

Opening

- The meeting was held at the Johnstown Sportsman Club at 7357 Sportsman Club Road, Johnstown, Ohio.
- Bill Bogantz opened the meeting at 6:30, stating that the meeting is being recorded and is a public record.
- Bill welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating.
- The following members of the steering committee were present: Bill Bogantz, John Tomich, Vicki McKinney, Annie Slabaugh, Beth Warner, Aaron Jennings, Gary Van Deusen, Wendi Zigo, Andrea Kowalski and Kate Creager. Melodie Bogantz was also present and taking minutes. Everyone gave a brief introduction of themselves.
- Sarah Kelly and Bailey Morlan introduced themselves from Planning NEXT.

Setting the Stage

- The purpose of a comprehensive plan was described. It is not a legally binding document.
- FRAMEWORK for Licking County was discussed as to how it relates to our Comprehensive Plan.
- The roll of the steering committee was discussed which included being spokespeople for the plan/process, helping with the plan, and getting interested in being more involved with the township.
- The timeline was discussed. The goal is for the comprehensive plan to be completed by July.

Existing Conditions and Trends

- Liberty Township is growing faster than the rest of Licking County.
- Member expressed concern about being able to plan without knowing what will happen with a Johnstown by-pass or a possible 70-71 interstate connector.

Outreach, Communications, and Engagement

- The new/updated township website will be used for reaching residents
- There will also be postcards, on-line survey, workshops.
- Members were also asked to spread the word by word-of-mouth.
- The next community event is a workshop on February 27th.
- Sarah asked for input on what would motivate participation. The responses centered around “you can have a say,” “this is a pivotal time” and “your voice matters.”

Critical Question Discussion

- The question was posed, "Over the next ten years, what are the greatest opportunities for the Township?" Some of the answers were centered around:
 - Plot our own course
 - Residential and business
 - Education for kids
 - Preserving what we have
 - More community resources
 - Green spaces
 - Using zoning to control development

Next Steps and Adjourn

- Everyone was encouraged to spread the word about the survey and the workshop on February 27th.
- The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee is February 15th at 6:30.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting January 25, 2024:

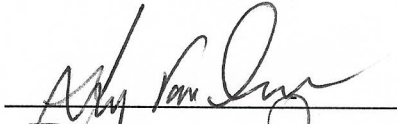
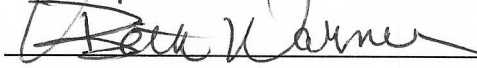
Fiscal Officer/Zoning Clerk:

Melode Begonzy Date: 4/18/24

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Members:

Patricia Koudesse Date: 4/18/24
Kay Cooper Date: 4/18/24
Aly Ford Date: 4/18/24
Elizabeth Date: 4/18/24
Kevin Date: 4/18/24
A. J. [Signature] Date: 4/19/24

Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024 6:30 pm

 _____ Date: 4-18-2024
 _____ Date: 4/18/2024

