

Minutes
Bedford Township Master Plan Steering Committee
Meeting June 16, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Present:

John Kreuchauf, Samaria Heritage Committee
Karen Fischer, Economic Development Corporation
Brad Greeley, Board of Zoning Appeals
Korleen Bialecki, Planning Commission
Dennis Jenkins, Planning Department
Gene Stock

Excused:

Joyce Blanton, Downtown Development Authority

Also Present:

Trudy Hershberger, Township Clerk
Karen Kincaid, Planning Department
Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith
Royce Maniko, Mannik & Smith
Glenn Grisdale, Reveille

Bialecki called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Kincaid called the roll. Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Jenkins supported by Greeley to Approve the Agenda of June 16, 2014

APPROVAL OF THE Minutes of May19, 2014

Motion by Jenkins, supported by Greeley to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

5. A. Update on Committee Member Photographs.

Glenn Grisdale said that so far he has received cameras from John Kreuchauf, Karen Fischer and Gene Stock and asked the remaining committee members to turn in their cameras as soon as possible.

5. B. Survey Update

Mr. Grisdale presented an update on the status of the community survey saying that so far 157 electronic surveys have been submitted. Hard copies of the survey are located at the Senior Center, Library, and the Township Hall. Only a few of those surveys have been turned in. Mr. Grisdale also presented a preliminary analysis of the survey results.

5. C. Goals and Objectives

Glenn Grisdale mentioned that he will compare the photographs with the survey results to begin drafting the goals and objectives. Jenkins will identify the strategies from the current plan that have been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Presentation by Tim Lake On Economic Development.

Tim Lake of the Monroe County Business Development Corp. gave a presentation regarding economic development activities in Monroe County and the region. Mr. Lake discussed regional cooperation efforts as well, and added that it was important to focus on economic development efforts at the township level.

6.B. Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT)

Glen Grisdale conducted a SWOT analysis asking the committee members for input. The categorized list includes:

Strengths

Location – Detroit/Toledo

Lake Erie – Natural Resources

Transportation mode – I-75/US 23/US 24-Airports –Metro/Toledo

Education – Colleges, Monroe County Community College

Growth Opportunities

Cost of Living

Cultural Opportunities

Moderate climate

Quality of life

Recreation – parks, golf courses

Safety

Affordable housing

Taxes

Rail

Agriculture

Weaknesses

Roads

Walkability/Bikeability

Higher cost of utilities

Aging infrastructure

Lack of utilities

Reliance on Toledo water

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NIMBY (lack of vision
Lack of skilled workforce
Brain drain.

Opportunities

Job growth
New bridge
Resurgence of auto industry
Tech industries
Agricultural trends

Threats

School system
Younger workforce (Apathy/Brain drain)
Climate change
Aging infrastructure
“Shovel ready” sites/industrial buildings
Agricultural property loss
Increasing crime/drugs
Aging community

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. INFORMATION

Jenkins mentioned that the changes had been made to the mission statement.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Stock asked that commercial developers be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the needs for commercial development.

INFORMATION

The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Jenkins
Acting Recording Secretary