

MEETING SUMMARY – November 12, 2014 MEETING
TOWN OF LANSING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE

Members Present: Supervisor Kathy Miller, Chair; Thomas Butler; Susan Miller; Sarah Thomson; Ruth Hopkins; Larry Beck; Maureen Cowen; Jase Baese; Susan Tabrizi; Jerry Caward

Others Present: Michael Long, AICP, Planning Consultant; Joseph Sheppard, Planning Assistant; Mike Catsos, Design Connect; Joe Wetmore; Karen Edelstein

Planning Consultant Mike Long called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Introductions/ Announcements:

Minutes: Approved

Comprehensive Plan Members & Committee Assignments: Town board must approve any and all changes to committee and sub-committee.

Report out of 5 Major Topics By Each Committee:

Town Center

- The plan will discuss that the that the Town Center is in fact the Town of Lansing and not necessarily a specific parcel of land
- Kathy stated that there is a need for some sort of communal meeting place.
 - Discussion occurred revolving around developing current unused structures and the vacant strip malls.
 - Discussion occurred revolving around marketing and promoting the development of areas, especially near the airport.

Housing

- Larry provided the committee with a handout highlighting their 5 points including goals.
 - Discussion occurred revolving around the affordability of local housing and the importance of it.
- A question was posed about including a section in the plan that discusses scenic views and limiting where development clusters happen to limit the blocking of those views, as per the requests of the survey.
 - Mike stated that there has been an inventory of scenic views done by the state that could be included.
- A question was posed about including housing and tourism and if there is any incentive to develop housing that is aimed at increasing tourism.
 - Discussion revolving around development of rental housing, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, etc. was had, all aimed at increasing tourism to the area.

- The housing discussion at this point merged into a discussion of tourism.

Tourism

- Discussion about a strategic design for the waterfront should be included in the plan.
- A question was posed about what kind of tourism the town wants to see, i.e. biking, winery, breweries, etc.
 - The plan should include ideas that would develop and increase tourism.
- The creation of a tourism and marketing board was discussed.
- A discussion about the importance of a proper website that is user friendly was had.
 - Website development and manager should be included in the comp-plan.
 - Website needs to include cultural resources, local businesses, and be aimed at increasing tourism. It must be maintained and updated constantly, and be extremely user friendly.
- A market analysis on tourism should be included in this section that discusses:
 - What is here?
 - What is there a market for?

Economic Development

- Jase met with Andy Shiraba with the standing Economic committee and discovered that they are waiting on decisions revolving around the town center.
- Discussion about points provided within the 2006 plan was had.
- Jase is going to bring the 2006 points to the Economic Committee and see what ideas they may have to make these points feasible and receive feedback about the points.
- They went through the notes and minutes of the Economic Committee and discovered there was not much to utilize and they mostly revolved around the development of the Town Center.
- Mike suggested the section should be included that includes:
 - Type of businesses here.
 - Type that community wants here.
 - Where they are going to be located.
- The major points were:
 - That new development should be consistent with existing and future uses.
 - To establish reasonable limits to nonfarm use of the steeper upland slopes of Cayuga Lake.
 - To modify current regulations concerning land use (zoning, subdivision approval, erosion control, etc.) when this is necessary to achieve the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - To identify suitable commercial nodes as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Agriculture

- There is a draft report prepared by the Town Ag Committee.

- A question of whether or not the report is available to the public was posed.
 - Kathy said she would check in with Monica to see where the report is and if it is available.
- Discussion revolved around what their report might include.

Design Connect

- Developing best practices section of the document
- Once initial recommendations are developed they would like to run them by the committee.
- They will be able to give a progress report in the next couple of weeks, and a final report in about a month.
- Mike Catsos will get back to the group with an exact date for a presentation on traffic recommendations made by the team.

Energy and Climate Change

- Tom sent a report out today on behalf of Philip Snyder.
- A discussion revolving around the availability of wind energy, hydrothermal, and other renewable energy resources.
 - It was noted that there needs to be a mix of renewable energies and the community shouldn't be reliant upon just one type of renewable energy.
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Miscellaneous:

- Mike and Joe met with the County GIS who gave them a series of maps
 - Maps will be included in the Comp Plan in 11x17 Format
 - Maps will be developed that include roads and parcels with as much detail as possible.
 - The planning department may be able to print at Brown Road at no cost
 - A question was posed about Wetlands and who developed the maps, the concern being that some wetlands may not be included
 - Mike stated that they were DEC developed wetland maps and given by the county with the information that they have available.
 - A question was posed about developed/ undeveloped/ proposed developments being included in maps.
 - A suggestion was provided by Jaese to include maps that include these proposed, and approved developments with a description of the possible purpose.
 - Discussion about adding infrastructure maps, what has been proposed, developed, in process, etc.
 - It was discussed that sewage, water, and existing, and proposed infrastructure maps will be added and included. Rachael will be consulted and it may take a month or two to develop these maps.

- Mike Tomlin at Cornell has been contacted about helping with the development of cultural resource maps and inventories.
- Joe requested that all subcommittee chairs email their documentation to jt_shepp@icloud.com
- Discussion occurred revolving around the new pipeline coming through the area.
 - The concern was about easements and the running of the pipe running through property.

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 10, 2014 @ 7:00pm Lansing Town Hall Board Room

Meeting Adjourned By Mike Long, AICP, Planning Consultant at 8:58 pm.

Prepared by Joseph Sheppard