

Meeting Minutes
Lower Frankford Township Planning Commission Meeting
Weds, October 16th, 2024. 6 PM. Township Building

This regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting was begun at 6 pm. The meeting agenda was focused on a review and discussion of the 2024 Proposed Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan.

In Attendance: David Bachman, Supervisor, Jim Burkholder, Supervisor

Lower Frankford Twp Planning Commission Members: Ed Franco, Keith Senecal, Becky Merritt, Anna Bucher and Steve Hoffman.

Cumberland County Planning Commission Members: Brandon Weary and Ed Franco

Four interested Lower Frankford Township Residents.

After introductions and some technical difficulties, Steve Hoffman, a Cumberland County Planning Department Staff Member presented a brief power point regarding the aspects of the proposed Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan which is designed to guide development and land use over the next ten years county wide. Steve clarified that in Pennsylvania, the County's role is advisory as the individual 33 municipalities in Cumberland County control zoning and land use.

The plan can be found at www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/120/Planning-Department

Lower Frankford Township completed a new Comprehensive Plan in 2022 with the direct involvement and technical assistance from Cumberland County Planning Department Staff. One focus of discussion this evening was on comparing the Future Land Use Map (FLU) from the proposed county plan with Lower Frankford's FLU. Generally, the FLU's are consistent.

A more general and wide ranging discussion followed with Ed Franco and Steve Hoffman fielding questions as well as asking for feedback from residents. Residents and attendees continued to express a desire to see the Township maintain it's rural nature and to promote preservation of rural and open space, especially through Farmland Preservation.

Residents expressed concerns about clean water and clean air.

Residents expressed concern about housing affordability and the lack of housing available on the market. With no public water and sewer, residential development in the Township is limited.

The Implementation Plan (Pages 86-91) was reviewed and discussed, especially in terms of the expectation that Municipalities will be a key player in all implementation strategies. A brief discussion regarding what the Township Supervisors and residents viewed as the most crucial implementation steps for Lower Frankford Township was encouraged, but reached no clear conclusion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Franco, Chair, Lower Frankford Township