

TOWN OF WHEATFIELD
Comprehensive Planning Implementation Task Force

SUMMARY OF MEETING, May 24, 2018

Meeting began at 6: 30PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Curt D.

Motion made by Walt G., seconded by Richard M. to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 Task Force meeting.
Motion unanimously approved.

Town Planner Report

- No report. Drew attending a professional seminar.

Energy Application Focus Gr

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Carr reporting for Joe M.

- Telecommunications Law: meeting bi-weekly. Using the Town of Amherst's law as our resource document. (Recently, received a similar ordinance from the City of Lockport).
 - Recommend a 6-month Town moratorium. **Action: Curt D.**
 - An eclectic law for our Town will be completed and presented to the Task Force Board during the 6-month period.

Build Out Analysis Focus Group

Walt

G.

- The NU students completed their analysis of "sustainability of construction in the Town of Wheatfield." Document not available at this time. Professor is suffering a serious medical challenge prohibiting the delivery of the report and his analysis.
- Informal resource data related to cost of services provided, Town expenses, income, etc., being appraised as to their relevancy to our sustainability topic.
- The Town Assessor and a reputable realtor will be invited to future meetings to share their expertise.
- Reviewed in some detail correspondence received from Drew detailing a formula for developing "Cost of Services Supplied" by government entities.

Greenspace Focus Group (No member present)

No Report

Veterans Memorial Focus Group (In absence of chair, Curt D. & Richard M. volunteered)

No Report

- The 501 (c) (3) application has been acknowledged by the IRS.
- Updated construction drawings are in hand. However, awaiting professional cost estimates.
- Support intentions to restore the Huey helicopter displayed on Ward Road at the Highway Garage

Disaster Management Focus Group

Mike Z.

- Conducted the last of a series of meetings with the Town's fire chiefs.
- Surprisingly, all five (5) fire chiefs support the Town's Disaster Management Plan as written, without change.
- Critiqued those present on the "Initial Report on the Disaster Focus Group Survey." Copy attached.
 - Job well done. Distribution of surveys continues.
- EOC will be located in Town Hall, Lower level, in the future.
- Mike Z. has been officially designated as the Town's Disaster Preparedness Manager.

Agriculture Focus Group

Paul

L.

- Discussed the potential of “Term Easements” in support of the Town’s Comprehensive Master Plan. **Action: Task Force members, Agriculture Focus Group members.**
 - Articulated the Town of Perinton’s history and lessons they learned relative to Term Easements.
 - Paul will be unable to attend the July and September focus group meetings because of previously scheduled obligations. Volunteers are solicited to temporarily carry out his duties these two meetings.
 - Future meeting dates are June 19, July 23, August 27, September 25, October 22, and November 27th.
 - Welcomed back Karen Frieder to active service.
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- LWRP** (In his absence: no report) Drew R.

Community Development Focus Group

Richard T. / Rita K.

- Development of Town property contiguous to the Town Hall:
 - A SWOT analysis was completed by 2 focus group members after having received an orientation on four development concepts prepared by the previous Town Center Focus Group. The results:
 - Mixed Use and Sports/Public Fields concept were rejected because of costs, lack of developer interest, neighborhood opposition, and Recreation Department cannot support sports components.
 - Solar Farm (not previously considered as a concept) judged as ‘possible.’
 - Reduce Town expenses
 - Sell Property Outright and Subdivide:
 - Recoup a portion of the purchase cost
 - Sell property to a residential developer vs farming
 - Subdivide Witmer Road frontage to residential developer
 - Keep land-locked portion for water retention or solar farm.
 - Subsequent discussion lead by the Facilitator:
 - The number of SWOT participants is not representative of the numerous entities concerned with this land use.
 - Recommend the SWOT analysis be presented to the Task Force group following a detailed discussion of the four previous concepts; with emphasis on the possibility of “picking & choosing” little bits of ideas from each presentation to arrive at another possibility.
 - The Facilitator proposed the possibility of supporting a Senior Citizen (55 and over) concept encompassing senior housing for critical mass purposes, complemented by small businesses, e.g., coffee shop, hobby shops, recreation both active and passive to support the well-being of the residents. (Supporting a senior citizen complex increases resident numbers for sales tax distribution purposes with little or no effect on the school tax, etc. Seniors require fewer Town services.
- Volunteer Recognition was well received. There are a few certificates yet to be awarded. (The Facilitator has previously mentioned he would distribute those certificates inasmuch as he attends most of the focus group meetings).
- Proposed changing the name of this focus group to Task Force Support Focus Group. (Facilitator suggests more discussion with majority of members attending).
- Volunteered to manage volunteer records now under the purview of the Facilitator.
- The group, with the blessing of the Annual Picnic Group, will set up a “Recruiting” table at the Town picnic.
- A listing of “Past Accomplishments” at the Task Force level has been sent as requested by the Facilitator.

Management, Legal & General Discussion

- Town Board Liaison Curt
D./Richard M.
 - Discussed the need for volunteers to support the restoration of the Huey Helicopter project.

