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6/23/03 – Village of Kimberly (Liberty Hall) Public Informational Mtg. Public Comments Received

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (KATHY THUNES)

- ◇ *Concern expressed about stormwater runoff with new development.*
- ◇ *Interested in the concept of shared utility corridors.*
- ◇ *Concern about adapting farmer's income and alternative energy. Wondered if farmers could use alternative energy sources such as wind farms to supplement income. Referred us to website www.mrea.org*
- ◇ *Although wind towers are known to be detrimental to birds, cell towers and towers with guy wires are also known to impact flying birds.*
- ◇ *Concern that land use impacts wells, therefore exercising sound land use practices is extremely important. Sprawl development with impervious surfaces reduces groundwater recharge and the water quality of lakes and rivers.*
- ◇ *Alternative energy sources are very important so that communities are not relying on one energy source.*

NATURAL RESOURCES (ERIC FOWLE)

V. Little Chute Board / Out. Co. Board member:

- ◇ *There is a need for more regional cooperation in stormwater management planning and implementation.*
- ◇ *Someone (EC?) needs to take the lead.*
- ◇ *Reviews of local SW plans by adjacent municipalities would be good.*

◇ *Better recognition of regional impacts of SW management (regional mapping of existing and proposed facilities might facilitate discussions and reduce duplication/improve cost-effectiveness*

◇ *SW ponds could be used as alternative water sources for watering lawns, etc.*

Mark Gabriel – Calumet Co. Board

◇ *Surprised at high levels of nitrates and bacteria in Cal. Co. vs. other areas of the region. This shows that the geology of the County (i.e. escarpment) is unique and needs to be treated differently in terms of land use / development. Would like to see more detailed information and analysis.*

Jim Evans – School District:

◇ *Concerns on number of empty commercial buildings (i.e. Kmart, etc.) and the continued development of ‘greenfields’ vs. re-development.*

◇ *Also a need for better aesthetics and design for commercial structures and areas.*

◇ *Wind towers are not totally green since there are aesthetic impacts as well as environmental. Mentioned that wind towers block the view shed and are dangerous to flying birds.*

◇ *Comm. 83 promotes sprawl because it opens land to development that otherwise would not be available such as wetlands, farmland, etc.*

◇ *Stormwater is a concern.*

LAND USE (FRED SCHARNKE)

Jerry Bougie, Winnebago County

◇ *Wondered if we were going to include a FUTURE land use plan and, if so, whether we planned to incorporate the proposed land use plans from communities/counties that have one.*

CULTURAL RESOURCES (ED KLECKNER)

Unidentified Individual

◇ *With regard to cultural resources we need to concern ourselves not just with the past (historical properties & events) but also with a focus on creating cultural resources for the future.*

- ◇ *Another person said she didn't see anything on our "how can we" list that she would take issue with. She thought we were on the right track.*

6/24/03 – City of Clintonville Public Informational Meeting Public Comments Received

NATURAL RESOURCES (ERIC FOWLE)

Unidentified Individual

- ◇ *General concurrence with the 'regional' Natural Resource focus issues that we have chosen to examine.*

V. Big Falls President / T. Navarino Supervisor

- ◇ *Two small communities (Big Falls – Waup. Co., and Navarino – Out. Co.) had concerns on their future ability to deal with wastewater treatment problems. Currently all development utilizes private on-site systems (which are in relatively good shape right now), but IF a need ever arises for sewer, the costs would be unbearable for a community this size (V. Big Falls has a population of only 75 persons!). What options are available for small communities?*

Town Supervisor (T. Navarino):

- ◇ *Concerns regarding how wetland fill permits are issued and that not all projects (i.e. highway expansion vs. single-family home) are treated 'equally' and 'consistently'.*
- ◇ *Also concerns on financial impacts of DNR land ownership. T. Navarino has SIGNIFICANT amounts of DNR land and receives only about \$8,000 per year in payments (in lieu of taxes). In comparison, this gentleman owns about 750 acres and pays \$17,000 in taxes per year. High levels of recreational users (from out of the area) impact town roads and the DNR payments do not cover these costs.*

Pat Craig (Waupaca Co. Board Supervisor)

- ◇ *Agrees completely with the need to assess non-metallic mining issues within the region so that the politics can be removed from decision-making. Consistency in decision-making (i.e. siting) is also an issue. She further agreed that an objective analysis of NM activities and identifying deposits for protection is needed. Information on all aspects of this topic need to be disseminated to counties and towns.*

6/26/03 – City of Wautoma Public Informational Meeting Public Comments Received

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (KATHY THUNES)

- ◇ *One person said that in his town, there are no town parks because the town refuses to accept the liability.*
- ◇ *Another person said that he lives on a lake in Waushara County that has a dam. This dam is privately owned and that the person who owns it has tried to sell it but that no one buy it. The DNR required this landowner to put up a bond in case repairs needed to be made. However, neither the DNR nor the other property owners on the lake would accept the ownership of this dam. Is it really the owner of the dam who solely benefits from this dam? What happens if it fails? Will the DNR allow this dam to be replaced?*
- ◇ *Telecommunications, electric and gas utilities have a real impact on property owners and the environment.*
- ◇ *There is a real lack of nursing homes in the area. In Waushara County there is only one nursing home, where will our aging population go?*
- ◇ *There are limited housing alternatives in Wautoma. This is a good thing because Waushara Industries in Wautoma hires disabled citizens. Low income workers need an affordable place to live.*
- ◇ *Concern was expressed that people come to Waushara County to enjoy the outdoors, outdoor activities and the rural atmosphere. If too many people move here, the resources that originally brought people to this county will no longer exist. Possibly, there are too many people here already.*