

**Baughman Township Comprehensive Plan
Steering Committee Meeting Summary
April 17, 2007
Baughman Township Hall**

Members Present: Jason Wenger, Tim Workinger, Jeff Kaufman, James A. Kelby, Dennis Curtis, Wayne Steiner, Mike Geiser, David Stoll, Randy Whited, Matt Stoll, Mike Finney, Mark Geiser, Gayle Hostetler, Tom Armentrout, Bob Slicker, Craig Powley, Ron Bosley, Norma Bosely, Bob Weygant, and Bonnie Stoll

Planning Staff Present: Katie M Myers and Robert L Murray

Officials Present: Donald Grimes and Carolyn Baer

The meeting began with a meet and greet roundtable. Each member received a folder of information including the results to the community survey, the SWOT analysis from the public meeting in March and statistical data relevant to Baughman Township. We then discussed the community survey results. We discussed the highest rated services and the lowest rated services. One of the highest rated services was fire. Baughman Township is serviced by 4 different fire departments and they contract out to all of the fire departments. Comments made by the committee on this topic were:

- Primarily volunteer
- Good response time
- No levies-they could pass
- Departments need to explain their plan and deal with the management issues
- Volunteers spend a lot of money out of pocket
- N. Lawrence FD response time has improved
- N. Lawrence FD is funded by twice a week BINGO

Another service rated high in the survey was public schools, the committee explained why:

- Excellent test scores
- Better discipline
- Good teachers, long term teachers, average service in years (12)
- Sound family structures
- Most renewal levies pass
- One negative note; Orrville's open lunch policy-students not exactly eating lunch!

One of the lowest rated services was job opportunities. Member felt this rated low due to the following facts:

- A lot of job opportunity in the City of Orrville
- Majority of jobs available in the township are teaching, farming, or farm labor. These are low paying jobs.

Another low rated service was land use pattern. This is attributed to:

- The health departments new rules
- No zoning

We briefly discussed the section of the survey that dealt what needed to be done.

Next, Katie M Myers, of the Wayne County Planning Department, discussed Comprehensive Planning 101. A hand out was provided. An overview of what sections would be in a plan was mentioned, but further discussions were held.

Robert L Murray, of the Wayne County Planning Department talked about community facilities, he discussed the 3 mile limit rule, sewer/water capacity of nearby plants and the 201/208 map.

Ms. Myers then introduced the topic of economic development and housing. The 2000 centennial census data for Baughman Township was handed out along with a fact sheet on the Effects of Large Farms on the local economy.

Since Baughman Township had such a positive turn-out for this meeting we broke up into sub-committees by section of a plan.

Community Facilities:

Bob Slicker	Mike Geiser
Mark Geiser	Matt Stoll

Economic Development:

Tom Armentrout	Wayne Steiner
Mike Finney	Craig Powley

Housing and Natural Resources:

David Stoll	Gayle Hostetler
Jeff Kaufman	Ron Bosley
Norma Bosley	

Land Use:

Jim Kelby	Bob Weygant
Tim Workinger	Jason Wenger
Bonnie Stoll	Randy Whited

Each group discussed their topic and left the following comments/concerns:

Community Facilities

Marshallville fire department

Cultural change

Budget

Waste Water

Marshallville sewer

Recreational Facilities

Marshallville park

Economic Development

What are the current businesses?

They are very diverse

Approx. 25-30 exist outside the city limits and employ 200-250 people

Can we have new business in this township and not conflict with agriculture?

Does the twp. have the infrastructure to support major economic growth, do we want that change?

Where do we want these developments?

We also know that the structure of agriculture has changed and will continue to change, and will impact the infrastructure of the twp.

Housing and Natural Resources

Subdivisions-density

Water-enough

Sewer-area and consequences of not enough

How does housing affect the occupation of agriculture?

Ground/land that cannot be farmed

Save Ohio has mandated sewer regulations

Housing in Baughman needed or not needed currently?

Land Use

Gravel pit at Fox Lake
Up lot size
Congress Twp. zoned agriculture nothing else
Chippewa has good zoning code
Different agri-business' examples; green houses
We need more info on landfills and zoning
Strategies to get the community involved
Land and homes with junk piled up and around
Against adult shops and clubs

The meeting adjourned and the next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2007 from 7-9 pm at the Baughman Township Hall.