

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING  
August 16, 2023

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: DeYoung, Keaton, Steelman, Vollmuth, Wroubel

Absent: Jacobson

Also in attendance: ROS members: Peltonen and McElwee

Planner Mielnik and Recording Secretary MacLean

Two on Zoom at the beginning of the meeting.

Set / Adjust Agenda:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Special Meeting Business:

1. ROS additional member (s) Discussion (Lois to post to PC website page) Verbiage: Attention Whitewater Township Residents we need your help. Please consider . . . (will get verbiage from Rachel)
2. Master Plan update, survey results. There are some discrepancies in the "Default Report". The number one question starts as Q2. Discussion regarding input back to Networks Northwest. Need a professional report. Number pages.  
Request separate reports, such as the answers separated by quadrant.  
Full time residents vs renters vs seasonal residents  
Will get the raw data in spreadsheet form. Need one good report.

Tom McElwee – we need a clean professional report. Excel / spreadsheet will allow for the PC to create a wide variety of different options using the Sort By option.

3. Community engagement workshop planning and prep. Will need to determine what the six stations will be. Date: 9/28/2023 at Mill Creek if LIAA Barry Hicks is available, alternative date is 10/5/2023. Who can get in before 4 p.m.-parents only? How will that impact getting things set up for a 4 p.m. start? ROS and PC members to cover the stations plus Randy and two from LIAA. Discussion regarding the Board participating covering a station. Consensus to NOT have the Board participating in covering stations.

Significantly more older residents responded to the survey. Will need to pull in more young people for their input at the workshops. Discussion ensued regarding contacting the high school seniors (what are they planning to do and why are they planning to leave) and parents of school age children. People come back to their community and community activities can help draw them back.

Looking for actual solutions.

Will be seeking input from residents regarding the Township goals. Randy supplied the 2015 existing goals.

What are we doing right? What are we doing wrong? What can we do to address the issue presented?

Refreshments: water, cookie, granola bars, etc.

4. Budget: Zoning update was not included in the budget which is approximately \$9,000 plus the additional contract expense for LIAA. Will need to request a budget amendment. Discussion ensued. Will put in a request for \$25,000 for professional services and estimating 17 meetings to come for the fiscal year.
5. ROS Plans / Duties / Next meetings 8/24/2023 9 a.m. workshop topics, who is doing what, time, flyer, exit survey, refreshments. Randy contacting NN regarding the survey concerns and would like it back by the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Consensus that Randy is the contact person with LIAA.

6. Anything else related to the MP project: nothing additional

ROS Special meeting August 24 at 9 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting September 6, 2023, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Commission Discussion/Comments: Carl noted that he appreciates all the efforts that has gone into this and the work the team is doing!

Adjournment: 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lois MacLean,  
Recording Secretary