

Etna Township Comprehensive Planning Committee

Meeting Date and time: Tuesday, July 22, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting was held at the Etna Township Community Center with 9 citizen members (Mark Schaff, John Needham, Dave Goll, Roger Digel-Barrett, Bill Wright, Roger Pickering, Bill Young, Sharon Place, and Rick Masa), the Etna Township Zoning Administrator (Chris Harkness) and two Licking County Planning Commission staff members acting as the township's consultants (Jim Lenner and Ryan Edwards) were present. A full recording of this meeting is available at the Community Center during normal business hours.

1. Chris Harkness informed the members that the Comprehensive Planning Committee is considered a public body and therefore must publish an agenda and take minutes for each meeting. A volunteer was requested to take summary notes for approval and future publication on the web site.
2. LCPC passed out an information packet containing samples from the 1996 Committee, and from Jersey Township, of a Vision Statement and Goals and Objective statements. LCPC also passed out a sheet showing what percentage of township land would be in which major categories, based on the current **draft** of the FLUM (Future Land Use Map).
3. Reviewed a draft of the FLUM. Discussed two (2) areas not mapped out at the last meeting. One area was the northwest corner of the township (north of National Road and West of Mink Road) and the other was a small area located between National Road and Interstate 70 and between Lynn's Road and Mayflower. Completed mapping those areas after an open discussion of the pros and cons of various uses, taking into consideration surrounding areas.
4. Discussed possible locations for a centrally located park, and what "park" meant. Generally taken to mean an active recreation facility, containing such things as soccer fields, baseball diamonds, etc. A passive recreation facility would typically contain walking paths, picnic shelters, etc. The final Committee recommendations can pinpoint where preferred active and passive sites could be located. Parks could be important to the growth of the Township, fulfilling a need of younger families and keeping them within the Township.
5. Revisited the area at US 40 and SR 158 and north of I-70, which the draft FLUM recommends to be Industrial (the area east of and adjacent to the Erk property). Discussion centered around two main points. First, that the Township already has a large amount of M-1 (Light Industrial) on the books, and second, that designating that area as Industrial would be contrary to the concept of maintaining a rural atmosphere, which is a common goal in surveys. After much discussion a vote was taken, with a majority in favor of keeping the Industrial designation.

6. Discussed pros and cons of having an area designated for multi-family housing.
7. Discussed the NW and SE corners of US 40 and Lynns/Columbia Roads. The draft FLUM shows this as being residential but both areas currently GB. The Committee decided to change the FLUM to indicate the current zoning.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, @ 7:00 at the Township Community Center. For that next meeting, members are to review the Vision Statement and Goals and Objectives material passed out, and to be ready to discuss our version of those documents.