

Columbiana County Land Use Task Force Steering Committee
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In attendance: Carol Bretz, Tom Butch, Joan Emerson, Cynthia Koonce, Gloria Mathews, Ernie Oelker, Betty Sekula and Sam Tritton

Housekeeping Items: Tom called the meeting to order and Gloria suggested that we get a large county map dry-mounted for use at the public meetings. Carol will get Ernie copies of the ODOD Columbiana County Profile for members. Carol shared data from George Zeller on income and job loss in the county. Betty showed members the maps that Enser's Printing will do for the Task Force for less than \$100. The consensus was to go ahead and order the maps. Betty also passed out copies of handouts from Stuart Meck who gave a presentation on planning and land use to the Mahoning County Extension Office staff.

June 20th Meeting: Members discussed the June 20th meeting and the resulting news article and its many incorrect statements. Tom thanked the members of the Steering Committee who stood up and introduced themselves and gave some personal information. Ernie noted that when we were through, the whole tone of the meeting changed and became more positive.

Farmland Preservation Program: Ernie passed out the news release on the last round of Ohio Farmland Preservation grants. Only one grant came to northeast Ohio and that was in Trumbull County. Ernie reminded us that without a land use plan in place Columbiana County farmers can't apply for the program.

Land Use Plan Procedural Discussion: Ernie passed out the Summary List from Carroll County's plan for us to review and showed us a copy of the Carroll County Comprehensive Planning Committee Resource Book for us to review. Ernie thinks we should do something like this for our Task Force. All were in agreement on the matter.

Ernie also said we need to look through the 1968 Columbiana County plan and compare with the 1996 YSU plan and then compare with the Carroll County plan. Discussion ensued. Cynthia asked who is finally going to write this thing? Ernie noted that in Carroll County each work group wrote its own section then the Extension Office staff edited all the sections and "smoothed" them out to read well. Betty reminded us that we have said that the Townships will drive the plan and she favors the township format to write the plan. "We must make sure the individuality of the townships are reflected in the plan", said Betty.

Other Plans: Carol asked where the Little Beaver Creek EPA Section 318 grant Watershed Action Plan fit into the land use plan. Discussion ensued about the probable existence of other plans such as a plan for the long range development of the Greenway and County Park System as well as the segment of the North Country Trail that goes through Columbiana County. The general concensus was that these documents, should they exist, be appended to the plan as additional reference materials. Carol will bring copies of the WAP to the next meeting for members to review.

Surveys: In a final item of business discussion took place about the procedure for mailing and distributing the surveys. Betty agreed to take responsibility for getting surveys mailed to precinct committee chairs throughout the county as well as the Chambers of Commerce and other entities we identify.

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes: CFB