

Indiana Land Resources Council  
Wednesday November 2, 2016  
1:00pm-3:30pm  
Stewart Center, Room 218A  
128 Memorial Hall  
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Members Present:

Kara Salazar  
Steve Eberly  
Jeff Healy  
David Kovich  
Tom Slater  
Matt Williams  
Beth Tharp  
Jeff Page

Members Absent:

Mike Pavey

Melissa Rekeweg calls the meeting to order at 1:02pm

Public comments will be taken at the end of the meeting

1. Introductions of members and audience
2. Welcome remarks from Mike Schutz on behalf of Purdue Land Use Team
  - a. Land use team has been reinvigorated over the last two years and look forward to their continued work.
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. David Kovich moves to approve April minutes with formatting changes
    - i. Matt Williams seconded
    - ii. Approved unanimously
  - b. Steve Eberly moves to approve August minutes
    - i. Matt Williams seconded
    - ii. Discussion
      1. Will resend the minutes from last meetings digitally
    - iii. Approved unanimously
4. Executive Director's Report
  - a. David to resend the minutes
  - b. Announced Tom Slater as 9<sup>th</sup> and final appointee to the council
  - c. Adams County reached out for some assistance on Zoning ordinance changes
    - i. Will keep the board updated on activity
    - ii. Walked through model zoning ordinances w/ county attorney
  - d. Distributed Millennial Plan
    - i. Bob Grewe and Lochmueller modeled out different types of plans to 2040
    - ii. Hope to have Bob at next meeting to discuss further

- e. Will be giving presentation at all staff retreat on ILRC
  - f. Trevor was not able to do a presentation today on farm land loss data
  - g. Questions
    - i. David Kovich: The Millennial Plan has a map and are these the covered regions of the plan?
    - ii. David Bausman: Yes that covered area is along the Ohio.
    - iii. Melissa Rekeweg: Full plan is on the website on the back of your sheet.
5. Purdue Land Use Team Presentation
- a. Jeff Burbrink, Steve Yoder, Kara Salazar
  - b. Mission: provides research-based resources
  - c. Background: Formed mid-1990s
    - i. County-based educators
    - ii. Educational programming
      - 1. Land use fact sheets and workshops
      - 2. Land use technical assistance
    - iii. Wanted to equip the Extension educators on plan commissions to make informed decisions. Many have less than five years' experience.
    - iv. Many educators walk into plan commissions with disorganized ordinances and outdated plans.
  - d. Team Structure:
    - i. 24 current members
      - 1. Nine county-based ANR educators
      - 2. Two Regional CD educators
      - 3. 13 campus based specialists and administrators
    - ii. Working Groups
      - 1. Structure and Guiding Documents
      - 2. Training Mentoring
      - 3. Publication and Materials
    - iii. Full team meets monthly, twice annually meet in person
  - e. Current Efforts
    - i. Restructuring/rebuilding LUT
    - ii. Training and Mentoring
      - 1. Plan Commission Basics workshop
      - 2. Presentations across the state to plan commissions and staff
      - 3. Collaborate with America Citizen Planner program
  - f. Extension Community Planning
    - i. Focus on developing, delivering science based programs
    - ii. Programs
      - 1. Enhancing the Value of Public Spaces
        - a. Community public action planning
        - b. Stakeholder input
        - c. 6 month process start to finish
        - d. Will integrate health and wellness planning
      - 2. Rainscaping Program
        - a. Landscape feature designed to filter stormwater, reduce flow to storm sewers, and reduce pollution from waterways

3. Land Use Impacts on Natural Resources
  - a. Community engagement and action planning
4. Conservation through Community Leadership
  - a. Address natural resource management/land use
  - b. Community Action Planning
- iii. American Citizen Planner Project
  1. Series of online land use training courses
  2. Going nationwide
  3. Targeted to local officials
  4. Can earn Master Citizen Planner credential
  5. Supplement with in-person courses
- g. Questions
  - i. M.R.: did any of the programs use OCRA funds?
    1. Yes
  - ii. JP: which two communities will you be involved with on invasive species?
    1. Applications will open in winter and will implement in spring
    2. Will depend on need and interest
    3. Delivered through Purdue Extension
  - iii. DK: what size are you talking about?
    1. Any size just depends on the plan communities have. Sometimes it's a municipality or watershed.
  - iv. DB: are you presenting at Invasive Species Council?
    1. WE have members there and communicate frequently
  - v. MR: What's your process for service of membership on the land use team?
    1. Jeff Burbrink: we use the guiding document a lot. We have people rotate so that way everyone learns part of the job.
    2. Steve Yoder: an active nominating committee
  - vi. JB: What do those modules look like in the community planning progs?
    1. Background, information walk-through
6. Roundtable Discussion on Projects
  - a. **PLEASE SEE ADDENDUM FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES**
  - b. Kara S: American Citizen Planner Community opportunity to partner or offer assistance
    - i. MR: has anyone started taking the courses?
    - ii. KS: will be launched in spring
    - iii. MR: how many would take it in a year?
    - iv. KS: probably 40 or 50 at first and then open to anyone else
    - v. SE: who would be the perfect group to go through this?
      1. KS: local officials
      2. SE: I'd like to add town councils
    - vi. JP: would this be all or a la carte?
    - vii. KS: citizen planner is all in order to get credential
  - c. David B: with local elected officials getting elected it could be useful to provide assistance and education to get those officials a competency in their roles or local issues

- i. Maybe a two day conference that encompasses lots of topics
- d. David B: needs assessment survey with PLUT
- e. Association of County Commissioners
  - i. New Commissioner training
  - ii. APC/planning training on 11/30
- f. Steve Eberly
  - i. Discuss and look to land re-diversification strategies in light of NIMBY movement; reengagement of public input.
  - ii. Public has lost track of the importance of agriculture which has led to the public outrage of ag expansion projects.
    - 1. What is the convenience and efficiency in ag costing?
  - iii. Impact of annexation and water usage
  - iv. Land use will dictate the future of our rural communities
  - v. MR: would small town downtowns be part of your thinking here?
    - 1. SE: yes
- g. Jeff Healy – started a white paper on zoning for dams
  - i. Roughly 1100 dams regulated under Indiana Code
  - ii. 250 recognized as high risk should they fail
    - 1. Owners downstream may not understand the risks
    - 2. No requirement for identifying or mitigating the risk
      - a. Such as impoundments or drainage
- h. Jeff Page
  - i. Hardwoods are leading agriculture product
  - ii. Worry that counties may prevent timber harvest even on private lands
  - iii. Mechanize harvesting is coming to Indiana
    - 1. Allows you to be more efficient and save costs
    - 2. Big footprint but could save lives
- i. David Kovich
  - i. Urban sprawl
  - ii. HOAs – basics and definitions in covenants
  - iii. New law for protection of private party
    - 1. Determination of right to sell or not (eminent domain)
  - iv. Government regulations
  - v. Reuse and redevelopment
    - 1. Blight, aging buildings
  - vi. Transportation trends
    - 1. How can we keep up improvements
    - 2. How much out of state traffic do we have
  - vii. Population dynamics
    - 1. By 2025 80% of our population will be within 100 miles of Indy
  - viii. Breach analysis on dams and waterways
- j. Tom Slater
  - i. Tree Harvest
  - ii. Jeff Page: natural regeneration is better than planting. Harvest even causes growth from new light, throwing up sprouts.
  - iii. Millennials living downtown

- k. Matt Williams
  - i. TNC is developing a statewide GIS to show current existing setbacks for application of manure related to CFOs
    - 1. Probably 6 months before it is finished
    - 2. Want it available on Indiana MAP
  - ii. Focus on improving water quality by reducing runoff downstream
    - 1. Soil health movement that uses cover crops, increases organic matter, reduces erosion and runoff, and improves yields
    - 2. KS: purdue has active modeling that could be used
    - 3. JH: active monitoring in Eagle Creek, particularly on tile discharge
    - 4. DK: when you say cover crops do you mean no till?
    - 5. MW: cover crops are different from no till. Explains.
    - 6. BT: we use cover crops along with manure injection which all captures the nutrients and then crops can capture that after planting
- l. Beth Tharp
  - i. Revisiting existing documents to ensure terminology aligned with IDEM
  - ii. ILRC more proactive in helping counties with info
    - 1. Help them understand home rule and IDEM and OISC regs
  - iii. Clarification on definitions in zoning
    - 1. DB: some counties will use CFO as defined by IDEM
      - a. Others will change the number but still call it CFO
  - iv. SE: is there a decision tree for building a CFO? Would guide someone through processes or enforcement activities.
  - v. DB: IDEM has a packet online that discusses rules
  - vi. Also interest in rediversification of land
- 7. Melissa R.
  - a. We won't make any decisions today but we want to revisit these items in terms of budgets, staff, possibilities, measured by length of time commitment. Let David know if you have additional ideas.
  - b. DB: might also try to do some narrowing down and identify partners
  - c. DK: combined sewer overflows for cities are another option
    - i. JH: more generally they try to split from other water lines
- 8. No public comments offered from audience
- 9. Adjourned at 3pm