

Discussion on whether there is a need to revise comprehensive plan. What is the twp trying to achieve? Where does twp want to go? Meeting is to guide PC and BOS through planning process and then agree on goals.

BC feels that Springfield has accommodated more growth than other Palisades School district twps. Recession did hit but now things seem to be improving. Feels we should do a study of other municipalities and how they experienced g/managed growth and how it affects commercial business. We need hard info and facts about. If we are to have high density development on route 309- we need infrastructure. Residents would benefit if they could get broadband internet in our twp. Feels park/rec linkages and greenways should be in comprehensive plan; folks should be able to travel by bike or on foot safely. We may be park space and passive recreation if there are large developments.

BF- there is a delicate balance for growth; a critical mass of new people can result in demand for more services- hence a snowball effect with unintended consequences. Growth may improve some tax revenue, but fears the opposite often happens and services need to expand. ***In the past ordinances were able to somewhat control growth- but actually now feels that it is our property owners that control it by not selling their property or being selective who they sell to.*** Our twp does not want to discourage residents and make them want to sell- but instead – keep them happy so they stay here. If twp invests in infrastructure- we may not reap any benefits for 5 or 6 years. He is happy with provided services. Relations between Silver Creek AA and twp should be open.

CR-there has only been little growth on route 309; and very little change elsewhere in twpgrowth has been controlled since 1979. He is in favor of controlled growth also. Fire/EMS will continue to need revenue. Township has a great workforce.

SD- we have a great quality of life here and beautiful resources. Seems to be a consensus that twp may need some help in moving forward. Discussed having a balanced portfolio and our 50 percent RE tax increase. Services and revenue are tied together and would want to spend more money to keep services we have. We cannot predict how often we'll need to replace equipment

RZ township has not really had much change; there should be specific spots for growth (perhaps offices) and we should keep it in 309 corridor. One quarter of Springfield's land is preserved but we also need tax dollars.

KB- Would it be better to have a "per capita" tax?

Is there a way to tax land owners who have primary residence out of the township (they have a summer or 2<sup>nd</sup> home in our twp) Are people willing to give donations to the township and get a tax write off? This would be voluntary but not a dependable source of income. This would be a survey/questionnaire question. Does not favor any preserving of properties on 309 corridor.

DL- Should we leave things the way they are if the twp can afford to- but residents will be paying more to maintain services. Do we pursue business and infrastructure? We have preserved land to control growth- twp has about 30 desirable parcels left totaling approx. 750 acres. (to compare – Toll brothers look for 100-150 acres minimum to develop) Thinks volunteerism may be going down and some municipalities may be forced to regionalize. Should we begin discussions with other municipalities? 750 acres in OSC queue to be preserved; not much prime land left for preserving

VO had noticed Springtown has become more commercial since '72; and agrees that we should look at other twp's efforts to improve quality of life- but do we want to fund this research? Can we consolidate our effort with other twps.? Has concerns about Cook's Creek watershed runoff problems; despite our efforts at curbing- it is still bad. Feels we should maintain the watershed protect the watershed and open space. Thinks Springtown can be "spruced up" with a grocery store, sidewalks etc.. We should pay down any twp debt, but will we have to cut back on reserve funds? Is ok with twp taking out low interest loans, buying equipment from general fund. Part time police may be ok too. Feels we should simplify the process for those who build or develop.

Revenue- We currently fund: police, EMS, fire dept., and our roads. Police pension is 80% funded. Capital replacement fund should be about 1.8 million. Twp already has a local services tax.

Open space preservation- consensus to keep preserving open space- BC wants more info on viable agriculture and twp should preserve aggressively as long as possible; KB feels we have done an exceptional job, but we should not float another bond and need to focus on building revenue now. Feels we may have "shot ourselves in foot" by holding the line on tax increases for preserved properties; all the rest of the taxpayers have to foot the bill for their lack of increase.

Regulation and resources- SD noted that our watershed is stressed; we are losing groundwater and there are stormwater runoff issues. BC noted a change in precipitation patterns and runoff; buffers are important. RZ feels we are on the higher/stricter end of regulating, it may be heavy handed and favors nuclear option where everyone is treated equally. DL questions if we overregulate; we need to look at cumulative impact and take the long view of the big picture.

Consensus In favor of codifying ordinances in the future; but our ordinances are hard to wade through. We may have to hire a few people to do so. BC feels we need to make documents more accessible.

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