

Meeting Minutes for:**Land Use Subcommittee**

Date: May 7, 2009

Attendees: Dale Tumey, Subcommittee Chairman; Paul Reed, Subcommittee Vice Chairman; Paul Maurer; Robert Overton; John Shell; Rowana Umbarger; Bill Walker; Pat Sherman; and William Weisman, representative to the finance subcommittee; Don Hanlin of the Governance Subcommittee; Bill Heller, citizen of the community; Jason White of the Daily Journal; and Brent Corey of the Greenwood City Council

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

April 16, 2009 minutes- approved without exception- approved by all members

Purpose of the Meeting:

Review the location of the district line for agricultural use; review the use of property within the current city limits and outside of the agricultural district that is used for "farming"; and review the resolution passed by the Whiteriver Trustees at their meeting this week.

Dale and Rowana attended the Whiteriver Township trustee's monthly meeting. They explained to the group that the trustees had passed a resolution to have the merger committee also include the possibility of only merging that portion of the township above Whiteland Road with Greenwood. The resolution has to be matched by the City of Greenwood before it becomes a directive to the merger committee. We will proceed with the work we are doing as specified by the merger committee until further notice.

Dale and Pat Sherman explained that the issue of which action (merger study or Bargersville annexation) has first priority will have to be resolved by a judge and that the answer was certainly not expected in the near future. We will proceed with the work we are doing as specified by the merger committee until further notice.

Bill Weisman introduced himself and explained his position as representative to the finance subcommittee and told us that the committee had been given use of a powerful data base that would allow the committee quick answers to questions of property values and population for the purposes of defining district lines.

Paul Maurer asked if the merger committee could get a graphic file of Whiteriver and Pleasant Townships for the purpose of drawing lines and areas electronically. Pat Sherman will request the information.

Pat Sherman explained that the committee had made the determination that the merger study would absolutely create at least two multiple service level areas and that the districting line for the agricultural district was the first of such lines of distinction.

Discussion among the members:

The annexation of the most recent land surrounded by the City of Greenwood is scheduled to become effective in 2010.

It is the intent of the subcommittee that the benefits granted to the land owners outside the current city limits being considered in the merger would be extended to those land owners who are using the properties inside the city limits.

The members of the subcommittee are to consider the definition of "farming" and "agricultural use" for discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

The population of the township south of Whiteland Road is approximately 1400.

There are currently pockets of unincorporated Whiteriver Township surrounded by the Town of Bargersville. According to the current merger plans direction these pockets of unincorporated township will be part of the merger with the City of Greenwood.

The Reorganization will not eliminate the township tax but will eliminate White River Township government. The cost to provide the Township services will continue to be a tax on the Township, however, the services will be provided by the New Community which will span two townships. Only the residents living within White River Township will pay the WRT tax since Pleasant Township residents living within the New Community will pay their own Township tax to Pleasant Township.

Follow-up items for subcommittee members:

All of the members are to research the definition of "farming" and "agricultural use" for the purpose of application of the level of service and permitted land use of the new community.

Robert Overton to attend the Board of Zoning Appeals for greenwood to observe and talk to the members of the board. The May 11, 2009 meeting has been cancelled- no new business to be considered.

Next Meeting:

May 12, 2009 at the White River Library at 6:30 PM. This meeting has been cancelled because the meeting room is not available. Dale has rescheduled for May 21, 2009 following the next regularly scheduled meeting of the merger committee.

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