

Comprehensive Planning & Farmland Preservation Committee
December 17, 2015 at 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: Pete Russo, Jerry Teague, Charles Ortman, George Mika, Donna Williamson, Gary Mertig, Joe Rose

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Tom Fratt, Tom Wojciechowski, Cyndi Zach, Larry Hildebrandt

Pete Russo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Motion by George Mika to approve the December 4, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Charles Ortman. Motion carried.

Tom Wojciechowski held a discussion on the date for municipalities to get their plan updates to the County. Tom stated that the County should be done with their plan by November 2016. Motion by Donna Williamson, second by Charles Ortman to have a deadline for the municipalities of April 15, 2016. Motion carried.

Tom Wojciechowski then held discussion and handed out a review of Comp. Plan Element – Issues and Opportunities. Discussion as follows: Governance/Citizen Involvement – keep on the list, Tax Base – leave as is, Demographics – births decreasing, poverty increasing, ethnic race (add), Housing – have someone from Ashland County Housing, the City of Ashland Housing at the meeting, Community Character – leave as is, Transportation – add Ashland County Highway Safety Committee, LJZ Center and Aging, Utilities and Community Facilities – leave as is, Agriculture – add CAPO’s, Natural Resources – readiness/cooperation with Director of Emergency Management to be added, Economic Development – leave as is (farmers markets), Intergovernmental Cooperation – leave as is, Land Use – add encouragement of alternate food crop growing and management and use of ag land.

Tom Wojciechowski talked about the housing element. The Committees to work on this on their own time and will come to the next meeting with ideas.

Tom Fratt talked about the Farmland Preservation process. This has been split between the Land & Zoning Committee and the LCC Committee. Tom then handed out a fact sheet for the Committee to review and discuss.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Motion by Donna Williamson, second by Charles Ortman to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Lori Schmidt
Administrative Assistant