June 20, 2024 Steering Committee Meeting Analysis

At the June 20, 2024 Steering Committee meeting, 8 members attended the meeting with the primary input piece looking at future land use in the Activity Center. The existing zoning of the West Activity Center, Hamlet Center, and North Activity Center was discussed amongst the members. They were then asked if there were any parcels or areas where there could be change, whether it be a zoning district change or increased density.

Attending members shared concerns with a range of issues such as the lack of water and sewer infrastructure, increased traffic resulting from increased density, impact on the environment, and loss of the existing rural character. It was discussed that the existing zoning districts should remain as they are in the future until there are infrastructure (water, sewer, road) improvements that would facilitate increased density.

Members were then given a list of fifteen (15) strategy themes and asked to rank their top ten (10) to help prioritize and further refine the strategies. The six responses that were submitted were primarily differing which created conflicts when considering priority. The responses did have some common themes such as traffic calming measures, building and landscaping design, and overlays ranked higher. There was also support given for increased moderate density residential and an outdoor plaza.

Lastly, there was a stick dot response sheet with updated goals and objectives and strategies for members to consider support for or against. There were also three open ended questions for response which can be seen below.

Updated Considerations for Goals and Objectives, Strategies	Supported	Not Supported
UPDATE Housing Goal: Maintain the existing zoning districts in the West Activity Center and Hamlet Center, and allow increased Moderate Density Residential in the North Activity Center	-	3
UPDATE Objective: Adjust Village Center Planned Unit Development to encourage more mixed-use development.		4
UPDATE Objective: Allow for increased moderate density residential district in the North Activity Center	-	-

UPDATE Objective: Support a public transit route with stops through the Activity Centers.	2	
UPDATE Objective: Host a seasonal farmers market in the West Activity Cente.	3	2
UPDATE Strategy: Build an outdoor plaza for community events and gathering in the North Activity Center	2	1
Comments, please specify:		

Q: If a public transit bus route ran through the Activity Centers, where could bus stops be considered within the centers?

Responses:

No responses

Q: Zone plan considerations for the Planning Commission include reducing the minimum commercial square footage and developing specific design and landscaping standards.

Are there any additional revisions that the Planning Commission could consider with respect to the Activity Centers zoning?

Responses:

- 2 people noted support for reducing commercial square footage and design and landscape standards.
- Reduce square footage less than 5k, many townships have 3k

Q: Do you have any additional thoughts or comments related to the Activity Centers t share with the Planning Commission?

Responses:

- No responses