

Dover Borough/Dover Township

Joint Comprehensive Plan

Non-Profit Group Meeting

January 16, 2019

Representatives of the following Non-Profit Groups attended a meeting on the Joint Comprehensive Plan: Heritage Senior Center (Emma Crossley and Jay Mummert); Greater Dover Historical Society (Kay Stitley and Richard Pope); YMCA (Jennifer Hockensmith); Dover Dollars for Scholars (Oona Raffensberger); Orange Mite Studios (Cindy Snyder); and Weiglestown Lions Club (Clair and Shirley Starner, David Boyer). Also, present were consultant Tim Staub, HRG, Cindy Snyder representing Dover Borough and Laurel Oswalt representing Dover Township.

Welcomes and Introductions were provided by Laurel Oswalt and Cindy Snyder. Ms. Oswalt informed that group that this was a joint plan between the Borough and Township for the next 10 years of growth and to establish priorities for the communities. Ms. Oswalt stated that their organizations are excited about the process and hearing what other organizations and groups, as well as the community as whole would like to see. Several breakout sessions are being held with Athletics, Non-Profits, Emergency Services, Businesses and HOA's, before public meetings are held.

Tim Staub discussed what a Comprehensive Plan is and how it has changed over the years. Municipalities conduct Comprehensive Plans approximately every ten years. In the past these documents have been large and filled with facts and demographics. They were often used to determine growth areas and changes in Zoning regulations. Today's versions are being labeled as Implementable. The goal of these plans is to focus on projects, partnerships, funding, etc. so that true progress is made in seeing the vision developed into tangible projects.

Those present were asked to provide what they thought were *Strengths* of their organizations. The list was as follows:

1. Growing population of retired and elderly in York County. (Senior Center)
2. Programming, Meal, keeping the elderly in their homes. (Senior Center)
3. Senior Members at the YMCA. (YMCA)
4. Childcare provider before/after/during school. (YMCA)
5. School Age Population Growing. (YMCA)
6. Invested money; growth and maintaining funds. (Dollars for Scholars)
7. Growing Student Population. (Dollars for Scholars)
8. Communicate history-membership dwindling/aging; need to involve youth. (Greater Dover Historical Society)
9. Share history with youth and keep their interest. (Greater Dover Historical Society)
10. To serve more people's needs. (Lions)

11. Service-eye screening, diabetic screenings. (Lions)
12. Youth needs in the Community. (Lions)
13. Move from fundraising to service with aging membership-help from other is needed to meet goals which could lead to membership. (Lions)
14. Social/physical/emotional outreach New Hope and Cancer Society. (Senior Center)
15. Open to other partnerships. (Senior Center)
16. Satellites locations in Dillsburg/Lewisberry. (YMCA)
17. Chronic Disease; weight loss programs. (YMCA)
18. Developed Care and Share-Collect Paper Goods for Food Bank. (Greater Dover Historical Society).
19. Support Senior Center equipment requests, scouts, sports, Fire Departments, Ambulance Club, services for the blind. (Lions)
20. Focus on areas other than sports. (Orange Mite)

The next part of the discussion focused on Opportunities that the organizations could work on to improve services and work together. Suggestions and their rankings were as follows:

! -Most crucial

\$ -Financial Aid

👤 -Volunteer Time

1. Involve the younger generation. (Lions) 👤 !!!
2. Getting more interest in Volunteering. (Lions) 👤 !!!!!!!
3. Not meeting in the area, moved to provide a meal to membership, private room needed. (Lions)!
4. Change requirements-affiliate to serve-not full-time member. (Lions)
5. Place to store/display archives as archives grow. (Greater Dover Historical Society) 👤 !!!\$
6. Make public more aware of scholarships to reach more students. (Dollars for Scholars) \$\$\$\$\$\$
7. Space limited for classes and parking. (YMCA)
8. Larger space to accommodate large groups. (Senior Center) \$\$\$ 👤 👤 👤 👤
9. Get the word out about the location and services. ! 👤 👤 👤 👤 👤
10. Membership. !!! 👤 👤 👤
11. More donations. \$\$\$\$\$\$ 👤 👤 👤 👤 👤 👤
12. Scholarships for memberships-getting the word out. \$ 👤
13. Funding. !! \$\$\$\$\$\$ 👤 👤 👤 👤 👤

14. Public awareness. !!!!!!! \$\$\$ 🙏

The next part of the discussion was to describe the Dover Community in one or two words as it exists to them. The list included: Home, Tight, Growing, More Business (open), Car Lots, Traffic, Taxes, Intelligent Design, Schools (Washington Township), History, Restoration of Trolley Trail, Charm (Parks), Rental Properties, Dover Doug, and Strong Non-Profit Groups.

Mr. Staub asked the group to list where they would like to see the Dover Community in 10 years. The list that was developed included: Encouraged Business (Lodging Facilities), Insure historic structures, All Season's Sports Center, Improved traffic, 55 plus housing, Infrastructure, Amenities, Urgent Care, Keep the country "feel", Another Fast Food place, and Opportunity to work the Dover Area School District.

The final part of the discussion asked the group to consider any spaces in the community to be Sacred or Untouchable. The list developed consisted of the Carousel Building at Brookside Park, Log House, Lecrone House, Cigar Factory, Baughman's Memorials, Churches, parks, Dover Jail, Blacksmith Shop, YMCA, and farmland.

In closing the group was encouraged to review what was discussed with their Boards and provide a copy of a flyer about the upcoming meetings on the Comprehensive Plan to their contacts within the organization to ensure that ample community engagement is realized.