

Dover Borough/Dover Township

Joint Comprehensive Plan

Leadership Committee Meeting

March 5, 2018

The Leadership Committee for the Joint Comprehensive Plan met for the third time on March 5th at 6 PM in the Dover Township Municipal Building. Members in attendance were Nicole Gallup, Mike Hoffman, Eric Harlacher, Mike Curley, Cindy Snyder, Charlie Rauhauser, John Baranski, John McLucas, Laurel Oswalt and Linford Bledsoe.

Tim Staub, Planning Consultant, provided a project update to the committee, which included reviewing the status schedule. The project is considered completely through the Awareness phase, since the first Public Meeting was held in February. Additionally, a meeting with the Business Focus Group was held to gather their input. The Project is now fully into the Problems and Possibilities Phase where the committee needs to take the items that were mentioned in the group meetings and at the Kick Off Meeting and determine the areas of focus. There are also some key interviews with some Borough representatives to finalize.

After reviewing the schedule, time was spent allowing the Leadership Committee to discuss what they heard at the Kick Off Meeting. One key topic was the development of an indoor recreational facility for sports groups. Some time was spent on discussing this concept and its feasibility. This concept will likely take more time and funding than the plan may allow but should still be investigated with the committee. Private investment, ownership and operation are possibilities that could expedite this process.

Mr. Staub had the group participate in a ice breaker activity using the We Connect cards. This time the group was divided in two and then given several cards. Each person in the group had to answer each question. The focus was on listening and completing the task quickly.

Next, Mr. Staub took the two groups he created and separated them into two rooms. He then asked the groups to look at the 433 comments that were collected at the Public Kick Off Meeting. The groups were to see if they could group the comments in to 5 to 8 subject areas. The subject areas developed are detailed below.

Group 1

Economic Development (Business, Urgent Care)

Education (School/Library)

Recreation

Shared Resources (Information, emergency services

Code enforcement, services)

Resident Involvement

Group 2

Recreation Facilities/Activities

Aesthetics (Rebrand i.e. 74)

Small Town Rural Culture

Infrastructure

Economic Development

Resident Involvement-volunteerism, community outreach

Regional working together

Farmland/Historic Preservation

Communication

Adequate Housing

When the groups were pulled back together, they looked at the two lists and were asked how the two lists compared. Tim Staub helped the group take the two list and combine them into 8 subject areas as follows:

1. Recreation Facilities/Activities
2. Economic Development
3. Shared Resources
4. Community Preservation-(Farmland, History, Small Town)
5. Community Involvement and Communication
6. Education
7. Infrastructure
8. Housing

The remaining discussion with the group was focused on which of these topics areas the Leadership Committee felt that more information was necessary to gain a better of understanding. Suggestions included the School District (Superintendent and Director of Operations), the York County Economic Alliance/PA Department of Economic Development/Down Town Inc, other communities with indoor recreational facilities, and Emergency Service Providers. Tim Staub will organize having these groups attend future meetings of the Leadership Committee.