



TOWNSHIP OF NEWTOWN

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE, ARTICLE III, ACT 247 OF 1968 AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code grants the governing bodies of Pennsylvania municipalities authority to develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan is a municipal assessment of existing community conditions, an outline of short and long range community development goals and a municipal plan for managing future growth, development, land use and community character; and

WHEREAS, Newtown Township last updated its current Comprehensive Plan in 2001, and since that time, significant growth has occurred warranting a review and update of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Newtown Township Planning Commission (the Planning Commission) serves as the official planning agency for Newtown Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors charged the Planning Commission, along with consultants Sarcinello Planning & GIS Services, Ray Ott & Associates and Township staff (collectively the “Planning Team”) to engage the community and prepare an updated comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Team has completed the procedural process set forth within Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code required prior to the adoption of a comprehensive plan as well as many additional steps beyond those required, including but not limited to community surveys, public workshops, open houses, planning meetings, forwarded the draft plan for review by adjoining municipalities, the Delaware County Planning Department, and the Marple Newtown School District, and on May 27, 2016, held a public meeting to consider and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors about the plan’s adoption; and

WHEREAS, the result of the aforementioned process is the Comprehensive Plan of Newtown Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, dated May 27, 2016, (“Comprehensive Plan”) consisting of 80 pages of text, an Appendix A consisting of 12 pages of text and charts regarding the Township’s demographic profile, and an Appendix B consisting of 9 maps, identified as Maps B-1 through B-9.

WHEREAS, the Township's Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Planning Department has recommended adoption of the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a duly advertised public meeting on August 8, 2016 to consider adoption of the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the comments received from the public in writing and at public hearings, as well as from the Delaware County Planning Department, and adjacent municipalities, have been duly considered and noted; and

WHEREAS, and the Newtown Township Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the recommended Comprehensive Plan along with the comments received from the public in writing and at a public hearing, as well as from the Delaware County Planning Department and adjacent municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan adequately addresses the elements as required by Section 301 of the Municipalities Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Supervisors is desirous of adopting the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the powers granted by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Newtown Township Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Comprehensive Plan of Newtown Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania dated May 27, 2016, consisting of all maps, tables, figures, and textual matter is hereby adopted as the official Comprehensive Plan of Newtown Township;
2. The Newtown Township Comprehensive Plan of 2001 is hereby rescinded;
3. This Resolution shall be appended to, or annotated on, the Comprehensive Plan; and
4. The Township Secretary shall distribute digital or paper copies, as applicable, of this Resolution and corresponding Comprehensive Plan to the Delaware County Planning Department, relevant Township staff, authorities and boards for consideration in future planning and actions related to development.

RESOLVED, this 12th day of August, 2016.



TOWNSHIP OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____

John A. Nawn, P.E., Chairman

ATTEST:

Stephen M. Nease

Stephen M. Nease, Township Manager/Secretary