

The Bowling Green Township Comprehensive Plan Committee met Wednesday October 21 at 5:30PM in the Township Community Building.

Committee Chairperson Michael Pitcher called the meeting to order at 5:37PM.

In attendance

Committee Members: M. Pitcher, G. Short, T. Robb, M. Burgess, T. Beckett, P. Volland

BGT Trustees: J. Chorpenning, D. VanBuren, D. Watkins

Public: T. May (just for the last few minutes)

Absent: D.Krier (report sent in advance)

Committee chair requested that the committee nominate a Vice-Chair in case of absence. Committee made the recommendation that Patty West-Volland be appointed by the trustees. Committee chair will ask trustees to appoint Patty as Vice-Chair at next township meeting.

Committee discussed proposed comprehensive plan survey examples provided by the County Planning Commission. Members expressed the overriding concern is to ensure community participation.

Committee members will mark up sample surveys by circling the questions that they deem appropriate. The marked up surveys will be forwarded to M.Pitcher who will compile a list of the most popular questions.

Trustee Watkins agreed to organize a “sign up” table during election-day to identify voters interested in participating in the survey. According to County Board Of Elections, table must be in a separate room or building (or outside) from the election room. Committee members volunteered to staff the table.

6:30AM-Noon Don Watkins Noon-3PM Mark Burgess

3PM-5PM Tom Robb 5PM-7PM Tom Beckett

At this time, because we do not have a separate room, we would need to have a table outdoors.

Trustee Watkins will make a decision regarding weather and staffing of the table.

Chairman to gather information from LCPC:

Can surveys be put online?

What has been the typical response rate for other townships?

How many responses do we need to move forward with planning?

Committee discussed the possibility of making BGT surveys available (in the future) at the Brownsville Post Office along with a drop-off box.

Committee members gave reports and discussed information gathered. History will be limited to 5 pages in the Comp Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.