
	Gary Weaver	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

5:30 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. Executive Session to discuss police and non-uniformed personnel, agricultural preservation prospective offers and Lykon, Sharpe, McArdle and Froehlich litigation matters.

6:50 p.m. EAC Climate Plan

The Buckingham Township Environmental Advisory Commission was present to participate in a Zoom presentation by students at The Pennsylvania State University regarding a Local Climate Action Program prepared specifically for Buckingham Township. Results of the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory were discussed, with a goal to build a transition plan to reduce the amount of emissions.

Mrs. Cozza and Mrs. Strout, Chair of the EAC, said they will continue to have weekly Zoom meetings with the students to continue their studies throughout the spring semester.

7:30 p.m. The work session was adjourned.

8:15 p.m. The work session resumed.

Manager's Items

- Trails

Mr. Gray explained that applications will be accepted soon by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for grant money to be used to develop trails, and he asked if the Board of Supervisors would be interested in the township applying for funding to complete the Cold Spring Creamery Road trail to the Swamp Road intersection. Mr. Gray said the trail currently crosses Cold Spring Creamery

Road at The Ridings development and stops at the Mannerchor property. Mr. Gray said that a few right-of-way easements would be necessary to obtain. The Board of Supervisors were in favor of the application, and Mrs. Cozza noted it would be worked on, and there may be a resolution on the March Board of Supervisor's meeting agenda to support the application.

- Bike/Path

Mrs. Cozza said that Louise Silberg, Park and Recreation Commission, recently represented the township at a meeting of the Doylestown Bike Club, which includes some residents who live along Carversville Road who are interested in the installation of paths in two specific locations. Mr. Gray said some members are bicyclists and some are joggers. He said the bike crowd are mostly interested in a lane installation running from Cold Spring Elementary School to Carversville Road (a "sharrow"), as they have a route that runs that way and the stretch on Route 413 they feel is dangerous. Mr. Gray said Route 413 is a PennDOT maintained road, and PennDOT had provided assurance they would try to provide more paving, and the township could request a road improvement to improve the intersections.

Mr. Gray noted there is a sidewalk in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe church at the corner of Cold Spring Creamery Road and Route 413, that continues in front of Cold Spring Elementary School, however the bicyclists said they don't use the trails we have as they are too narrow. He said the township trails are 6' at the widest, and the bicyclists prefer 10' wide trails.

Mr. Gray said the on-road runners requested a trail along Burnt House Hill Road between Fell and Hansel roads. Mrs. Cozza said a short section there wouldn't connect to any other township trails. Mr. Gray said he did explain there was a connection through The Oaks at Buckingham and Oakleigh from Hansell to Cold Spring Creamery Road.

Mr. Gray said both bike and hike groups were supportive of the Cold Spring Creamery Road path extension to Swamp Road.

Mrs. Cozza said that the township would prioritize the requests.

- Central Bucks East High School - Parking

Mrs. Cozza explained that at the beginning of the 2024 school season, staff at the Central Bucks School District contacted Buckingham Township with concerns about many of their students parking in Holicong Park, which was contrary to district policy and suggested the township post signs that parking at Holicong Park was only for park visitors. The township posted the signage, and only a few students continued to park in the lot. She said recently the township and PennDOT received a letter from the new Central Bucks School District superintendent, expressing an evident change of heart and requesting that the Holicong Park parking lot be available for use by all students who were unable to get a parking permit at the school, and that a crosswalk be installed at the

corner of Holicong Road and Route 263. Mrs. Cozza said the school district had also contacted local government representatives.

Mr. Gray noted there would also need to be paths installed along Route 263 and Holicong Road to the intersection, adding that two of the properties the paths would cross were historic.

Mrs. Cozza wondered if a lowered speed limit school zone would be required on Route 263 as technically the students would be “walkers”.

Mr. Smith said he had legal concerns about the Township acquiescing to students parking at the township park and crossing Route 263.

Mrs. Cozza said the township had suggested the school district purchase land on their side of Route 263 for additional parking, and suggested a few parcels that they may be interested in.

The Board agreed that parking at Holicong Park and crossing Route 263 would not be safe for the students and that the school district should consider other options.

8:47 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 26th day of March, 2025.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Maggie Rash, Chairman

Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.