

**MEMORANDUM OF THE
CODE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 2, 2018 3:00 P.M.**

Brad Wolfe passed out a tentative agenda and welcomed the attendees. He reviewed some general rules for the meetings and discussed alternate committee members.

Nathan Bilger briefly reviewed the Planning Process and where the committee was at in the process.

Mr. Wolfe passed out copies of Part 3: Land Classification Plan of the 2011 Whitley County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wolfe led discussion regarding the purpose and reason for the Plan and the difference between the zoning map and the Land Classification map.

Mr. Wolfe continued the discussion addressing the reasoning for Land Classification. There was some discussion regarding new sewer systems throughout the county and the importance of the location of those systems when determining where new residential growth should be encouraged.

The point was made that taking into account the economics of growth and the effect on the county would be valuable to consider in the future for the Comprehensive Plan.

There was some discussion on what Whitley County's identity is and whether or not that identity is related and reflective of the source of the majority of income for the county. This included discussion on the importance of preserving agricultural ground and how much growth, if any, we want to accommodate as a county. A point was made that we as a county should be cautious not to prevent new future farming.

Mr. Bilger led a review and discussion of each of the Land Classifications from the Comprehensive Plan. There was some discussion of the term "hobby" farming and what it meant and it was noted that it would be a good idea to rename "hobby" farming for the Comprehensive Plan to prevent misunderstandings of what that really entails.

Mr. Bilger relayed that a tentative goal was to have a baseline code written to present at the April 18th Plan Commission meeting. He explained that he would like to have an initial draft for the Code Committee to discuss at the March 29th meeting, which is a Thursday due to the Good Friday Holiday. He reviewed the homework for the Committee to complete for the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4:40pm.

Attendance
March 2, 2018

Committee Members

1. Paul Mills (replacing Rita Harness)
2. Brad Wolfe
3. Ronda Salge
4. Patrick Murphy
5. Stanley Crum
6. John O'Connell
7. Brooks Langeloh
8. Jeffrey Johnson
9. Emily Studebaker
10. Pete Eshelman
11. Doug Wright
12. Joan Null
13. Cory Schipper
14. Scott Werstler
15. Brent Emerick (for Mark Johnson)

Other Attendees

1. Tim Dygert
2. John Meister
3. Denise Heckman
4. Nina Rodocker
5. Mike Mills
6. Geoff Graham
7. Dale Hinslea
8. Susan Lawrence
9. Lucas Wright

Staff Members

1. Nathan Bilger
2. Jennifer Shinabery
3. Scott Wagner