

Wood County Planning Commission
February 5, 2008 @ 5:30pm

The Wood County Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at the County Office Building in Bowling Green. Planning Commission members in attendance were: Anthony Allion, Tim Brown, John Brossia, Jim Carter, Raymond Huber, Richard Kohring, Alvie Perkins, and Leslee Thompson. Planning Commission staff in attendance was: David Steiner, Kelly Hemminger, and Cheryl Riffner. In addition to Planning Commission members and staff, 3 guests were present.

Vice Chairman Kohring called the meeting to order. Upon calling the meeting to order, Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the January 2008 Planning Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion and Commission members responded in full support.

New Business:

WOOD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

The final draft version of the updated Wood County Comprehensive Land Use Plan narrative and map were presented to the Planning Commission members for review and approval. The updated plan was the end result of approximately two years of work by the Planning Commission staff, Poggemeyer Design Group, and a Steering Committee that had been organized for the update process. The final draft version of the plan had undergone open public review, including two open houses that the public had been invited to review and make comments regarding the plan.

Mr. Steiner began his review and discussion and stated that an official motion needed to be made on the updated Wood County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Mr. Steiner reported that once a motion was passed to approve the plan, it would then be passed onto the Wood County Commissioners for approval. At that time, the plan would become the official Wood County Comprehensive Land Use Plan of record.

When the item was turned over to the Planning Commission members for review and comment, Mr. Brown questioned if there were any areas that surprised Mr. Steiner. Mr. Steiner stated that he was surprised to see how many villages had gotten utilities. Mr. Steiner reported that he was also surprised about the possible development of a rail yard near the Village of North Baltimore. Mr. Carter thanked the Planning Commission staff for all of their time and effort put into the plan, and made a motion to adopt the Wood County Comprehensive Plan and map. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Mr. Kohring stated that he had found a few minor grammatical errors that he would like to submit to the Planning Commission staff for review. There being no further discussion, the Commission members responded in full support.

ACTIVITIES REPORT *(December 2007 – January 2008)*

Mr. Steiner reported that the Wood County Comprehensive Land Use was nearing completion. Mr. Steiner reported that assistance was given to Webster, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Center and Jackson Townships regarding their zoning resolutions. Mr. Steiner reported that the FY06 Village of Bradner project had been bid and reported

that work continued with the FY07 Wood County Health Department and the Northwestern Water and Sewer District projects. Mr. Steiner reported that the Fy06 Village of Luckey project was nearing the bidding phase. Mr. Steiner reported that the annual Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) meeting had been set for March 12, 2008 and stated that all necessary reporting forms had been mailed to the active Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area holders. Mr. Steiner stated that a seminar on Conservation Subdivisions had been held January 16, 2008. Mr. Steiner concluded his report by noting that 23 parcel splits and six parcel combinations had been completed and stated that 12 rural address locations had been issued.

Director's Time:

Mr. Steiner reported that he had been working on the ranking sheet and stated that he was having problems making it work. Mr. Steiner reported that he would like to get suggestions from the Planning Commission members regarding the ranking sheet. Mr. Brossia suggested using the ranking sheet as a guidance tool for the FY08 CDBG project selection. Mr. Huber questioned how other counties in Ohio were selecting their projects. Mr. Steiner stated that the project selection varied across the state of Ohio. Mr. Steiner reported that some counties had a ranking sheet in place while others turned the project selection over to the County Commissioners. Mr. Huber questioned why the selection process was not universal across the state. Mr. Steiner reported that the state has always given discretion to the counties on their selection process. Commission members decided to use the ranking sheet as a guidance tool only.

Mr. Steiner reported that the next Planning Commission meeting would be held on March 4, 2008 at 5:30p.m.

There being no further discussion, the meeting stood adjourned with a motion from Mr. Allion. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion with Commission members responding in full support.