

Dover Borough/Dover Township

Joint Comprehensive Plan

Leadership Committee Meeting

April 2, 2018

The Leadership Committee for the Joint Comprehensive Plan met for the fourth time on April 2nd at 6 PM in the Dover Township Municipal Building. Members in attendance were Mike Hoffman, Eric Harlacher, Mike Curley, Cindy Snyder, Chuck Richards, Anne Walko, Charlie Rauhauser, John McLucas, Laurel Oswalt and Linford Bledsoe.

Tim Staub, Planning Consultant, provided videos to review and get the committee thinking about the many suggestions that have been made through the Kick Off Meeting and Group Meetings held through the last few months. The videos were on the subjects of the Decrease in Volunteer Firefighters, Aging in Place, the York Exponential, School to Table Farming, and the Price of Youth Sports. These videos will be made available on the project website for the public's viewing and reference of the committee members as we try to think through developing strategies for the Comp Plan's focus areas: Infrastructure, Shared Resources, Economic Development, Recreation Facilities/Activities, Community Involvement and Communication, Education and Housing.

The committee was broken into three groups to try to develop strategies for the topics of Infrastructure, Shared Resources, and Economic Development. After about 25 minutes of discussion, the groups reported on their work. The items developed included the following:

Infrastructure:

1. Continue to move forward the plan to re-route Canal Road to Route 74 with limited access.
2. Encourage the use of alternate energy.
3. Extend public water and sewer north, beyond the Borough.
4. Commercial should be required to install curbs and sidewalks.
5. develop policy guidelines concerning road improvements/widening/curbs; implement consistently.
6. Advocate with PENNDOT for priority repair to Dover bridges.
7. Map electric capacity and projected demands for the next 15 years.
8. Rabbit Transit reconsider routes to the Dover area.
9. Encourage Uber/Lyft for senior residents.
10. Strategy for carving out parking for commercial (works well with sidewalks).

Economic Development:

1. Business Association.
2. Business Attraction and Retention.

3. Applicable Zoning for Business Attraction and Retention.
4. Transportation Plans to support business.
5. Work Force Development.
6. Collaboration-Economic Alliance, Downtown, Inc. for business attraction and revitalization
7. Enhance quality of life through recreational opportunity and marketability of the area; community aesthetics.

Shared Resources:

Develop regional committees in the areas of

1. Emergency Services.
2. Non-Profits.
3. Athletics. (Joint Recreation Board).
4. Local Government. (Dover Borough, Township and Dover Area School District).

Tim Staub informed the group that they needed to use the time during these meetings affectively to ensure that idea development continues to move forward. The project needs to remain on time and within scope and can only do so if everyone is prepared to have meaningful discussions on the topics at hand.

Tim Staub instructed the committee that their homework for the next month was to work on their individual suggestions for strategies to be placed under each of the eight topic areas. The group must come prepared for the next Board meeting so that these items can be discussed. These strategies will then be used during the Public Spring Symposium Meetings in May.