

Comprehensive Planning Commission (CPC) Meeting

September 18, 2014

Ridgeville Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Inese Epstein, Chairman, Ron Luethe, Secretary and Rob Larson, Alternate

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andi Radke Rynes, Laurene Krueger, Marcy Clark

Chairperson Epstein called meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda by Rob Larson second by Ron Luethe. Motion carried. Motion to approve minutes from April 3, 2014 meeting by Rob Larson, second by Inese Strazdins Epstein. Motion carried.

The ATV ordinances from the Towns of LaGrange and Lincoln were reviewed. It was noted that both ordinances have the same wording. Several questions were raised during the review of the ordinances:

1. Why is an ATV Ordinance needed?
2. How will an ATV Ordinance benefit the Township of Ridgeville?
3. Is there local support for an ATV Ordinance?
4. Will the Ordinance as written be in compliance with existing county and state ATV Ordinances?

There is also a safety issue concerning opening up all roads to ATV traffic. Many of our township roads are narrow with many curves. This results in poor sightlines for traffic going in either direction. Our township also has large farm equipment that also travels on these narrow roads.

The Commission feels any additional ATV routes in the Township of Ridgeville should be designated on a case-by-case basis only. In this way local support and input from citizens affected by the designation can be obtained and considered by the Township Board.

Recommendation: The commission recommends no action be taken on the ATV ordinance as currently written until such time the questions above can be answered to the Township Board's satisfaction.

Rob Larson motion to adjourn. Inese Strazdins Epstein seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Luethe, Secretary