

**The Bowling Green Township Comprehensive Plan Committee met Wednesday September 15, 2010 at 5:40PM in the Township Building.**

Committee Chairperson Michael Pitcher called the meeting to order at 5:40PM.

In attendance

Committee Members: M. Pitcher, T.Beckett, G. Short, M. Burgess

BGT Trustees: Don Watkins

Members Absent: P. Volland, D. Krier, T.Robb

Guests: Adrian Smith, resident

Kevin Eby, Director Licking County Water and Waste Water

Pitcher reported that the LCPC will begin attending meetings after the first of next year.

Kevin Eby was invited to attend in order to educate committee members regarding the ongoing projects in Gratiot & Jacksontown, and the process for how centralized water/sewer systems become installed.

Mr. Eby explained that, although engineering design work has been completed for both the Gratiot and Jacksontown projects, neither has been funded for installation. The Gratiot project is a plan to provide centralized clean water supply to approximately 80 residences in the village of Gratiot. The Jacksontown project is a plan to link approximately 120 Jacksontown residences to the Buckeye Lake sewer system that has a connection available at the Lakewood High School.

Mr. Eby also explained that the two projects were “mandated” by the Ohio EPA and were a result of complaints from residents and investigations by the Licking County Health Department along with the Ohio EPA. The process for conducting initial investigations and engineering alternatives has taken several years. Mr. Eby is not aware of significant ongoing initiatives or investigations for BGT that might result in “mandated” water or sewer upgrades.

Although the Gratiot and Jacksontown projects are “mandated”, they cannot be installed without funding. Mr. Eby explained how funding for water/sewer projects work and he provided a list of potential funding sources. However, Mr. Eby also stated that projects must clearly address a health hazard and/or be economically feasible to attract grant funding.

More discussion of Mr. Eby’s presentation will be pursued at the next planning meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.