

A Special Public Hearing was held June 23, 2005 at the Heidelberg Township Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:38 PM by Chairman Harry Rodgers.

Harry Rodgers, Larry Sterner, Tim Hansen, Steve McKonly, John Leen and Norma Markle were present.

Others present were Sherry Lockard, Ellen Thompson, Judy Tessem, Cleo Wildasin, Irene Molison, Bill Brough, Guy Brown, Roy Livergood, Tim Staub, Tom Fort, William Prin, Christina Kristofic, Charles Suhr and Linus Fenigal.

The purpose of the Hearing is to review and receive public comments on the proposed Comprehensive Plan for the Township.

Tim Staub, from RETTEW, explained the concept of the proposed Comprehensive Plan. He stated the steering committee developed this plan over an 18 month process and it will be used as a vision document for the next 10 (+/-) years. This was an 18 month process, which included meetings, surveys and a "town meeting" attended by 100+ residents of the township in March 2003. Through these meetings and surveys they conclusion was the residents desire to keep the township rural in nature, and curtail large growth happening in surrounding areas. The concept presented has been reviewed by York County Planning Commission, Heidelberg Township Planning Commission, neighboring townships and the Spring Grove Area School District.

QUESTIONS

Christina Kristofic, The Evening Sun - Asked what the big changes are from this plan then the last one, she was give several examples.

Cleo Wildasin - Asked if the plan was complete. Also questioned if the Agricultural Security Area map will be completed to be included in this document.

Ellen Thompson - Asked when this would take effect, she was told 5 days after the Ordinance is signed. The Board stated the Plan is just a guide.

Tom Fort - Asked about the minimum lot sizes for each district, he was told this will be determined in the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance.

COMMENTS & OPINIONS

Cleo Wildasin - Doesn't feel the desireable choice for the Residential District is where placed, has the growth area in the best Ag land in the Township. Would be putting water/sewer through farmland and not the villages. Feels existing soils can't handle some of the growth areas.

Roy Livergood - YCPC - Feels the plan is generally consistant with the York County area.

Tom Fort - One of the last townships to adop sliding scale in the area, feels this plans needs to be adopted and supports the plan.

Charles Suhr - Attorney for William Prin, requested changes be made to this Plan to better support the future land use with Penn Township boundries. Compared Penn Twp. zoning map to Heidelberg Twp. and suggested following their guide lines. Gitts Run Road and Moulstown Road is heavily traveled now, so would fit into making the Prin property Residential. Feels we are creating an "island" .

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Board said this Ag land would serve as a buffer for the residential and industrial areas. Atty Suhr stated this land could remain as agricultural use for the next 10, 20, 30 years, but desires to have it changed as a planning tool for the future. Feels this is a primary growth area. Tim Hansen feels Industrial zone would fit better then the Residential.

Bill Brough - Stated if the Prin property is rezoned, then he desires his property on the South side of the Township to be included in the Residential.

Harry Rodgers and Larry Sterner thanked the Comprehensive Planning Committee members and also Tim Staub for the effort they put into this plan.

Action will be taken on the Comprehensive Plan at the July 6, 2005 regular meeting.

Public Hearing adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Norma Markle, Sec.