

Opening

- Bill Bogantz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
- Bill stated that the meeting is being recorded and the recording is a public record
- Bill led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call was taking with the following answering as present: Bill Bogantz & Ed Wasem (Doug Strait was sick).
- Bill Bogantz introduced Sarah Kelly and Bailey Morlan from Planning NEXT.

Orientation Workshop for Comprehensive Plan

- Sarah gave some history of the Licking County FRAMEWORK plan and Planning NEXT.
- Purpose
 - Sarah mentioned that she and Bailey drove around the township with Bill and Melodie to get a feel of the township. Planning Next's goal is to give the township a plan that will preserve what the township values and help the township manage change. They will reference FRAMEWORK. A successful comprehensive plan is one that is used and will contain a future land use map.
 - Ed said that he is concerned about eminent domain relating to a future by-pass.
 - Some concern was also expressed about annexation, water and sewer, property taxes, lot size, package plants, and the impact of Intel on the water supply.
- Outreach and Communication
 - Sarah distributed a draft of their Communications, Outreach & Engagement Plan
 - The plan includes multiple rounds of public engagement. There are stakeholder interviews and there will also be a survey. Information about the survey will be mailed around the end of next month to every household in the township. A workshop, and an open house are also planned.
 - A Project Schedule was distributed to the trustees.
 - Sarah urged that it is very important to spread the word about the on-line survey by word of mouth, mail, Facebook and our website.
 - Stakeholder interview are scheduled for January 25th and 26th. All slots are filled
 - The steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan will have their first meeting on January 25th. It is the first of 4 planned meetings.
 - Sarah said to let them know if anyone has any additional ways that they would recommend for outreach.
- Steering Committee Coordination
 - Bill Bogantz formed the steering committee with the goal of having it be very diverse.
 - The steering committee is an advisory board.
- Existing Conditions and Preliminary Land Use Analysis

Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio

Special Trustee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm

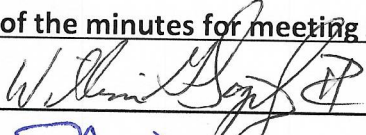
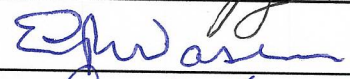
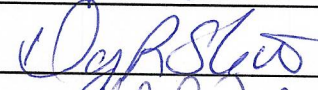
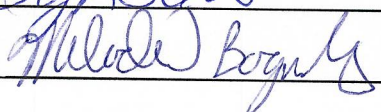
- Planning NEXT will look at many different things when working on the Comprehensive Plan including: employment/job opportunities, traffic patterns, land use, and defining “rural agriculture” as it relates to Liberty Township.
- They will try to see if there is there a way to help farmers have options other than selling land to developers.
- The schedule for the Comprehensive Plan was reviewed showing a current completion date at the end of July.
- Bill Bogantz will reserve space at the Sportsman Club for meetings.
- Next Steps
 - Preparation for the stakeholder’s interviews
 - Preparation for the first steering committee meeting
 - Preparation of the survey

Closing

- Bill Bogantz made a motion to adjourn meeting. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting January 9, 2024:

Trustee:		Date:	2/12/2024
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Fiscal Officer:		Date:	2/12/24