

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Minutes
Technical Assistance Group
May 16, 2007
Copley Town Hall
North Room

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Minutes of the Technical Assistance Group held May 16, 2007 in the North Room of the Copley Town Hall.

Attendees:

Jeff Kerr, Laura DeYoung, Jim Rogers, Mark Mitchell, David White, Peggy Spraggins, Mike Johnson, Fred Zumpano, Susan DeChant, Bob Hasenyager, Cindy Fink, Brent Hendren, Kim Ferencz and Sue Schultz.

Jeff Kerr convened the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Mr. Kerr stated that this meeting was a listening session for the Consultants. Mr. Kerr stated that if any of the agencies had any Articles that would be pertinent to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to submit them to the Consultants.

Discussed items from the kick-off meeting and the following items to be considered under **Quality of Life**:

- Schools
- More recreation is needed

Discussed the following items to be considered under **Farmland / Open Space Preservation**:

- Promote more conservation / open space
- Not just landscaping (in the Zoning Resolution) but rain gardens that serve as storm water management

Discussed failing septic systems (smell) and the mounding that can be done (unattractive),

The JEDD maps are on the Copley website showing where the water and sewer lines are located.

Public Education: Cindy Fink (Soil & Water Conservation) and Mike Johnson (Metro Parks) stated they would like to be involved in the public education.

Environmental: The items listed under Environmental are mostly geared to existing problems. We need to protect what is existing and provide for additional wetland protection.

Dave White stated that the Engineer's Office primarily deals with roads, bridges and storm water management. Mr. White stated that the roundabout that was recently constructed at Hametown and Ridgewood Roads is working out very well. Mr. White stated that there might be additional roundabouts built in Copley Township.

Mike Johnson (Metro Parks) would like more involvement (recreation opportunities (passive), value of nature, conservation.

Fred Zumpano (Home Builders Association) stated that the builders and developers are becoming more aware of the issues that are being addressed in this Plan.

Susan DeChant (Summit County Planning) stated that there are many tools available to promote better planning (smart growth). The General Land Use Plan of Summit County has been adopted.

Cindy Fink (Soil & Water Conservation) stated that they have a lot of resources to offer. Mrs. Fink stated that this Plan is a great opportunity for Copley Township and could be a model for other townships. Other issues: storm water, water sheds, rain gardens.

Bob Hasenyager (Summit County Health) stated that there are septic issues. The Health Department is identifying systems that need to be replaced, patched or connected to a centralized system.

Brent Hendren (City of Akron) stated that the community needs a better understanding of the JEDD and briefly spoke about the JEDD.

The next Technical Assistance Group meeting is scheduled for June 20th at 8:30 a.m.

Next Steps:

The public workshop is scheduled for June 21st at Copley Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Finish preliminary information.

Define objectives: goals, initiatives, and policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.