

## Crafton/Ingram Implementable Comprehensive Plan and Early Intervention Plan

### Public Meeting No. 1 - Crafton - Meeting Notes

Monday, October 26 at 6:00pm

Crafton Borough Building

#### 1. Introductions.

Jim indicated that the two boroughs, Crafton and Ingram have hired Pashek Associates to facilitate a planning process, called a Comprehensive Plan. He introduced his colleague Elaine Kramer who would be working on this plan. He also mentioned that Pashek Associates was working with other subconsultants with special expertise and would bring their unique skills to the project on an as needed basis. Pashek Associates was also be working closely with Grass Root Solutions who was evaluating the efficiency of services provided by the Boroughs.

#### 2. What is a comprehensive plan, what makes it implementable, and why do we do it?

Jim explained that a comprehensive plan is a long-range “map” for the community’s future. Typically, a Comprehensive Plan would look at issues focused on economic development, housing, community facilities (like parks), transportation and infrastructure. The borough is joining with Ingram to complete a multi-municipal comprehensive plan. They have also opted to have Pashek Associates provide an Implementable Comprehensive Plan. Whereas the traditional Comprehensive Plan is a broad brush review of most things in the communities, the Implementable Comprehensive Plan focuses on a few key issues in the communities and strives to provide greater detail on how those plans can be implemented. Comprehensive Plans are typically done every ten years, acknowledging the changes that have taken place since the last plan.

#### 3. Previous studies and recommendations.

Jim reviewed previous plans. Some consistent issues are traffic, parking problems, what to do about downtown/shopping area, and some deteriorated buildings. Some consistent strengths are housing stock at low prices, convenient location, trees, small-town feel, and parks. Here are the studies:

- 1991: multi-municipal comprehensive plan with Rosslyn Farms and Thornburg. Re-adopted without change in 2000.
- 1997: Strategic plan for Crafton, Ingram and Thornburg
- 2006: Study by Local Government Academy intern of Crafton
- 2014: Comprehensive Recreational Development Plan and Pool Feasibility Study plus Supplement for Crafton

#### 4. Listing issues and prioritize them.

Jim and Elaine led the group through a group process of listing issues that the plan might want to address. Then the group was asked to rank those issues by placing dots on the four most important issues raised that evening. The issues are listed by priority on the following page. Jim

indicated that all of the issues were important and would be given consideration as the process proceeded.

**5. Jim listed next steps.**

Hold meeting just like this in Ingram on November 5. Meet with Steering Committee on January 18. Continue to work on Plan. Will report back/check in with community.

This meeting was filmed and can be found at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u\\_li6cDOM\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_li6cDOM_E)

VOTES	ISSUE
13	Small business development / shopping center vacancies
13	Ordinance enforcement / building code enforcement, esp. rental properties
10	School district tax rates / long-term trends
7	Family-oriented community, small-town feel (trees, trails, parks, sightlines)
7	Make Crime Watch program more visible and active
5	Street repair
5	Parking problems / residential parking permits / street maintenance schedule
5	Stormwater management / combined sewer overflow / flooded basements
4	Finding efficiencies and cost savings in fire, police, maintenance
4	Hold and promote special events to encourage sense of community
4	Nighttime safety concerns / noise / lighting
4	Communication and marketing about local business / Chamber of Commerce
3	Crafton Park is an asset
3	Rt. 60 congestion, especially a.m. and p.m. rush
3	Police are effective but should be more visible
3	Dumpster visibility /eyesore
3	More opportunities for youth / programs & sports / BMX & skate park
3	Speed enforcement
2	Create “destination” in downtown via small business
2	Commercial vehicles park and idle in residential areas
2	Enhance walkability and pedestrian infrastructure
2	Intergovernmental cooperation to improve transit and connections (incl. West End)
1	Enhance the community farm – more space and add food-forest trees
1	Create a municipal tree plan
1	Proximity to drug areas
1	Public library is an asset
0	Blighted buildings
0	Resurrect the borough newsletter
0	Busway / location / convenience to Pittsburgh
0	Utilities / debris removal
0	Vacant lot infill