

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Chair McConnell and Commissioners Kielbaso, Jackson, Sarver, Scherbarth, Schools, and Searl

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS

PRESENT: John Scott-Craig and Eckhart Dersch

1. **CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA**

Agenda approved without objection.

3. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

No changes noted.

4. **DISCUSSION ON THE MASTER PLAN AND GREENSPACE PLAN WITH ECKHART DERSCH**

Chair McConnell summarized the reasons for inviting Professor Dersch and Chair Scott-Craig for a discussion on the Master Plan and Greenspace Plan following the breakout sessions held recently.

Professor Dersch noted the need for an in-depth inventory of natural features in the Township – not just on public lands. This would be a long-term and incremental approach that would give the community a better idea of what exactly we have. Otherwise, we may lose the things we didn't even know we had in the first place. Having this data readily available would also help quicken response times in the future.

It could involve trained citizen scientists, commissioners, and/or compiling the information we already have in casefiles.

Commissioner Schools noted some communities have utilized BioBlitz programs to conduct a 24 hour study of sites using a group of pre-trained volunteers. There are also sources available like e-Birds that provide localized data.

5. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session was adjourned by Chair McConnell without objection at 7:00 p.m.