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Chippewa Township Newsletter

Chippewa Township Trustees

Chippewa Township Board of Trustees to update our Comprehensive Plan

Our current Comprehensive Plan was finalized in 2010. Comprehensive Plans should be reviewed every five to ten years. Reveille firm was hired in July. Reveille worked closely with Chippewa Township and Wayne County Departments on our current comprehensive plan. Steering Committee kickoff meeting was held on September 25, 2022. The next meeting will be a zoom meeting at the township office on Tuesday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a long-range plan intended to guide growth and development of a community or region. Under Ohio Revised Code Section 519.02, townships are advised to develop zoning "in accordance with a comprehensive plan". This Plan fills that role.

It includes analysis and recommendations for the community in many categories like population, housing, infrastructure such as roads and utilities, community facilities, economic development, and land use. It is based on public input, surveys, planning initiatives, existing development, physical characteristics, and social and economic conditions. The last time your community prepared a plan of this nature was in 2009, and the community leaders believed the time was right to update it. Chippewa Township has been guided by a Plan that was adopted in 2010, and the current leadership has determined that it is time to update it. Some of the areas and issues that the Plan will provide guidance to include:

- ⇒ Establishing general guidelines and locations for various land uses.
- ⇒ Prioritizing community improvements and coordinating the location and timing of infrastructure improvements and other physical improvements.
- ⇒ Providing residents with community services and facilities they most desire.
- \Rightarrow Improving areas hampered by limited investment.
- ⇒ Providing for the expansion of walking and biking facilities, and additional quality of life amenities.
- ⇒ Improving parks and public spaces to promote the health and well-being of multiple generations of citizens.
- ⇒ Supporting the growth and preservation that complements the township's unique sense of place.
- ⇒ Promoting intergovernmental cooperation with Doylestown, Marshallville, Rittman, Wayne County and even adjacent communities in other counties!

What is the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan & why is it important?

The purpose of the plan is to create a shared vision for future of the Township. This Plan presents an opportunity to demonstrate that residents, businesses and elected officials are committed to working together for the best possible future for our community. The goal of this Plan update is to review the last plan for "continued relevance" and to help prioritize the community's goals and strategies for the next five or more years.

How does the process work? Does it give everybody the chance to participate?

Reveille, a firm that specializes in planning, economic development and community design solutions, was selected to assist a well-rounded steering committee comprised of township and county representatives in developing the plan update.

Public participation plays an important role in the process. An interactive public process has been developed to solicit ideas and solutions. The entire community is encouraged to participate in decisions about the areas the plan will focus on, such as neighborhoods, land use, pedestrian connectivity, community services and facilities, infrastructure and economic development.

How long will the process take?

The entire process will take approximately 9 months and should be ready for the approval process by May 2023.

How will the Comprehensive Plan Update be finalized? Can it be changed after it's approved?

Once completed, the Zoning Commission and Township Trustees will hold a public hearing to accept the Plan as the community's primary reference guide to promote growth, development and preservation.

To remain viable, the Plan should be flexible and dynamic, not static. It must be able to respond to change as well as quide it. It should be updated periodically to be the most effective.

Who can I contact if I have any questions or ideas?

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You may come to the township office to drop off your completed paper survey in our drop box, you may complete a paper survey at the township, use the township computer to take the survey on line or you may use the QR Code on the last page to complete the survey. Township office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm or may come in on Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Should you have any questions, please contact the township office at (330) 658-2112. You may visit Chippewa Township website to complete the survey or visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PlanChippewa

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Chippewa Township Comprehensive Plan Survey

1. I live in: [] Chippewa Township [] Village in Doylestown [] Other:
2. I am a: [] homeowner [] renter [] business owner [] non-resident employee [] farmer [] other: (Select all that apply)
3. Rate Chippewa Township as a place to live, work, and/or visit? [] Excellent [] Good [] Adequate [] Needs Improvement [] Poor
4. If you could make one improvement to Chippewa Township, what or where would it be?
5. Rate your support for the following activities: Circle your choice from: 1 (no priority) to 4 (high priority).
1 2 3 4 Additional senior citizen activities and programs
1 2 3 4 Address flooding concerns
1 2 3 4 Address neighborhood / property blight and nuisance issues
1 2 3 4 Broadband/internet improvements
1 2 3 4 Community festivals and events
1 2 3 4 Encourage alternative and renewable energy programs
1 2 3 4 Farmland preservation and additional tools to protect farms from development
1 2 3 4 Improved park and recreational opportunities
1 2 3 4 Improved housing options
1 2 3 4 Improved beautification and visual enhancements in the community
1 2 3 4 Neighborhood commercial businesses (restaurants, etc.)
1 2 3 4 Neighborhood improvements and revitalization (lighting, curbs, etc.)
1 2 3 4 Pedestrian connectivity (sidewalks, bike lanes, multi-use paths)
1 2 3 4 Preservation of historical / architecturally-significant properties
1 2 3 4 Revitalize vacant and under-utilized properties
1 2 3 4 Street maintenance and improvements
1 2 3 4 Water and sewer infrastructure improvements
1 2 3 4 Work with adjacent communities (Doylestown, Rittman, etc.) on key issues



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6. What land uses would you like to see expanded in this community? Single Family Residential Yes No Unsure Condominiums/Townhomes Yes No Unsure Senior Living Opportunities Yes No Unsure	sure sure					
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Multi-Family Residential Yes No Unsure Senior Living Opportunities Yes No Unsure	sure					
Commercial (National Retailers/Big Box Stores) Yes No Unsure Industrial Yes No Unsure Commercial (National Retailers/Big Box Stores)	ure					
Small and Neighborhood Businesses Yes No Unsure Parks and Recreation Yes No Unsure						
Community Public Spaces Yes No Unsure Other (please describe):						
7. What community services are needed in Chippewa Township?						
8. What specific locations and/or areas are in need of transportation, connectivity and/or infrastructure improvements? Please describe the type of improvement needed.						
9. What is your biggest concern about the future of Chippewa Township?						
10. Your gender: [] male [] female						
11. Your age: [] Under 18 [] 25-34 [] 45-54 [] 65-74 [] 18-24 [] 35-44 [] 55-64 [] 7	5+					
12. How long have you been a resident of Chippewa Township?						
[] less than 2 years [] 6 to 10 years [] 21 to 30 years [] 50 years or more	e					
[] 2 to 5 years [] 11 to 20 years [] 31 to 49 years [] N/A						
13. Place of employment (Check only one)						
[] Doylestown [] Chippewa Township (outside of Doylestown) [] I work from home [] Wayne County, outside of Chippewa Township [] Stark County [] Medina County [] Retired / Homemaker / Student [] Summit County [] Other:						

14. Other Comments: Please express any other thoughts or concerns you may have.

