

Meeting Minutes for:
Land Use Subcommittee

Date: March 19, 2009

Attendees: Dale Turney, Subcommittee Chairman; David Payne, Subcommittee Vice Chairman; Paul Maurer; Robert Overton; John Shell; Rowana Umbarger; Bill Walker; Pat S.

Introduction of the members:

Each member of the subcommittee introduced themselves by name and where they live

Vision of the Committee:

Dale read a statement and shared the task of the committee set forth by Greenwood and Whiteriver Township.

There was discussion of how Zionsville's experience could be used as a model with the understanding that not all of the concerns of the citizens of Greenwood and WR township were addressed by the only merger that has taken place in Indiana.

There was discussion of the recent request of citizens in the township to be annexed by Bargersville and how this annexation could not be taken into consideration by the committee. The task of the committee is to apply to the entire political entity.

There was discussion of the overlapping issues between subcommittees. We recognized that several issues that were being considered by our subcommittee might be better addressed by another subcommittee. The chairman and vice chairman will be coordinating overlapping issues by meeting with the committee and assigning tasks and bringing questions between the subcommittees.

There was much discussion about reaching out to those citizens that have requested annexation to evaluate the possibility of becoming part of Greenwood. At this point there is no way to evaluate the final rules and impact on their properties in becoming part of Greenwood.

There was discussion concerning the creation of council representation of those farming. There is consideration being given to drawing political representation boundaries in such a way as to have one representative for farmers. The committee is asking the farmers to participate in the process to make their best deal.

Tasks assigned to members:

Bill and Paul- collection of WR Township and Greenwood maps, collection of ordinances for unincorporated WR Township and Greenwood, Collection of Roles and Responsibilities of Greenwood and Johnson County Planning and Zoning departments

Bill and Rowana- communicate with the farmers in the community to qualify the reasoning for not waiting for the process of merger evaluation to take place, communicate the commitment of the committee to protect the freedoms of the farmers to farm. Bill and Rowana will compile the issues the farmers feel are important to them in this process.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2009 @ 7:00 PM; Whiteriver Library- unless otherwise notified