

**Green Township Comprehensive Planning
Steering Committee
Meeting Summary
April 26, 2007**

Committee Members Present: Jeff Kaufmann, Gwen Schmucker, Mahlon Schumcker, Tom Smucker, Barb Mast, Dan Hostetler, Keith Workman and Don Shoup

Planning Staff Present: Katie M. Myers and Robert L. Murray

Officials Present: Scott Imhoff and Homer Hostetler

The Green Township Steering Committee opened up with a meet and greet. The members were all given a packet of information including the community survey results, a comprehensive planning 101 workbook, 2000 Green Township centennial census data, a "3-Mile Limit Map, 2007 Federal Poverty guidelines and a basic Green Township road map.

We began discussion of the community survey results. The service rating section reflected a very HIGH rating for "fire", "refuse", and "public schools". The committee's comments about fire included:

- The Formation of the Central Fire District about 5 years ago has dramatically increased the fire service.
- They have full time firefighters and fulltime EMT's
- Good response time
- Dedicated people with local ties
- The township does contract out to Orrville and Wooster to cover a small portion of the township.
- Levy on the Ballot (Issue 12) May 2007
- Average response time has reduced 36% since 2002

Comments about refuse included:

- Residents can choose what company provides refuse service (3 options)
- Companies have been cooperative with the Township Trustees in keeping the costs down

Comments about the public school included:

- 2 school districts, Smithville (Green) and Orrville
- Green Local- high Statewide test scores
- Both have levies on the Ballot May 2007

Services rated LOW, land development patterns. The committee had no comment on this low rating.

The second topic of discussion was Comprehensive Planning 101, the group had no questions about basic planning principles.

We covered the section topic of Community Facilities. Robert L. Murray led the discussion. The topics covered included the 3-Mile Limit Rule, the capacity and output of both Orrville and Smithville's water and sewer services and an inventory of schools, churches, nursing homes and cemeteries. The committee's comments/concerns included:

- Happy with the Sheriff Department's service, have not felt the need to contract with for additional service
- Township residents feel as though they are a part of Smithville's history
- Township Hall is looking into historical designation for the building
- They would like a map of the "wetlands"
- Concerned about the future plans of Apple Creek Rd.

We covered the section topic of Economic Development. Katie M. Myers led the discussion. The topics of JEDD's, agri-businesses and census income levels were introduced. The committee started a list of existing employers in the township that list includes:

- Montana Paint
- Merc Equipment
- Keener Welding
- Leaches Garage
- Buchwalter Gardens
- Cedar Lane Greenhouse
- Tyler's Greenhouse
- Shades Trucking
- Pooley Landscaping

*** (This list is not exhausted and many of the names may be spelled incorrect. The committee will need to correct the spelling)

The three sections of Housing, Land Use and Natural Resources were also discussed.

No Chairperson was assigned.

We ended the meeting with a roundtable "Compliments and Concerns". A few members expressed concerns actually about zoning. One member is concerned about greenways, pedestrian and bicycle paths-an opportunity is seen there.

The next meeting is set for May 22, 2007 4-6 pm at Imhoff Construction, 315 E. Market Street in Orrville.

Tom Smucker will not be present at that meeting.