

**MEDINA TOWNSHIP  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

The Medina Township Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met in Regular Session on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Chairman Ostmann called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chris Traynor motioned to approve the minutes for September 30, 2013. Susan McKiernan seconded the motion. The vote was seven ayes and 1 abstention. Jim Apana abstained due to being absent.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Ostmann called for a roll of all members. James Apana, Robin Gray, Allan Hallock, Susan McKiernan, Bill Ostmann, Anthony Ratajczak, Gail Gordon Sommers, Cynthia Szunyog and Chris Traynor. Also in attendance was Chief Arbogast, Brandi Rosselli, Mackin Consultant and the general public. Michael Baach, Paul Sevougian and Chief Crumley were absent.

**Ground Rules of Conduct during Meetings**

Mr. Ostmann read the Ground Rules of Conduct during Meetings requested by Brandi Rosselli.

- **One conversation at a time.**
- **Discuss the item that is on the table first, if we need to revisit items we can do that after the discussion ends regarding the current item.**
- **If we vote, Brandi will write the item that requires the vote on the flip chart; we will then ask the members to vote by raising their hands and keeping them up until they are counted. This will apply to votes in favor or against.**
- **Public must wait until the end of the agenda to talk (we cannot have them interjecting throughout the meeting. It is too distracting, and there is an item on the agenda for public comment. They are not part of the committee.**

**Ad-Hoc Committee**

Mr. Apana told the committee members about the ad-hoc committee being formed by the Trustees. Mr. Ostmann said he was not sure how forming another committee to study the I71/Route 3 area is going to jive with what we are doing now. He will discuss it with the Trustees at their next meeting.

**Draft Recommendations**

Mrs. Rosselli e-mailed the draft recommendations to all members and asked them to review them prior to the meeting for discussion. Most of the discussions to date have indicated that what had gone into the 2008 plan seems to be close to what is happening now in terms of intent for developing or conserving land in the Township. Brandi took the goals and development policies that were in the 2008 plan and put them in the document that was e-mailed to them plus she also included what was discussed regarding the policy areas.

### Goals and Development Policies Discussion

Two goals were identified:

1. Natural Environment: to preserve, protect and improve the quality of the natural environment
2. Man-Made Environment: to preserve the existing character of the Township, future development will be directed to areas served by, or can easily access, existing infrastructure (including water and sewer).

In Natural Environment under bullet number five (5) agricultural uses, Mr. Ratajczak asked that they also encourage new agricultural uses.

Cynthia Szunyog suggested that the first line under bullet number one (1) "All new development shall be guided by the natural capabilities of the land" have the word capabilities changed to characteristics.

Mr. Ratajczak also asked that the line under bullet number six (6) "All new developments shall be reviewed by appropriate officials for its effect on water quality, particularly in terms of erosion and sedimentation during construction" and have it read air quality, water quality and noise.

Mr. Ratajczak motioned to add the word noise into the natural developmental policy. Robin Gray seconded the motion. Vote by show of hands: those in favor four (4) and those opposed five (5). The word "noise" will not be added.

Mr. Rataczak motioned to remove the words during construction from the last bullet point in the Natural Environmental part of the Developmental Policies.

Mrs. McKiernan seconded the motion. Vote by show of hands: those in favor five (5) those opposed four (4). The motion carried.

Mrs. McKiernan asked about logging and was told it is agricultural and they follow State regulations. Ms. Gray asked about emissions and was told it is regulated by the EPA, County and State. Mr. Ostmann said it could be added to the last bullet if they so choose.

Mrs. Rosselli will make the updates and send them through e-mail. She will not be attending the November meeting. She encourages the group to meet and review the updated information she will provide. She can come out in December before the public meeting to finalize everything.

### Central Sewer and Water Policies

Mrs. Rosselli said a change was suggested for the first bullet to take second sub-bullet and add it to the first bullet as follows:

Central sewer facilities will not be extended beyond the original 1981 sewer service area as may be amended except where on-site septic systems are capable of handling the effluent loads in the short and long term.

Under the second bullet, first sub-bullet, it states Central water is the only cost effective solution to drinking problems. It should read Central water is the only cost effective solution to serious water quality problems.

Under the second bullet, third sub-bullet, it reads Population density is very low, it should read Population density is very high.

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**Residential Policies**

Mrs. Rosselli said in Residential Policies on the first bullet point at the end of the sentence it was suggested it should read existing infrastructure and not existing community facilities and also in bullet two, remove the word facilities and add the word infrastructure.

**Community Services Policy**

Mrs. Rosselli said under Community Services Policy under the second bullet it was suggested to change it to read actively promote property maintenance and remove the word weeds and add derelict vehicles.

Under the third bullet, Zoning Resolution remove sub-bullets three, four, six and seven in their entirety, and change the word require to encourage in bullet number nine.

Additional Partnerships seem to already be in effect between the townships and the City.

**Commercial Policies**

The commercial access areas regarding Route 18, I71 and Route 3 are handled by ODOT. The Commercial Policies Recommendations will be deleted in its entirety.

**Industrial Policies**

The Industrial Policies Recommendations will be deleted in its entirety.

Mrs. Szunyog motioned to remove Light Industrial from the North Pearl Road Policy Area Two. Mrs. McKiernan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Rosselli suggested creating a light industrial use policy, because it is still in the Route 18 area, for future land uses encouraging light industrial. The zoning resolution would have to be updated. You may have to create a new zoning district to only allow it on Route 18 because you don't want it on Route 42.

Mrs. Rosselli said the committee has agreed to remove the Light Industrial Policies and we are removing it from the North Pearl Road Policy Area Two as well as the Route 18 Corridor Policy Area. All the members were in agreement so a vote was not necessary and it will be removed completely from the planned policy areas.

**Recreation Policies**

Mrs. Rosselli said the one thing recommended in the 2008 plan was to develop a park/recreation open space plan and the committee agreed.

**Historic Preservation Policies**

The wording for bullet one shall read Medina Township's unique historic buildings should be preserved or restored if necessary. Buildings should be inventoried to determine their significance. Bullet two should read Significant Historic & Archaeological sites, if identified, should be preserved.

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**Transportation Policies**

A discussion regarding roundabouts was had. Chief Arbogast said roundabouts have not calmed traffic in Summit County and the Township does have traffic calming policy.

Mr. Ratajczak motioned to add a policy to encourage roundabouts, knowing that the Township cannot construct them themselves but, they can encourage the development of them. Mr. Apana seconded the motion. Vote by show of hands: One (1) for and eight (8) against.

**Sustainability Policies**

The Sustainability Policies section will be removed entirely and the items will be put in other sections.

**Scenic Rivers**

Mr. Hallock suggested adding a policy for Scenic Rivers to the Recreation Policy.

Mrs. Rosselli said if anyone sees anything on the map or in the policy that is out of place or needs corrections please contact her.

**Public Meeting**

Mrs. Rosselli recommends waiting until after the holidays to hold the public meeting. She asked that the committee hold a meeting in November. Mr. Hallock asked that at the next meeting we address gateways and promote them.

The next meeting will be November 25, 2013, at 7:00 pm.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Ostmann opened the floor for public comment.

Sally Gardner (3333 Foskett Road) asked why the request for covered bike areas. She suggested asking Western Reserve Land Conservancy if they have updated maps. Mrs. Rosselli has already done that.

Alliss Strogin said the Land Conservancy now has another 90 acres on Fenn Road.

Mr. Traynor motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. Mr. Ratajczak seconded the motion. Vote was all in the affirmative.

  
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Bill Ostmann, Chairman

  
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Chris Traynor, Vice-Chairman