

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

The selection process for this committee was extensive and began mid-October. We were overwhelmed with the number of applicants...98 to be exact. We are grateful for each of the citizens that applied and shared their feedback and love for Hinckley while offering their service to our community. Once the applications came in, the trustees decided to redact the names of the applicants to create a blind selection. So, the applications were numbered, and a spreadsheet was created to identify the name and correlating number. All names were redacted and the trustees each chose fifteen applications, specifically looking for diversity of response and location so as to pull from all types of homes and areas of living. Those applications went to the police station where our police chief and a sergeant served as a non-bias third party. They went through the applicants and found that five of the chosen applications had been chosen by all three trustees, the next five had been chosen by two trustees. The final five were a combination and the police personnel chose the last five based on diversity of response. In a public meeting on Dec. 7, 2021, the trustees went through the final selection and worked to find if others in their first selection were better suited. They unanimously agreed with the selection provided and did not feel change was warranted. Of the last five, they determined which three would serve as alternates. The final committee had been selected, but we still did not know the names as all were numbered. Letters were sent to all applicants to notify them of their status. At the meeting on Dec. 21, 2021, we were notified that one of the members had declined based on time commitment, however the board of trustees agreed that the committee was fine with eleven members and three alternates. They made a motion to create the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee with the members as listed here.

Members:

Paul Easterling

Maria Griffiths, MD

Lou Bentzen

T. David Yatsko

Richard Pearl

Paul O'Neill

Gary Wolny

Brian Cadnum

Jacob Studor

Kara Pay

Kenton Grimes

Zoning Commission Representative: David Manley

Zoning Expert: Chris Kalina
Trustee: Melissa Augustine

Alternates:

Tom Schrader
Cindy Engleman
Jim Bialosky

This committee will hold public meetings as they will work as an official board of the township. They will be coordinating efforts to be sure that all citizens have an opportunity to share their opinions and allow for equal representation during the Comprehensive Plan audit.

Thank you to all that applied and congratulations to the committee.