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Meeting

Etna Township Special Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held	July 28th,	2008
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The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Monday July 28th, 2008 at the Etna Vineyard Church, 9286 York Road for the purpose of conducting a special meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Knapp. Trent Stepp led the prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call showed Jeff Johnson, Paul George, Dick Knapp, and Tina Taylor present.

Paul George moved to adopt the agenda. Jeff Johnson seconded and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Dick Knapp explained the purpose of the meeting this evening was to meet with the steering committee and Chris Harkness, Zoning Administrator. The township has started to work with Licking County Planning Commission to work on the Comprehensive Plan for Etna Township.

Rick Cox, Claudette VanDyne, Dee Dunlap, Bill Wright, Nolan Leatherman, Mike Kerner were present from the steering committee along with Sandy Maple from LCATS, Nancy Reader from MORPC, Ryan Edwards and Jim Lenner from Licking County Planning Commission.

Chris Harkness provided a review of how the township got to where they are today. In Early 2007 the Trustees contracted with MSI to develop a 310 Corridor Plan. A steering committee was formed that met monthly with MSI from March to June. In July of 2007 the plan was presented. The Trustees sent out a questionnaire for general public feedback.

Chris Harkness reviewed the current plan discussing land use; transportation typologies and by-passes; and general business districts and retail nodes.

Chris Harkness asked for feedback from the steering committee on whether this plan looked like what they expected to see given their guidance and direction from MSI.

It was suggested to move the east bypass down south of Interstate 70. It would be less confusing. It was suggested to obtain ODOT's opinion. It was stated that it would be creating problems for ODOT. ODOT will not pay for a road that is not a state route. Etna Township would have to pay for it. There are some funds from Licking County Engineers, State Infrastructure State Loan, money from JEDZ are options. There are some benefits for residential use. MORPC works with ODOT but they do not have the resources. There was discussion on a feasibility study done by the Licking County Commissioners to find the cost for another interchange. They also did a study fifteen years ago regarding an interchange.

What can Etna Township get out of the MSI Study to maintain life in Etna? It was discussed to incorporate the good ideas of the study and meld it into the comprehensive plan. It would also need to mesh with the MORPC 310 plan for this to work. The comprehensive plan is a year to eighteen months away.

The adoption of this plan is not a quick fix. This plan will allow for guidance for the Zoning Commission and Trustees in regards to rezoning properties. This will not change any of the current zoning or zoning restrictions.

There were discussion on the residential development proposed on State Route 310 with the traffic and schools.

What is the next step for the township in determining the good points of the plan? It was discussed taking the good points out of the study and put them in the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan or the 310 corridor plan would be tools to help the township. The Zoning Resolution is the law or rules. The Planned Unit Development text the Zoning Commission has been working on is forthcoming. There are some members from the 310 steering committee on the comprehensive plan committee. The kick off for the comprehensive plan is August 19th and the public is welcome.

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Dick Knapp stated the Board of Trustees will discuss the information from this meeting and work with Licking County Planning, MORPC, and LCATS to pull the pieces out of the plan that will work for the township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Burkholder 254 Trail East believes the study should be adopted immediately. There is no protection on 310. The township has spent the money on the plan and wants it adopted. Did not feel the interchange is going to happen.

Mark Schaff 7461 National Road stated it would be a mistake to adopt the plan. Had concerns with the big box area by the school and supports the current boards approach.

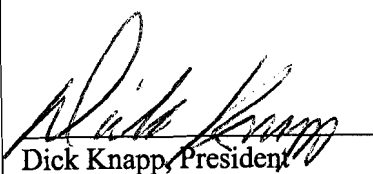
Gil Guttentag 76 Runkle did not feel the township could wait a year to a year ½ with the development that is going to break loose. He stated to adopt all or part of the plan and to get working on the ordinance.

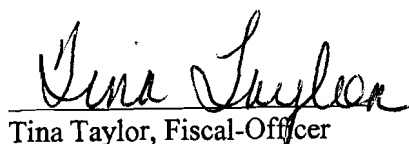
Trent Stepp 319 Trail East stated the Zoning Commission needs the tools and this study is a tool. He suggested that the township get with the land owners north of 40 on 310 to see what they want to do with their properties. Without a new plan the commission will have to rely on the current comprehensive plan. Also wanted to know what the community wanted old Etna to look like.

Phillip Smith 2324 Aschinger Blvd, Columbus Ohio with ProLogis discussed the interchange study. There are good things in this plan that would work.

Neil Ingle 71 Trail East stated there are lots of pros and cons to the plan and they need to get it done and not to come back in July 2009. Did not feel we had a year to wait to adopt the plan.

Paul George moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Jeff Johnson seconded and the vote in favor was unanimous.


Dick Knapp, President


Tina Taylor, Fiscal-Officer