



## **HEARING MINUTES**

Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors Hearing Wednesday, May 17, 2023

**The Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on May 17, 2023, for the adoption of The Thornbury Township Comprehensive Plan and Resolution No. 10 of 2023.**

**“A RESOLUTION OF THORNBURY TOWNSHIP DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A NEW AND REVISED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ENTITLED THORNBURY TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MARCH 2023 TO REPLACE AND SUPERSEDE THE 2004 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ITS ENTIRETY.”**

### **PRESENT:**

James P. Kelly, Chairman  
Sheri L. Perkins, Vice Chair  
Michael J. Mattson, Esq., Supervisor  
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager  
Geoffrey Carbutt, Township Secretary  
Art Risley, Township Roadmaster  
Peter Barsz, CPA, Township Treasurer  
Kenneth D. Kynett, Esq., Township Solicitor  
Charles Faulkner, PE, Township Sewer Engineer  
Mike Ciocco, PE, Township Engineer  
Jake DeMarco, Jr. Supervisor  
Attendees: 8

Chairman Kelly opened the Hearing at 7:00 PM by introducing Sam Haber and Rebecca Ross of the Delaware County Planning Department. He then introduced Wayne Grafton, Thornbury Township's Land Planner with the Planning Commission. Chairman Kelly thanked everyone for being here and added we all have been working on this for a very long time. He then introduced the Township Solicitor, Mr. Kenneth Kynett, Esq., who entered several items as exhibits.

**Exhibit T-1:** The Comprehensive Plan itself dated March 2023.

**Exhibit T-2:** Affidavit Proof of Publication advertised in the News & Press of Delaware County on May 3 and May 10, 2023.

**Exhibit T- 3:** An email from Geoff Carbutt dated Monday, March 20, 2023, to the neighboring Municipalities and School District, with a copy of the Comprehensive Plan, asking for comment.

**Exhibit T- 4:** The March 21, 2023, review memorandum from Thomas Comitta Associates, that was provided by Edgmont Township as their response to the request for comments.

**Exhibit T- 5:** Tuesday April 4, 2023, response from Westtown Township to the request for comments.

**Exhibit T- 6:** The draft Planning Commission's meeting minutes from March 8, 2023, recommending approval of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Exhibit T- 7:** March 9, 2023, letter from the Planning Commission Chairman to the Board of Supervisors, indicating the Planning Commission had recommended adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Exhibit T- 8:** The April 21, 2023, cover letter with the April 20, 2023, review from the Delaware County Planning Commission.

Chairman Kelly thanked Ken, and then turned the proceedings over to Sam and Rebecca.

Rebecca Ross then explained the importance of the plan as:

- A **long-range advisory** document that analyzes the present and makes recommendations for the future.
- Community goals, objectives and recommendations.
- An important document to inform decision-making and policies that address key local issues.
- A tool that can enhance opportunities for project funding from public agencies.

Rebecca then detailed a breakdown of the Plan, which included the history of the Township Comprehensive Plan, various chapter content, Census data and the Plan development process. She then stated the last step is for the Board of Supervisors to make their decision for adoption. She asked for questions or comments and Vice Chair Perkins said she was glad the Plan has been updated. Supervisor Mattson thanked them both. Wayne Grafton added that the work is admirable. Chairman Kelly thanked Wayne, Sam and Rebecca and asked for any public comment. There was none.

Chairman Kelly then closed the Hearing at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Carbutt, Township Secretary

cc: Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Kynett, Esq.  
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager