

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

August 15, 2016

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Loudan Klein (RPC Staff); Carrie Woody (LPTS); Greg Bachman (Violet Twp Resident); Becky Coutinho (RPC Staff); Peggy Portier (SRTS); Kent Huston (RPC); Patrick O'Malia (Economic Development); Mike Donley (Donley Homes); Linda Menerey (EMH&T)

1. Approval of July 18, 2016 meeting notes

Peggy Portier made a motion to approve. Greg Bachman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

Ira Weiss brought to the committee's attention recent statistics indicating that Fairfield County is 66% overweight or obese. Mr. Weiss transitioned into discussing what Delaware County has just done by forming Multi-Purpose Trail Committee to develop and plan a county wide trail system. He added that providing more opportunities for individuals to bike and walk can help reduce the percentage of overweight and obese individuals in Fairfield County.

3. Proposed Developments: The Reserve at Ault Road

Loudan Klein presented to the committee The Reserve at Ault Road condominium development in Violet Township consisting of 122 detached units. Mr. Klein explained to the committee that condos are exempt from subdivision regulations, however as part of the rezoning staff recommended this project be discussed with the committee to help review aspects involving active transportation. Mr. Klein highlighted the 5 foot path through the open space, as well as sidewalks in front of the development along Ault Road and from Ault Road back to the proposed clubhouse.

General discussion followed specifically regarding the absence of sidewalks within the development, the path connecting up north to the dog park, as well as sidewalks extending south across the Hickory Lakes property along Ault Road to connect to Pickerington School's sidewalk.

The committee reached a consensus on the following recommendations. Due to the lack of sidewalks in the subdivision and the developer proposing that residents walk within the streets, the committee recommended the developer explore additional off-street parking to reduce the number of cars on-street. The second recommendation was for the developer to explore extending the multi-use path north to connect to the proposed dog park. The third and final recommendation was for the developer to explore extending sidewalks south along Ault Road across the Hickory Lakes property to connect to the sidewalks along the Pickerington School property.

Ms. Mattei reiterated to the committee that these recommendations will be sent to Violet Township for them to consider as part of their approval.

Mr. Bachman made a motion to approve the recommendations. Carrie Woody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Update on Stonecreek Drive in Violet Township

This update was delayed till next month's meeting.

5. Other Business

Mr. Weiss names next meeting, September 19th.

Ms. Portier made a motion to adjourn. Kent Huston seconded the motion. Motion carried.