

## **Upcoming Events and Updates**

### ***Public Hearing on the Town of Byron Comprehensive Plan Update 2040 and Town of Byron Plan Commission Meeting***

**Date:** May 24, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Town of Byron Town Hall, N3097 State Road 175, Byron, WI

**Purpose:** To receive comment from neighboring jurisdictions, State, County and Local Departments, Non-metallic mining operators and others on the draft comprehensive plan. The Plan Commission is expected to take action on a resolution to recommend that the Town Board adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

### ***Updates***

The Plan Commission approved the draft plan for public review on March 23, 2017.

An Intergovernmental Meeting was held on February 28, 2017. Residents and representatives from governmental units and adjacent communities were present and provided input.

The Plan Commission discussed the future land use map in December 2016 and January 2017. In January, Chapter 1: Introduction, Chapter 2: Plan Framework and Chapter 3: Implementation, Chapter 5: Land Use and Appendix E: Policies and Programs were distributed. The goal, objectives, policies and recommendations were finalized and the implementation tables were presented.

During August, September and October, the Plan Commission met to discuss non-metallic mining and the proposed goals, objectives, policies and recommendations.

The Plan Commission met on June 28, 2016. Key issues were identified and draft vision statements for each element were approved.

The Plan Commission met on May 24, 2016. Consultants distributed draft background chapters and fact sheets for Land Use, Economic Development, Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources and Intergovernmental Cooperation. Results from the Community Visioning Session were also discussed.

A Community Visioning Session was held on April 27, 2016. A total of 10 people participated. In order to obtain additional input, the Town asked additional people to complete the "Identity" exercise. Three additional sheets were submitted and included in the results. Participants envisioned that the Town would continue to be rural with a mixture of farming, quarries and residential development. People identified numerous assets including farming operations, local businesses, recreational and natural resources, residential developments and transportation structures that increased mobility in the Town. Barriers to travel included east-west access

restrictions/limitations caused by stopped trains and I-41, vision corner obstructions, the need for slower speeds in more congested residential areas and runoff issues. Participants mentioned that groundwater quality issues existed in the Town. They indicated a few areas for safe biking and walking, and felt it was important to protect the Niagara Escarpment. They pointed out areas for future commercial development and residential.

A plan kickoff meeting was held on February 23, 2016 with the Byron Plan Commission. At this meeting, consultants provided a brief overview of the Wisconsin State Comprehensive Planning requirements, the planning process and responsibilities and expectations of the Plan Commission. A draft copy of the Issues and Opportunities and Housing background chapters were distributed and initial demographic highlights were presented. Finally a short visioning session was undertaken.

A Public Participation Plan specific to the planning effort has been developed and was adopted by the Town Board on February 9, 2016. A community-wide visioning session will be held in the spring to obtain input from Town residents. Over the next few months, the Consultant will be working on updating the factual information contained within the background elements of the plan and developing the background maps.