

## Meeting Minutes for: Land Use Subcommittee

Date: March 26, 2009

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:  
March 19, 2009- approved by all members.

### Update for member activity:

Paul Maurer visited the County Planning and Zoning Office and brought back large White River Township maps of- Zoning, Fire Department Jurisdictions, Ariel Photography, and Land Use. Paul will attempt to get smaller format maps for the use of the subcommittee and committee.

Paul Maurer obtained a copy of the County Zoning Ordinance from the County Planning and Zoning Office. Copies of the ordinance covering zoning classifications were distributed to the members.

Paul Maurer printed the Greenwood Municipal Code Chapter 10 - Planning, Zoning and Development. Copies of the code were distributed to the members.

Robert Overton reported that he was attempting to contact the home owner associations of Whiteriver Township in order to have conversations concerning wish list, best deal, or expectations. The members offered a couple of possible sources from obtaining lists of the associations.

Rowana Umbarger and Bill Walker discussed their approach to contacting those living in the rural areas of the county. The members discussed having large and small group meetings, inviting those citizens to the subcommittee meeting to observe the process, and each member making a trip to the southwest corner of the township before the next meeting.

### Discussions of the Committee:

Bill Walker lead a discussion concerning the one solution option and the possibility of the rural/ agricultural areas being left out of the merger. Rowana Umbarger asked about the possibility of Bargsville joining the study now in order to provide an option of expansion of Bargsville. Pat Sherman instructed the subcommittee that the intent of the reorganization was to provide a single political entity solution for the merger of Whiteriver Township and the Town of Greenwood.

There was discussion on definition of a "farm" and "agricultural use". Would the definition be based on the current use? Could a single residence on a large property which was not used for a farming activity be classified as a farm?

There was discussion about the use of land within a district for purposes other than the assigned district "use".

There was discussion of overlaying the Flood Plain and properties involved in the flood buy-out program for locating public parks, spaces, and greenways.

Dale Tumey wanted to start the discussion of defining the line between a rural district (area) and the urban district (area). The members agreed that it was too early to locate the line. There was discussion concerning the use of streets, railroad, or natural features as district lines. The members agreed that districts should be in large portions and not be drawn to specifically include or exclude one or more property uses or owners.

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Tasks assigned to members:

The members of the subcommittee were asked to read IC 36-15.2 to gain a better understanding of the Indiana Law.

The members of the subcommittee were asked to review the zoning documents distributed tonight for future considerations.

The members of the subcommittee were asked to read a copy of the Zionsville Merger Plan for future consideration.

Bill Walker and Rowana Umbarger will continue to talk with and meet with the citizens of the rural community.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2009 @ 7:00 PM; Whiteriver Library- unless otherwise notified.

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