

August 12, 2004

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**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

*Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting*

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr. Corman called meeting to order at 7:04 PM with Mr. Fiedeldej and the Clerk in attendance. He explained the need for aq special meeting in light of the "sunshine laws." He said the purpose is not to conduct business, but to review the Township's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Corman turned the meeting over to the Township's Land Use Planner, Kathy Dale. Mrs. Dale introduced the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the representatives from the plan consultant, McBride, Dale, Clarion, Mr. Greg Dale and Ms. Wendy Moeller.

Mr. Dale said the purpose of the meeting is to have community discussion and education on the plan. He made a presentation on the plan. The presentation included such topics as a history of planning in the Township, a look at population and housing now, development demand and capacity, and ideas of where we might go next.

He said the upcoming character area meetings are more discussion. He encouraged everyone to attend as many of those as they wish.

He asked those in attendance if they have any questions or comments.

Northwest Local School District Superintendent Dr. Hellweg asked if they have considered the impact of Section 8 housing. Mr. Dale said there is no control over this on the township level and it is up to the private property owner.

Mr. Corman and Mr. Fiedeldej discussed the pros and cons of limited home rule. Mr. Fiedeldej said that by restricting zoning, we can prevent some undesirable changes. The Comprehensive Plan can help with this, too.

An attendee said there is a contradiction in rural preservation and we need to increase lot size. The future depends on lot size restriction. This is a policy choice for the community to make.

An attendee said that zoning should require that property owners can turn around on their own property instead of backing out of the driveway on to the street.

An attendee asked about stormwater and flooding. Mr. Birkenhauer said Hamilton County Public Works handles this now. We can tighten our flood regulations, which would help in the future.

Mr. Corman talked about the Township's Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are the second community in the nation to do this. We are the first township to participate in Project Impact. Western Hamilton County is susceptible to landslides and we should consider this in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Corman said the Comprehensive Plan is a foundation, the best we can design to build the community for the future. How can we go in the right direction?

A question was asked about the Greater Cincinnati Water Works expanding services. Mr. Birkenhauer said there is money available for where the

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development is occurring. He said the southern area of the township could be within 5-10 years for major service lines.

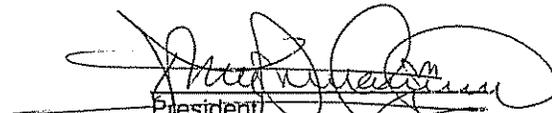
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fiedeldey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM and Mr. Corman provided the second. Without discussion, the roll was called:

Mr. Fiedeldey, "Aye"

Mr. Corman "Aye"

  
Clerk

  
President