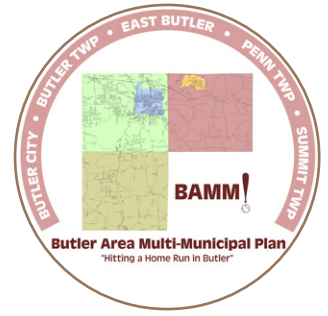


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Appendix 1-1 Kick-Off Meeting Summary

SUMMARY BUTLER MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE KICK-OFF MEETING

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 – 6:00 PM
Butler Township Park Building
11/8/07, Rev 3/6/08

Attending:

City of Butler	Butler Township	Penn Township
Bernie P. Dowd	Bruce Betty	Dean Helfer
John Mossman	Donna Druga	Cheryl Hughes
Mike Preston	Brett Ligo	Charles McCall
JoAnn Snyder	Jack Oris	Bert Mowry
	Daryl Patten	Doug Sober
East Butler	Dan Slomers	Clinton Bonetti
Lana Dero	Heather Starcher	
Louise Spohn	Mark Swift	
	Cindy Davis	PDG/HRG, Others
Summit Township	Theresa Giesler	Charlene Kerr
Joe Canel		John Piper
Daniel Hay		Jim Lopresti
Cynthia Kramer		Jim Feath
Larry Osche		Kathy Frankel
Leo Rosenbauer		Denny Puko

Following introductions around the room and a review of the planned comprehensive planning process and schedule, the discussion focused on key issues facing each of the municipalities and the greater Butler area as a whole. Key issues identified and discussed included:

- 1) Infrastructure
 - a) Wastewater
 - i) Butler Authority has plan in place to remedy Consent Order Agreement with DEP
 - (1) Affects development/redevelopment in City of Butler, East Butler, Butler Twp. and Summit Twp.
 - ii) The Saxonburg Area Authority is proceeding with its planned expansion and implementation in Penn Twp.
 - iii) DEP mandating sanitary sewer in Village of Herman – major issues for Summit Twp.
 - b) Water – no key issues identified, but, per HRG, water is likely to be the next major infrastructure issue
 - c) Storm water – issues within the City and any serviced municipality that is connected to a public sanitary sewer system
 - d) Roads – issues throughout the multi-municipal area, including:
 - i) Road conditions
 - ii) Connectivity within the area
 - (1) Between the municipalities
 - (2) With the major roads in the area
 - iii) Controlling access points for planned and future developments
 - (1) Commercial/Industrial
 - (2) Residential
 - (3) Penn Twp. – getting ready for development
 - iv) Downtown – connect Wayne Street to West End Redevelopment area
 - e) Bridges – National and State-wide issue, could be expensive for locally-owned bridges
 - i) 1 in Penn Twp.
 - ii) 0 in Summit Twp.
 - iii) Several in Butler Twp. & City

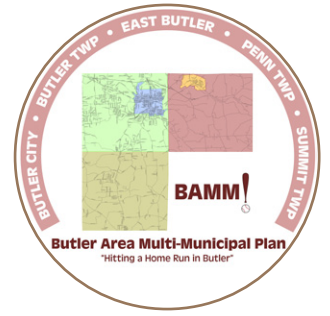


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- 2) Parking
 - a) Always a Downtown issue
 - b) Neighborhoods have parking issues
 - c) Potential for Park & Ride opportunities in Summit Twp.
- 3) Transportation
 - a) Regional routes need improvements
 - i) New Castle Road
 - ii) Rte 8
 - iii) Rte 68
 - iv) Rte 228
 - b) Better connections are needed to
 - i) I 79
 - ii) I 80

(But, there are concerns that the desired good connections will result in unwanted increased traffic.)
 - c) Access management
 - i) PennDot 12-year plan has impacts on project communities
 - ii) PennDot is preparing access management regulations the communities will be required to follow
 - d) Transit Agencies – Regional issues (*interview Butler Transit Authority*)
 - e) TIP – Provides federal funds for local transportation improvements
 - f) Alternate transportation
 - i) Rails to Trails
 - (1) Butler to Freeport Trail – work in progress within Summit Twp.
 - (2) Connections to other regional trail opportunities
 - (3) Growing national trend – tourism opportunities for the area
 - ii) Pittsburgh to Erie bike trail
 - iii) The County needs a Greenways Plan (per DCNR)
 - iv) Major corridor in Butler Twp. is not walkable
 - g) PDG should obtain copy of PennDot's 12-year Plan from Dave Johnston
- 4) Parks & Recreation
 - a) The Penn Township Park Plan will be a separate component of the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan
 - b) The City has a new Park Plan (PDG & HRG need a copy)
 - i) Current Councilwoman, Kathy Kline, is a big proponent of parks
 - (1) Has started "Save Our Swimming Pool" campaign (Memorial Park Pool)
 - ii) City has good parks that need some updating
 - c) Butler Twp. has opportunity for new parks
 - i) 100+ acres available for further development
 - d) Summit Twp. – no parks yet
 - i) No places for organized recreation activities in Twp., but plenty in adjacent municipalities that are used by Summit Twp. residents
 - ii) Oriented to community "sportsman-oriented" character
 - (1) 2 Golf courses
 - (2) Sportsman's Club
 - iii) Parks – whether the Twp. as a whole wants them or not is subject to an on-going debate within Summit Twp.
 - e) East Butler Borough
 - i) Great Ballpark(s)
 - ii) Need playgrounds

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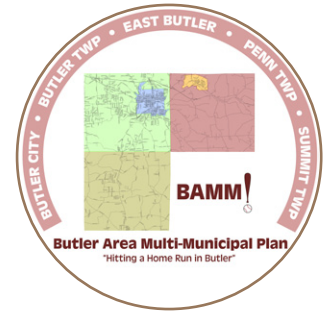
- f) Park options with less maintenance and less vandalism were discussed
 - i) Open space
 - ii) Walking trails
 - (1) Connected with other trails within the planning area
 - (2) Connect subdivisions with trails; require trails/pathways within subdivisions
- 5) City of Butler
 - a) Amenities
 - i) Music/Theater/Other cultural activities
 - ii) Schools
 - iii) Adjacent rural activity opportunities
 - iv) YMCA (*put on list to interview*)
 - v) Churches
 - vi) 4-H Afterschool programs
 - vii) County summer program at the County-owned Alameda Park
 - viii) Slippery Rock University
 - (1) Research
 - (2) Classes/schedule
 - (3) Campus
 - ix) Butler County Community College
 - x) Main Street/Downtown
 - (1) Attractive
 - (2) Width of Main Street
 - (3) Potential to be thriving area
 - (4) Existing DT Revitalization Committee
 - (a) Grants for streetscaping
 - (b) Grants for Facades
 - xi) Already a Main Street Community
 - (1) Hiring a Main Street manager
 - (2) Opportunity to do joint surveys of businesses and residents with Comp Plan
 - b) Issues
 - i) Number of rental properties in the Downtown/City (+/- 60%)
 - (1) Promote home ownership vs. rentals
 - ii) Number of non-taxable properties in the DT
 - iii) Blighted properties
 - (1) Absentee landlords
 - (2) Poor property maintenance – need creative property maintenance programs to supplement the current pro-active program to enforce the ICC Property Maintenance Code, including a rental inspection program
 - (a) In the past eleven years numerous severely blighted properties have been demolished, many apartments and homes have been repaired, and some fines have been paid and repairs made
 - iv) Duplication of services – opportunity for shared services:
 - (1) Within the City
 - (2) With neighboring municipalities
 - c) Need
 - i) More structured activities for youth (in the City and throughout the Planning Area)
 - (1) Provide play-time opportunities
 - (2) Teach life skills
 - (3) Be well-promoted



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- 6) Summit Township – Strong desire to remain rural
- 7) East Butler – Already has plenty of industries, who continue to receive (too many) tax breaks
- 8) Review of Zoning and Development Regs
 - a) Needed in
 - i) Butler Twp.
 - ii) City of Butler
 - iii) Penn Twp.
 - iv) Summit Twp.
- 9) Preservation issues/objectives
 - a) Preserve open space
 - b) There is no more available industrial land in the County (per meetings with Chamber and CDC)
 - c) Work with CDC to create a new Industrial Park
 - i) Call it a “Commerce Park” to include all types of large and smaller non-retail employers (e.g. insurance companies, technical support centers, etc.)
 - d) Agriculture – especially in Summit and Butler Twp.s
 - e) Floodplain Management issues – especially in the City, East Butler and Butler Twp.
 - f) Tree stands – throughout the planning area
 - g) Lyndora
 - i) Historic Character
 - ii) Unique – Jeep origins, Churches
 - iii) How to best improve the community?
 - h) “Green Building” standards
 - i) Shopping Center in Butler Twp. – 1st LEED shopping center in the Country
 - i) DCNR policies regarding lowering carbon emissions under development
 - (1) Energy conservation will be a requirement for obtaining funding in the future
 - j) Butler Township Heritage Area Inventory is being updated
 - k) Butler County
 - i) Updating habitat area
 - ii) Part of Rivers of Steel Heritage Area
- 10) Discussion of Comp Plan Logo and/or slogan - What is Butler’s “reason for being”?
 - a) Volunteers
 - b) Small town sense
 - c) Number of organizations
 - d) Multi-generational
- 11) Additional discussions after the meeting
 - a) New health clinic on East Butler Road (in former Wise Building)
 - i) 4th largest in US
 - ii) Free clinic for people without insurance
 - iii) Would provide services for 11,000 people in Butler County
 - b) Butler Hospital
 - i) Opening new out-patient clinic at intersection of Rtes 68/38/422
 - (1) Using an existing building, will be adding more facilities
 - ii) Has one of the best satellite hospital systems because they can’t expand at DT site
 - iii) Open heart surgery rated #1 or 2 in PA
 - c) VA Hospital in Butler Twp. – one of the best in the Country (should be on interview list)

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Appendix 1-2 Summary of Tours and Visioning Sessions with Municipalities

City of Butler Tour and Public Meeting – 9/11/08

(Prior to touring the City, PDG met in the City offices with JoAnn Snyder, Assistant Zoning Officer, Paul Snyder, City Building Code Enforcement Officer (mostly does housing inspections), and John Evans, City Zoning Officer, who heads this Department of 3.5 people with responsibility for Zoning, Code Management, Engineering coordination, Housing and other building inspections, etc. throughout the City.)

Notes from pre-tour meeting:

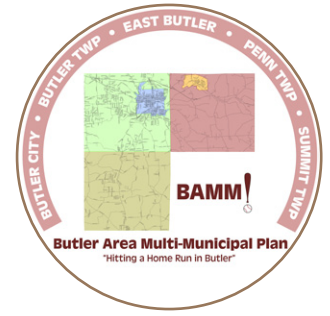
1. Cleaning up or razing residential properties with no known (or readily identified) ownership is a huge issue in the City.
 - a. Can demolish buildings after the Health Department condemns them.
 - b. CDBG requires that the City have the deed to the property, so don't use CDBG dollars for demolition of vacant housing.
2. Do not utilize CDBG rental rehab program.
 - a. Requires significant local personnel and City only has one person to do inspections and issue permits City-wide.
 - i. City is exploring if members of the Fire Dept. could be used for inspections.
 - b. Utilize the International Residential Code.
 - i. Almost everything requires a permit, except carpet and painting.
3. Paul Snyder is also responsible for inspecting and writing up bad sidewalks and curbs.
 - a. Doing them one block at a time.
 - b. As a 3rd Class City, the streets between the curbs are the City's responsibility
 - i. Property owners are responsible for maintaining curbs and sidewalks.
4. Lots of unopened alleys in the City that could be used.
 - a. After twenty-one years, if not reopened, the alley use reverts to property owners who must then maintain them.
5. Empty lots are being purchased by neighbors and combined with their lots.
6. Commercial inspections are being subcontracted to 3rd parties and coordinated with the Fire Department's inspections.
7. There is a \$4.1 million flood control project for Sullivan Run area.
 - a. 100% State funding for construction. (The City must fund acquisition.)
 - b. Construction begins this winter.
 - c. Project involves containing Sullivan Run with retaining walls and widening the creek bed to reduce the floodplain area.
 - d. This is Phase 2.
 - i. Phase 1 was done 14 years ago from Miller Avenue to Brady Street.
 - ii. Phase 2 is from Brady to Connoquenessing Creek.
8. There is an estimated \$2.1 million project to replace the Monroe Street bridge.
 - a. Funding – 80% - Federal, 15% - State, 5% - City/County/RR.
 - b. Bids due October 9; project start this Fall.
 - c. The Buffalo & Pittsburgh RR owns the bridge but wants nothing to do with it.
 - i. PUC never enforced inspections.
 - ii. Was put on the County's bridge inspection program.
9. The Redevelopment Authority now owns the buildings near Pullman Park that will be demolished. Demolitions to start within 60 days.



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10. Butler Township has weight limits on its roads, so they don't have a problem with trucks.
 - a. If the City put a truck scale on Main Street in the DT, it would probably reduce truck traffic on Rte 8 considerably.
11. The Social Security Office is moving from the DT to Pullman Park.
12. City Schools.
 - a. The Senior High School building (grades 11 & 12) and the Intermediate High School building are just west of the City in Butler Twp..
 - b. The Jr. High School is in the updated original Butler HS (built in 1917) on East North Street adjacent to DT Butler.
 - c. Average about 900 per graduating class.
13. The City's Zoning Code was adopted in 1969 and is antiquated.
 - a. It doesn't reflect what exists today.
 - b. 75% of the lots in the City are substandard to existing zoning, usually with regard to front footage.
 - i. Consequently, additions cannot be permitted.
 - c. Commercial zoning along corridors is also an issue.
 - d. Zoning Code update strongly recommended.
14. There are 6,000 parcels within the City.
 - a. 4,000 are residential.
 - i. 55% rentals.
 - ii. 200+ vacant buildings.
15. Major problem with mortgage foreclosures.
 - a. Many owners just walk away.
 - b. Mortgage companies won't foreclose and takeover the properties because there is no real equity in the property.
 - c. Sometimes the mortgage companies demand that the owners vacate property but again, won't foreclose and take title to the property.
 - i. No one maintains the property because the owner is not allowed on the property and the mortgage company refuses to assume ownership.
16. Regarding demolition of abandoned, dilapidated properties.
 - a. The Redevelopment Authority, using CDBG funding, is doing a great job.
 - i. One condition of the funding is that after a property is demolished, they are required to build something on that site.
 1. Sometimes difficult to comply with zoning front footage requirements unless they are able to combine lots.
 - ii. Also, the RDA must have the deed to the property in order to demolish.
 - b. The City can demolish property if it has been condemned and it has a lien on the property.
 - i. The City can request a judicial sale which eliminates all debt on the property so it can be sold more easily.
 - ii. If the City had a bigger budget, it could be doing more demolitions.
 - iii. Controlled burns are not permitted by DEP.
17. The City has 1 centrally-located Fire Dept. with 18 paid volunteers.
 - a. Housed in the same building as the Police Department.

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Walking and Driving tour of Area – Accompanied by JoAnn Snyder Notes and Summary:

1. The Lighthouse Foundation is renovating a multi-story building on West New Castle Street (across from the Butler County Heritage Center/Museum) for commercial uses on the ground floor and residential in the upper floors.
2. The YWCA is now more a social services than recreational facility.
 - a. Provides housing for elderly and frail residents.
 - b. Still has a gym and offers fitness classes.
3. Penn Theater – ready to start renovations by the Redevelopment Authority.
 - a. Used to seat 1,100; new (previously installed) seating for 495.
 - i. Chairs and carpeting are new, similar to size and style of today's movie theaters.
 - ii. Original stage is intact.
 - iii. Parts of the ceiling and sidewall panels are gone.
 - b. Newer small theater upstairs (in former area for private parties/gatherings) seats 114.
 - c. Private balconies with view of the stage intact but have been used for storage.
 - d. Appears to be structurally sound.
 - e. Should be tremendous DT asset.
4. Center City project.
 - a. In four-block area between Main and McKean Streets and East Cunningham and East Jefferson Streets.
 - b. Includes new Rite Aid building with off-street parking in NW quadrant of the project area.
 - i. Rite Aid moving from current location on west side of Main Street.
 - ii. Rite Aid architects worked with City to develop a look designed to compliment the DT and planned development.
 - c. Redevelopment Authority controls these two blocks except for two parcels.
 - i. Has a proposed site plan for the property including
 1. A hotel on Main Street in the SE quadrant of the site.
 2. An event center with commercial space and a tiered parking garage in the SW quadrant.
 3. Condominiums with additional commercial space facing E. Jefferson Street in the NE quadrant.
 - d. Requesting proposals from prospective developers.
5. There are new benches, trash receptacles, hanging flower pots and street lighting in the DT.
6. The City is trying to develop a design ordinance.
7. City Parking Garage
 - a. Being renovated.
 - i. The first floor houses offices for jail administration as well as housing for low-risk inmates.
 - b. Government Center employees and visitors use all of the parking spaces in the garage now.
 - i. During jury selection periods, impossible to find a parking spot in the garage.
 - c. The jail is adding a small parking lot on the west side of the new jail.
 - i. City Council approved a modification of the Parking Ordinance to include parking requirements for correctional institutions, but reduced the number of spaces from that which had been recommended by the Planning Commission.
8. There is a frequent complaint about the lack of a police presence on Main Street.
9. Ritts Park – City-maintained park that meanders through a hilly area with stream, tennis courts, playground, and picnic tables.



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10. Father Marinaro Park – Former industrial site. Includes skateboard area on old tennis courts.
 - a. Needs maintenance, sidewalks and paths.
 - b. Adjacent housing area includes many single-story units.
 - i. County in the process of rehabbing all units.
11. Wayne Street Viaduct.
 - a. Three buildings are being demolished to provide space to straighten the approaches to the Bridge, as are three buildings under the Bridge.
 - b. New bridge to be built parallel to the existing bridge; then the old one will be torn down.
12. The “Island”.
 - a. Deemed a blighted area; probably the worst area in the City.
 - i. High crime area.
 - ii. LMI housing – high percentage of rentals.
 - iii. The Redevelopment Authority is purchasing and rehabbing houses in this area.
 - iv. Also, home owners can apply for funds to rehab their houses, with the rehab then coordinated and administered by the Redevelopment Authority.
 - b. A part of the West End Revitalization.
 - c. Island Playground
 - i. Owned by Redevelopment Authority
 - ii. Desire to provide a community center facility here.
13. Rotary Park
 - a. Includes area northeast of swinging pedestrian bridge.
 - i. United Way volunteers doing clean-up and trimming of brush and bushes around swinging bridge area.
 - ii. Swinging bridge provides back entrance to Pullman Park.
 - b. Park needs maintenance.
 - c. Could be an good location work a multi-use path around the perimeter of the park and connecting to the swinging bridge.
14. Pullman Park – Redevelopment area.
 - a. Plans for a multi-modal facility on 7 acres in southwest area.
 - i. To include:
 1. Garage for busses.
 2. Service area for maintenance and cleaning of busses.
 3. Terminal and offices.
 4. Park & Ride.
 - b. The historic Pullman office building is privately owned
 - i. Owner hopes to rehab the building.
15. Memorial Park.
 - a. Has multiple facilities including midget football fields, a former bocce ball court, picnic areas, restrooms, and shelters that can be rented.
 - i. Could use more shelters – reservations for rentals all taken very quickly each year.
 - ii. Multi-use pathways throughout the park needed.
 - b. Swimming pool was closed due to lack of funding to operate and maintain it.
 - c. The Musical/Theater Guild building located in Park area.
16. Sullivan Run bank stabilization and flood control program Phase 2 scheduled for later this year.
 - a. Bridges also need attention.
17. Drugs are an issue in apartments near Broad Street School.

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18. YMCA
 - a. Houses Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program.
 - b. Has several pools and gyms – large, active athletic and recreational facility.
19. Excellent Public Library – also has Bookmobile program.

Public Meeting Summary

(Held at St Paul's, attended by 20+ residents and visitors.)

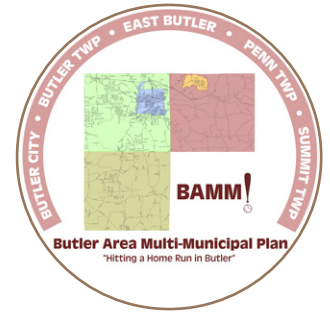
1. We need better code enforcement, especially with regard to property maintenance.
 - a. Housing is 55% rental/45% owner-occupied in the City, although some at the meeting feel it is closer to 70% rental.
2. High potential for crime in DT area – perceived and real.
 - a. Transients, renters, unemployed, and “negative image groups” very visible in the DT.
 - b. People are leaving the DT to shop, eat, and for recreation/entertainment.
 - c. Suggested solutions:
 - i. Need more police walking or biking in the DT.
 - ii. Stronger neighborhoods.
 - iii. Need the DT to be more walkable – more eyes on the street.
 - iv. Need more things to do in DT.
 - v. Synchronize traffic lights better – drivers try to avoid DT.
3. There are 1400 HUD homes in the County – at least 800 are in the City.
4. There is a commercial façade improvement/restoration program in the City.
5. There is a County home ownership program.
 - a. 300 new home owners in the County.
6. There are three major senior housing options in the City.
 - a. Cliff Side
 - b. Terrace
 - c. Historic Lafayette
7. Where and how are other cities doing well?
 - a. Is there a template? Need to attract desired people to the City.
 - b. Low-cost rentals are available – commercial and residential.
8. The key to revitalization is Safety.
 - a. Remove blight.
 - b. Have more police presence – hire Rent-A-Cops if necessary.
 - c. Promote pride in the community.
 - d. Enforce existing curfew.
 - e. Block Watch program.
 - i. There is a “Neighbors that Care” program in the Island area.
 - ii. Put on porch lights.
9. Communications between City and residents is poor.
 - a. City Council meetings are televised – add community announcements to each meeting.
 - b. Get Armstrong Cable to come to meetings like these.
 - c. When you are put on hold calling City offices, have current recorded announcements/messages play.
10. Landlords are required to have agreement with Waste Management.
11. We could be training and using others employed by the City (such as Firemen) to help with Code inspections.



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12. Tax-exempt properties are becoming an epidemic in Butler.
 - a. Needs to be addressed through legislators.
 - b. Some tax-exempt property owners are encouraged to make voluntary donations to their City, especially those benefitting greatly from City services.
13. Discussion about how to approach possible consolidation with Township(s).
 - a. Baby steps – sharing of services and/or facilities.
 - b. Difficult political and practical (mostly financial and taxes) issues.
14. There are several disincentives for people to locate businesses in the City/DT.
 - a. Business Privilege tax is higher in the City.
 - i. Council needs to reevaluate and reduce this tax.
 - b. The Mercantile tax is a major disincentive.
 - i. Should give incentive tax reductions to new businesses first, then look at reducing this tax on existing businesses.
15. Need to get through truck traffic out of DT.
 - a. Employ traffic calming techniques.
 - b. Divert trucks to Wayne Street?
 - c. There were 2 or 3 PennDot by-pass studies; but there is no available funding.
16. Parks & Recreation issues.
 - a. Little playground equipment in existing parks.
 - b. Typically, no supervision in parks.
 - i. Did have supervision in three parks this summer.
 - a) Structured activities from 9-4.
 - c. Should provide bike lanes to connect parks to Rails-to-Trails, and between Ritts, Memorial, Alameda and Fr. Marinaro Parks.
 - i. Link to North Country Trail.
 - ii. Provide connection from Cold Run to Marinaro Park.
 - d. Need more for little kids in Memorial Park.
 - e. It would cost \$250,000 to reopen swimming pool in Memorial Park.
 - i. \$40-50,000 per year to operate it.
 - ii. Should consider a splash park as an alternative.
17. Emphasis on Economic Development is critical to growth of the City as a whole.
 - a. Need big Public Relations campaign as part of a planning effort.
 - b. Team with BC3 on a business incubator program.
 - c. Utilize the alleys in the DT.
 - i. Have stores on the back streets.
 - ii. Make them walkable – safe, lighted, etc.
 - d. Create a Youth Center with Friday night activities.
 - e. Construct a SkatePark.
- 18. Related Information from the recent key person interviews:**
 - a. Major Issues:
 - i. BASA – huge priority.
 - ii. DT revitalization is critical to the entire area.
 - iii. Business and Economic Development.
 - a) Recruit desired businesses to the DT.
 - iv. DT parking.
 - v. Maintenance of private properties.
 - vi. More and better parks.

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- b. Housing needs prioritized:
 - i. Singles
 - ii. Young families
 - iii. In the DT
 - iv. Pet-friendly
- c. Infrastructure needs prioritized:
 - i. Streets
 - ii. Sidewalks
 - iii. Wastewater
- d. Where the City should spend more:
 - i. Streets
 - ii. Snow removal
 - iii. Infrastructure
 - iv. Parks & Recreation
- e. Those groups least served regarding entertainment:
 - i. Teens
 - ii. Young adults
 - iii. Families
- f. Those groups least served regarding Parks & Rec:
 - i. Teens
 - ii. Families
- g. Desired Parks & Rec facilities:
 - i. Reopen the pool at Memorial Park.
 - ii. Walking and Bike paths.
 - iii. More restrooms.
 - iv. Better maintenance.

19. Related Information from the recent resident survey:

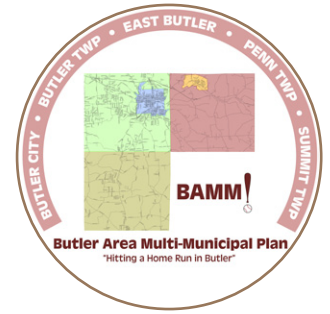
- a. Prioritized listing of issues needing the most attention:
 - i. Revitalize the DT.
 - a) Listed as a major issue by residents of all BAMM Plan municipalities, and non-residents who answered the survey.
 - ii. Revitalize the neighborhoods.
 - iii. Preserve open space.
 - iv. Improve local government's communications with residents.
 - v. Enforce property maintenance.
 - vi. Diversify the economic base.
 - vii. Consolidation and sharing of services among municipalities.
 - viii. Require walkways in new developments.
 - ix. Sidewalks.
 - x. Promote "Green" development.
 - xi. Increase home ownership.
- b. Importance of Parks & Recreation to you and your family – ranked 4.01 on a scale of 1-5 – the highest of all 5 municipalities.
 - i. 73% agreed with the statement "The municipality need recreation programs for all ages, abilities and interests."
 - ii. 22% agreed with "The municipality should provide a few basic programs."



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- c. Those least served recreationally:
 - i. Teens
 - ii. Young adults
 - iii. Families
- d. 75% support improving existing parks.
- e. 58% support improving existing recreational facilities.
- f. 43% support expanding recreational facilities.
- g. Regarding which facilities would your family use:
 - i. Walking trails (82%)
 - ii. Restrooms (67%)
 - iii. Nature trails (48%)
 - iv. Bike trails (43%)
- h. 70-87% would support allocating resources toward developing new trails of all types – walking, bike, multi-purpose trails between parks, neighborhoods and schools, and trails along key commercial corridors.
- i. 96% want the local municipalities to partner in the development of parks and recreational programs and facilities.
- j. Regarding DT Butler:
 - i. 43% visit the DT daily (71% at least 2 times a week).
 - ii. Main reasons for visiting the DT:
 - a) Post Office
 - b) Banking/financial
 - c) Grocery
 - d) Library
 - e) Restaurants/Bars
 - f) Doctor/Dentist/Optometrlist
 - g) Retail shopping
 - h) Events/Festivals
 - iii. 63% thing DT parking is a problem.
 - iv. Places where they typically shop:
 - a) Moraine Point Plaza (79%)
 - b) Clearview Mall (78%)
 - c) Butler Commons (76%)
 - d) Downtown Butler (57%)
 - e) Greater Butler Mart (42%)
 - v. Importance of various issues regarding DT shopping – priority order:
 - a) Safe environment.
 - b) General clean-up of DT.
 - c) More stores and services.
 - d) Clean, attractive stores.
 - e) Supporting local businesses.
 - f) Pleasant atmosphere.
 - g) Variety of goods.
 - vi. Kinds of stores/services they would like to have or have more of in DT – prioritized:
 - a) Family restaurant.
 - b) Theater – current movies.
 - c) Department store.
 - d) Clothing store.

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- e) Event center.
- f) Bakery.
- g) Coffee shop.
- h) Ice cream shop.
- i) Restaurant – upscale.
- j) Take-home food.
 - a. 6 of top 10 involve food or dining in the DT.
- vii. 72% of those responding are home owners.
- viii. 98% have a HS diploma or higher.
 - a) 42% have a college degree or higher.

Butler Township Tour and Public Meeting – 9/10/08

Driving tour of Area – Accompanied by Cindy Davis Notes and Summary:

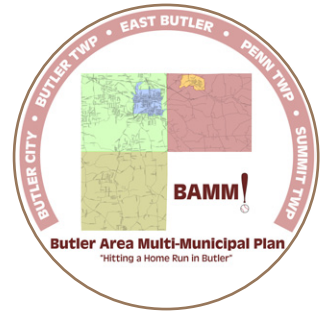
1. Recreational facilities in Butler Twp.:
 - a. Highfield Community Center and Baseball Association.
 - i. Baseball fields and open space.
 - b. Butler Twp. Park west of South Duffy Road (96 acres), includes:
 - i. Deck hockey rink
 - ii. Playground
 - iii. Basketball court
 - iv. Volleyball/badminton
 - v. Horse shoes
 - vi. Walking trails
 - vii. Lighted slopes for sledding
 - viii. Park building, available for rent.
 - c. Rear entrance to park site
 - i. BASA sanitary sewer pump station on site.
 - a) 2 equalization tanks to be installed here as well.
 - ii. Township Road Department buildings and storage site.
 - iii. Access to lighted sledding slopes
 - iv. Needs to be more accessible to the public
 - v. No hiking trails.
 - vi. Need master site plan of this park as part of BAMM Plan
 - d. Opportunity to continue/develop trail connecting:
 - i. Father Marinaro Park
 - ii. Butler Twp. Park
 - iii. Alameda Park
 - iv. Renfrew/Penn Twp..
2. Butler Road and into Lyndora:
 - a. Farm land prime for development south of Butler Road..
 - b. Kohler Avenue and Main Street – turning into mostly rental housing.
 - c. Bessemer – Former housing for mills, small lots, parking problem area.
 - i. Could deteriorate rapidly.
 - ii. Need planning tools to prevent deterioration.
 - iii. Buffer area between housing and industrial.



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- d. Lyndora – has neighborhood development/retail/housing overlay zone.
 - i. Safe area.
- e. Whitestown Road/Hansen Avenue Intersection needs to be fixed with appropriate traffic lights and/or realignment of several intersecting streets.
 - i. Area west of Hansen Avenue – potential Elm Street program area?
3. New Castle Road
 - a. Signage controls way too liberal.
 - b. Streetscaping needed.
 - c. Reuse of buildings requires a highway access permit from PennDot.
 - d. Entrance to Alameda Park.
 - e. New commercial development west of Alameda Plaza to include Kohl's, Applebee's, IHOP, McDonalds, Quiznos, Michaels, Ross Dress, 5 banks.
4. Rte 8 area north of City
 - a. Clearview Mall
 - i. Includes Bonton, Sears, Penny's, Dicks, Texas Roadhouse, McDonalds, NextTier Bank.
 - ii. Mall officials are frustrated with Center Twp.'s refusal to rezone adjacent areas to attract more commercial activity to immediate area.
 - a) Area across from the mall should probably be zoned commercial.
 - b. Bon Aire Plaza area
 - i. 4-5 gas stations closed.
 - ii. Michaels moving out.
 - iii. Shopping Center will be vacant soon.
 - c. Landscaping at intersection of 422 and Rte 8 provided by local PA Conservancy group.
 - d. Zoning issues along 422 east of Rte 8.
5. Belmont Road in residential neighborhood is frequently used as a shortcut to the hospital – traffic and safety problem for the neighborhood.
6. Residential area immediately north of hospital.
 - a. Very steep and/or narrow streets.
 - b. Structures within street's right of way.
 - c. Needs attention in the Plan.
 - i. Potential land bank area?
7. Hospital is adding a new main entrance on SR 68.
 - a. Should help reduce traffic on Belmont and other residential streets.
 - b. Most of the hospital buildings are in the Twp., including the new construction.
8. The Twp. owns 10-acre parcel behind the Comfort Inn on Rte 8.
 - a. Was to have been site for ice rink, but a market study concluded it wouldn't work, so the owners donated the land to the Twp..
 - b. Potential site for soccer field(s).
9. Meridian Road area in SW area of Twp..
 - a. Development of large single-family homes keeps expanding south along Meridian Road into land currently zoned Agricultural.
 - i. Farmers against this expansion.
 - b. Possible alternative route to I-79?
 - i. Evans City (on SR 68) is bottleneck area.
 - a) 3-4 traffic lights and at-grade RR crossing.
 - 1) RR overpass needed.

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10. Most of the other townships along 68 are not developed and have limited funds to pay for any improvements.
 - a. Should we propose a Transportation Improvement District (TID)?

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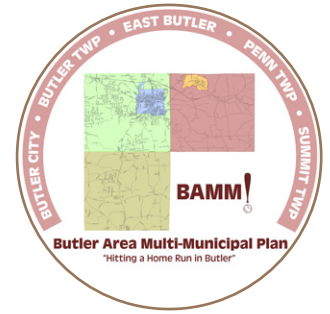
1. Safety after dark.
 - a. No police in sight – Townships and the City.
 - b. Kids hanging out in the middle of the street.
 - i. Kids have nowhere to go.
 - ii. Need activities for kids.
 - iii. Need to develop programs and promote them on cable.
 - a) Like “The Wall” at the old Atlas Hotel in DT on Center Ave.
 - 1) Is it used?
 - iv. Used to have DJ and dances at YMCA.
 - v. This is the “Entertain Me” generation.
 - c. Can’t walk anywhere in Twp. safely.
 - i. Opportunity for multi-use trails for both recreation and transportation.
2. Parks & Recreation should be a greater Butler area cooperative effort.
 - a. Alameda Park.
 - i. Is it underutilized or not?
 - ii. Can it be expanded as a cooperative, multi-municipal effort?
 - b. Open the new Pullman Park to the public and area teams.
 - i. Need to have more events there.
 - c. Need better publicity of available programs.
 - d. Hold “Madden” tournaments – cater to this generation of kids.
 - e. Have had several programs that were well-attended, but not repeated for some reason.
 - i. Deck hockey is popular.
 - ii. Baseball clinics.
 - f. The City has closed down parks and programs.
 - i. City has no funding, closed City Pool – saved \$250,000/year.
 - ii. The City doesn’t have the resources; Butler Twp. does.
 - g. The Dunbar Center in Lyndora is great.
 - i. Youth center.
 - ii. Over-crowded.
 - iii. Non-profit owner.
 - h. Need to get back to basics.
 - i. Less government
 - ii. Pay as you go.
 - iii. Take care of kids.
 - i. Part of the problem is poor publicity/communications.
 - i. Onion Fest, for example; it was over before I heard about it.
 - ii. Newspaper, radio and TV stations don’t cooperate.
 - j. No personal responsibility taught by parents.
 - i. No teens or parents here at this meeting!



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- k. Boredom = Drugs.
 - i. DARE – doesn't work.
 - ii. Anti-drug programs is some churches.
 - iii. Schools promote programs like:
 - 1. Standing Tall.
 - 2. Prom Promise.
 - 3. Teen programs.
 - 4. Intramurals.
 - l. Need more/affordable activities for kids and families.
 - m. Revitalization of the DT is critical.
 - n. Take advantage of Slippery Rock's presence in the County.
 - i. Internships for recreational programs. (Athletic college!)
 - ii. Americore.
 - o. Local schools have facilities – opportunity to share with public.
 - p. Need political leadership – local and State level.
 - q. Need more activities that involve parents and kids.
 - i. First Night
 - ii. Fishing Days
 - iii. 4th of July
- 3. Transportation
 - a. Potential for regional mass transportation.
 - i. Need to be talking more about it.
 - b. SR 68 corridor is major problem area.
 - i. Need an Evans City by-pass.
 - 1. Presented to SW Planning Commission 16 years ago.
 - c. In general, need better connections to 79.
 - d. Why not trains for people?
 - e. We have busses, but I don't know where and when they go.
 - i. Busses are being used – schedule is available on-line.
 - ii. BAT – Free to seniors.
 - iii. Bus to Pittsburgh DT.
 - iv. Regular busses between DT and BC3.
 - f. Moving the busses to Pullman Center.
 - i. Multi-modal facility planned.
 - g. Park & Ride areas are being used.
 - i. The one at 528 is always filled.
 - h. Need local communities unified to develop any transportation changes.
- 4. Need to involve the next generation.
 - a. Need to set-up meetings with BC3 and High School officials.
 - b. Involve class officers and others that are interested
 - c. Hold public meetings at the HS.
- 5. Rediscover/Redevelop 422-New Castle Road area.
- 6. Look at City of Beaver as model for revitalization of DT Butler.
 - a. Taxes are a major issue for businesses in the DT.
 - b. Tighten up incentives for businesses in DT.
 - c. Need to get trucks off of Main Street.
 - i. After 6 PM, Main is like a racetrack!

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- d. Monroe Street Bridge area needs to be fixed.
 - i. Bridge is scheduled to be replaced.
 - e. City housing is in bad shape – need financial incentives/rehab funding.
 - i. High rises in DT losing occupants.
 - f. City is standardizing parking meters.
 - i. Merchants can provide tokens
 1. Issuing warnings instead of tickets.
7. Opportunities for consolidation of services.
- a. Should be voluntary; start with recreational programs.
 - i. First step in having shared services.
 - b. Where can sharing of services work?
 - i. Pittsburgh and Allegheny County are consolidating services.
 - c. Merge City and Township.
 - i. Township wants to go one way; City another.
 - ii. “Never say never.”
 - d. Merge Police departments?
 - i. Wont’ work.
 - ii. Why not?
8. Butler Twp. doesn’t paint lines on the roads.
- a. Cost issue.
 - b. Spent money on street lights.
9. Need affordable senior housing in the Twp..
- a. Have buildings.
10. Slum landlords are buying houses in DT and Lyndora.
- a. Need property maintenance code in Twp..
 - b. Have annual inspection program for rental units only.
11. Need taxi service in Butler area.
12. Need to conserve (not “preserve”) open space.
- a. Promote “green” development.
- 13. From the recent residential survey:**
- a. Butler Twp. residents identified key issues in the Twp. in the following priority order:
 - i. Revitalization of DT Butler.
 - ii. Revitalization of neighborhoods.
 - iii. Enforce property maintenance codes.
 - iv. Diversify the economic base.
 - v. Improve local government communications with residents.
 - vi. Preserve open space, floodplains, habitat areas, and natural resources.
 - vii. Historic preservation.
 - viii. Preservation of Agricultural land.
 - ix. Enforce commercial design standards.
 - x. Promote “Green” development.
 - xi. Consolidation of organizations and services.
 - xii. Promote tourism.
 - xiii. Focus commercial development along existing commercial corridors, not green field sites.



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- b. With regard to Parks & Recreation:
 - i. Age groups least served:
 - 1. Teens
 - 2. Young adults
 - 3. Adults
 - 4. Seniors
 - 5. Families
 - ii. Facilities they would use if available:
 - 1. Walking trails (72%)
 - 2. Restrooms (62%)
 - 3. Nature trails (51%)
 - 4. Bike trails (47%)
 - 5. Picnic area/tables (45%)
 - iii. 71% would support increased local funding for parks and recreation.
 - 1. 27% would like it to remain at the same level.

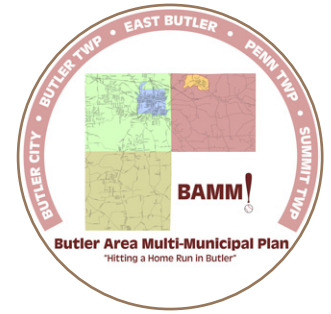
88% are in favor of partnering with other municipalities in the development of programs and facilities.

Penn Township Tour and Public Meeting – 9/9/08

Driving Tour of Area – Accompanied by Bert Mowry and Chuck McCall Notes and Summary:

- 1. Park & Ride lot on east side of Rte 8, south of Old Plank Road.
- 2. Commercial area along and to west of Rte 8 at north end of Twp..
 - a. Car dealership.
 - b. WalMart had been slated for the area west of the car dealership but fell through,
- 3. Large 500+ acre area between Rte 8 commercial area and Renfrew, north of Renfrew Road, is zoned Light Industrial.
- 4. Renfrew Village
 - a. Mostly in the floodplain.
 - i. 5-6 years ago, waters were half way up Post Office walls.
 - b. Small public park.
 - c. Old school house building – vacant.
 - d. No new construction permitted.
 - e. Trying to encourage residents to move out.
 - f. Narrow bridges over the river.
 - g. Saxonburg Area Authority wastewater treatment plant in Village.
 - h. Once land is clear, a possible use could be as a wetlands mitigation area.
- 5. Balance of land west of Rte 8 in Twp. is zoned One Family Residential or Residential Estate, including the land containing the airport..
 - a. Current land uses are primarily agricultural, single-family residential and golf courses.
 - b. Greenhouse and Nursery along Valencia Road.
 - c. Private soccer fields at Beacon Road/Valencia Road intersection.
 - d. Convenience store in Brownsdale.
 - e. Twp. owns 48 acres along Brownsdale Road at 3 Degree Road.
 - i. Potential for Twp. Park.
 - f. Several areas/farms noted as potential places for future residential development.
 - g. Airport is very important asset for the Twp. and the County.

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6. No more elementary schools in Penn Twp. – all students, including high school, are bused to Saxonburg schools.
 - a. With closing of local schools, there are no significant places or activities that bring all Twp. residents together.
 - i. Perhaps the planned new park at Brownsdale and 3 Degree Road could fill that void.
7. Mobile Home Park west of Rte 8 at south end of Twp..
8. Due to amount of traffic and hilly terrain, residents think there should be a traffic light at the intersection of Brownsdale Road and Rte 8.
 - a. A recent traffic study recommended a traffic light at Renfrew Road and Rte 8.
 - b. No other sites along Rte 8 in Penn Twp. were deemed to warrant a traffic light.
9. The areas on both sides of Rte 8 in southern half of the Twp. is zoned Highway Commercial.
 - a. There are several vacant commercial buildings in this area.
 - i. Very little access management in design of commercial parking areas.
 - ii. Several parking areas in poor shape and/or unattractive.
 - iii. Major gateway area into the Twp. from the South.
 - b. The area around The (old Phillips) Mansion is also zoned Highway Commercial.
 - i. Significant asset for the Twp. and the area.
 - ii. Very attractive open and wooded areas around the Mansion.
 1. Banquet facilities in The Mansion.
 2. Potential public area/tourist attraction.
 - a. Would probably need public water.
10. Except for three small areas that are zoned Planned Light Industrial (one east of Winters Road, another at Rockdale and Reamer Road, and the stone quarry between Rte 8 and Township Lane) the area of the Twp. east of Rte 8 is zoned either Residential Estate, One Family Residential, or Conservancy.
 - a. Most of current land use in this half of the Twp. is either agricultural or single-family residential.
 - b. Much of the land is wooded and rolling terrain with several areas of steep slopes.
 - c. There is old junk yard east of South Dutchtown Road and south of Mushrush Road that is gradually being cleaned up.
 - d. There is a Monastery in the NE portion of the Twp. that owns a significant amount of mostly agricultural acreage.
11. The Saxonburg Area Authority has installed sanitary sewer lines throughout much of the Twp., opening the area up for significant future development.

Public Meeting Summary:

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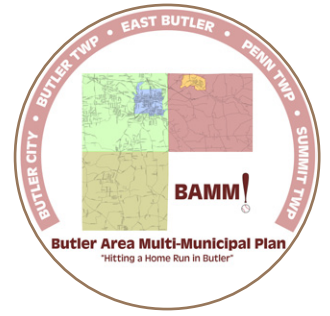
1. Several roads in the Twp. need to be upgraded; many are less than 16' wide, which is too narrow for existing traffic and will only get worse with continued development, especially:
 - a. Fairway Lane
 - b. Beacon Light Road
 - c. Hamel Road
 - d. South Dutchtown Road
 - e. Woodland Road
 - f. Stewart
 - g. Reamer Road
 - h. Creek
 - i. Smith
 - j. Brown



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2. Residents question the notion of locating more industrial sites in the Twp. with the existing roads.
3. A limited number of additional commercial businesses are desired, primarily along Rte 8.
 - a. Address access management issues on Rte 8.
4. Need continuity of zoning with adjacent municipalities.
5. Need more housing options for seniors.
 - a. Need public water.
6. No LERTA anywhere in Twp..
 - a. No clawbacks allowed without legislative approval.
7. Local creeks provide fishing, canoeing and kayaking opportunities.
 - a. A portion of Thorn Creek, a State Stream, may become a fishery.
 - b. Connoquenessing Creek has been one of the most polluted creeks in the US.
 - i. Clean-up project underway.
 - ii. 2 dams, one on private property in Penn Twp. (Franklin Glass Co.)
 1. Dams should be maintained or removed.
 2. Contribute to flooding problems in Renfrew.
 - iii. On PA list of canoeable waters.
8. The County airport is underutilized – needs more/better promotion of events such as:
 - a. Hot Air Balloon meets.
 - b. Annual Fly-ins.
 - c. The existence of the Aviation 101 class and pilot simulator.
 - d. Senior Expo
9. The loss of the schools from the Twp. has had a big impact with regard to a sense of community and the loss of regular contact among families in the Twp..
 - a. Potential Twp. Park on 48 acres at Brownsdale and 3 Degree Road could provide a place for Twp. families to gather and come together for special events and various recreational activities.
 - b. Suggestions for potential facilities include:
 - i. Destination playgrounds – intergenerational interaction opportunities
 - ii. Baseball fields
 - iii. Tennis courts
 - iv. Soccer fields
 - v. Nature areas
 - vi. Pavilions (for scheduled rentals)
 - vii. Amphitheater
 - viii. Sand Volleyball
 - ix. Horseshoes
 - x. Softball fields
 - xi. Deck Hockey
 - xii. Ice Hockey
 - xiii. Dog Park
 - xiv. “Green” parking and walking areas
 - xv. Restrooms
 - xvi. Revenue-generating items such as memorial benches, picnic tables, etc.
 - xvii. The existing on-site barn could provide some unique opportunities for indoor recreational facilities.
 - c. Suggestions for potential programs and activities include:
 - i. Penn Township Days at the Park.
 - ii. Music in the Park.
 - iii. Daycare – summers in the Park.

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- iv. Programs for all ages, including seniors.
 - v. Hangar dance at the airport.
 - vi. Organized sports leagues.
10. Other Parks & Recreational discussions.
- a. Would like to have a bikeway/walkway multi-use path
 - i. Possibly along Airport Road west of Rte 8
 - 1. There is a wide right-of-way on south side of Airport Road
 - 2. Could eventually connect with new Park area.
 - ii. Possibly along Old Plank Road to BC3.
 - iii. In the Days Inn area east of Rte 8. (In Butler Twp.)
 - 1. People walk in the commercial area in front of the Days Inn.
 - a. Have to jump over guard rails in bridge area.
 - 2. Butler Twp. owns property north of Days Inn, for potential soccer fields.
 - b. The Penn Valley Athletic club is close to the new Park area (Monroe Road/Penn Drive area).
 - c. Penn Glade Lions Club Park (on Church Road on southern border of Penn Twp.) is open to the public and has baseball fields and banquet facilities for weddings, etc.
 - d. Center Twp. has 13-15 soccer fields.
 - e. Jefferson Twp. has Little League and soccer programs.
11. The Mansion.
- a. Existing trails, open space and nature preserve.
 - b. Have (or had) basketball and tennis courts.
 - c. Needs to be preserved.
 - d. Potential to become a public area.
 - i. Nature and walking trails.
 - ii. Tours of The Mansion and grounds.
 - iii. Host facility for conferences, etc.
 - iv. Would probably need public water.
12. Succup Conservancy.
- a. Great asset for the Township.
 - b. Have existing and developing trails (+/- 2 miles).
 - c. Ball Park in long range plan.
13. The Township has a web site and produces a municipal flyer.
- 14. From the recent residential survey.**
- a. Penn Twp. residents identified key issues for the Twp. in the following priority order:
 - i. Preservation of open space.
 - ii. Improved communications from local government.
 - iii. Historic preservation.
 - iv. Agricultural land preservation.
 - v. Revitalization of Downtown Butler.
 - vi. Enforce property maintenance codes.
 - vii. Diversify the economic base.
 - viii. Revitalize the neighborhoods.
 - ix. Enforce commercial design standards.
 - x. Consolidation of services with adjacent municipalities.
 - xi. Public transportation.



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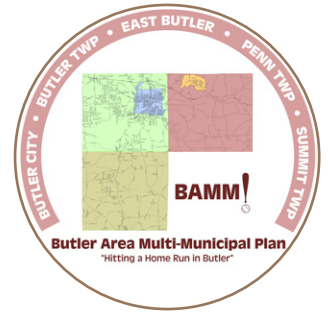
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 - 1. Walking trails (71%)
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 - 3. Restrooms (62%)
 - 4. Picnic areas (47%)
 - 5. Playgrounds (44%)
 - iii. 56% would support increased local funding for parks and recreation.
 - 1. 39% would like it to remain the same.

East Butler/Summit Township Tour and Public Meeting – 9/8/08

Driving Tour of Area – Accompanied by Joe Canel, Dan Hay, Lana Dero and Louise Spohn Summary:

1. 10 Acres just NW of the Township building, purchased earlier by Township for \$110,000.
 - a. Board wants to sell and use proceeds to build a Township garage.
 - b. Have no park in the Twp.; could make a great park.
 - i. Adjacent to Rails-to-Trails site.
 - ii. Central to the Twp..
 - iii. Near the Elementary School.
 - iv. No water or sewer at site or through much of Summit Twp..
 - v. Need ball fields in the Twp..
2. Elementary school built in 1958. All kids then go to Butler HS.
3. BonnieBrook Road was originally a State Road.
 - a. Turned over to the Twp. 35 years ago.
 - b. Considering a 10-ton limit.
 - c. Being used as a connector/City by-pass between 422 and 356.
 - i. Heavy traffic, especially morning and late afternoon.
 - ii. 45 mph speed limit mostly ignored.
 - d. Should revert to being a State Route.
4. 422 east of East Butler.
 - a. Currently zoned Industrial on south and residential on north of 422.
 - i. Summit Twp. did its own zoning.
 - b. Most people would prefer to see strip commercial development there.
 - c. Difficult area to develop with 2 active RR tracks immediately north of the highway and river to south, and rolling terrain.
 - d. Need water and sewer services.
 - e. Highland Golf Course (public) is north of 422 in NE quadrant of Summit Twp..
5. East Butler Borough
 - a. Zoning in East Butler was done by the County.
 - b. Has water and sewer.
 - c. Great baseball complex on north edge of Borough.

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- d. Small playground at Fifth & Broadway.
 - i. Could use more benches and playground equipment.
- e. Small playground behind the Fire Hall on Broadway & Ninth.
 - i. Could also use more benches and new playground equipment.
- f. Industrial Park
 - i. Some changes of ownership of facilities over the years.
 - ii. Employment down at some plants, but generally active operations.
6. Area along East Butler Road and 422 east of East Butler.
 - a. Mostly Industrial, some commercial.
 - b. Health Clinic.
 - c. New Hospital facility.
7. Portman Road and Protzman Road areas – zoned residential.
 - a. Mostly nice, newer homes with underground electric.
 - b. Junkyard south of Protzman Road, east of Herman Road.
8. Herman Road
 - a. From Butler Twp. line to Stutz Road – zoned Commercial.
 - b. East of Stutz Road, except for Herman Village, zoned Agricultural and Residential.
 - c. Golf course and mix of agricultural and residential east of Herman.
 - d. Need to provide water to Herman. Engineer needs to make application.
9. Freeport Road (SR356) – Zoned commercial in area closest to Butler Twp., then Agricultural.
 - a. Western area has water and sewer and substantial mixed development.
 - b. Heasley Nursery (Stutz Road & 356), is largest property owner in the Township.
 - i. 700+ acres
 - ii. Potential for commercial development once no longer a Nursery.
10. Summary of identified issues:
 - a. Issues with zoning codes and zoning map.
 - i. Actual and preferred uses differ from zoning map in several locations, especially along 422.
 - b. Lack of Parks in Twp..
 - c. Future of Twp.-owned 10 acres near Twp. Building and School.
 - d. Increased revenues needed both in Twp. and East Butler.
 - i. Infrastructure needed (primarily water and sewer)
 - e. Ag land preservation
 - f. Improved communications between elected officials and residents.
 - g. BonnieBrook Road traffic and safety, and potential return to State Road.
 - h. Water and Sewer to Herman Village.

Public Meeting Summary:

(Held at Herman Fire Hall, attended by over 55 residents and visitors.)

1. Recycling in both the Borough and the Twp. – not enough, not mandatory.
 - a. Need more frequent pick-up.
2. Pavilions and restrooms needed at the Borough's Parks.
3. Need enforced speed limit on Keck Road – traffic going 60-70 mph now.
4. Zoning in the Twp. needs to be updated.
 - a. College students did a land use survey.
 - b. Recommended changes approved by Planning Commission
 - c. Tabled by Supervisors.



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5. Commercial development needed to improve quality of life and increase Twp. revenues.
 - a. Development driven by water and sewer availability and controlled by zoning.
 - b. No sanitary sewer.
 - c. Types of stores desired:
 - i. Don't want Sheetz-type of stores.
 - ii. Need grocery and "daily-items" store.
 - iii. Gas station
 - d. Recommended locations:
 - i. 422 & BonnieBrook.
 1. Old home there; Sheetz wanted to buy, owner didn't want to sell.
 - ii. Along any of the main arteries.
 - iii. Old Pizza Place building on 422.
 - iv. Caspers on Grant in East Butler.
 - v. BonnieBrook & Herman Road
 - e. Some sentiment expressed to "Leave it like it is."
 - f. Need to separate "needs" and "wants".
 - g. Need development to pay for existing infrastructure (mostly streets and roads)
6. No Twp. police force to enforce rules and speed limits in the Twp..
7. Don't raise taxes to have parks in Twp..
 - a. Lots of organized recreational activities outside the Twp..
 - b. Don't need parks in Twp.; have farms, large lots, sledding, hunting, fishing, etc. – plenty of places for our kids to play.
8. The park behind Summit Academy was not maintained and fell apart.
9. The land behind the Herman Fire Department building is available for a park.
10. The Twp. should have a walking trail and a pavilion.
 - a. The County has funds for parks.
 - i. \$300,000 last year.
 - ii. We should apply for some of those funds.
 - b. Consider Twp.-owned 10 acres adjacent to planned Rails-to-Trails.
11. East Butler wants more facilities at its parks.
 - a. The Baseball complex is owned by the Borough and managed by the Baseball Association.
12. Franklin Fields
 - a. Needs some work.
 - b. Are privately owned.
13. Should the Twp. have "Conservation Design Standards" for subdivisions?
14. Traffic issues:
 - a. Need turn lanes on 422 at Keck Road.
 - b. People also using Headland Road to get to BonnieBrook and then to 422.
 - c. Cars going 80mph on all of BonnieBrook.
15. Residents pay a Fire Hydrant Tax even though there is not enough pressure to fight fires.
 - a. Revenues go the Pennsylvania-American Water Company.
16. Should have a combined community newsletter and/or magazine including East Butler, Summit Twp., City of Butler, Butler Twp. and Penn Twp. (BAMM Plan area).
 - a. Communications are key for future cooperation.
 - b. County Commissioners established a 22-member Board to create a County Plan.
 - i. We should plug into this.

9th Inning: Appendices



17. There are failed septic systems at the Hinchberger Road/356 intersection area.
 - a. Need sewer there and the old Saxonburg-Butler Road.
 - b. Need alternatives and assistance funding
 - i. Consider experimental/alternative systems.

18. Highlights from the recent resident survey:

- a. Summit Twp. residents identified key issues for the Twp. in the following priority order:
 - i. The local government needs to improve communications with the public.
 - ii. Neighborhood revitalization.
 - iii. Diversify the economic base.
 - iv. Commercial development/redevelopment should be focused in the DT and along key commercial corridors, as opposed to green field sites.
 - v. Preserve prime agricultural lands in the Twp..
 - vi. Revitalize DT Butler.
 - vii. Various (listed) redevelopment projects in the City are important to the revitalization of the area.
 - viii. Open space, floodplains, habitat areas and natural resources should be preserved.
 - ix. Better maintenance of private properties should be required and enforced.
 - x. Consolidation of organizations and services, and sharing of services among municipalities should be considered to reduce costs and eliminate duplications.
 - xi. Increased home ownership should be promoted.
 - xii. Walkways should be required in new developments.
- b. With regard to Parks & Recreation:
 - i. Age groups least served:
 1. Seniors
 2. Teens
 3. Families
 4. Adults
 - ii. Facilities they would use most if available:
 1. Walking trails (71%)
 2. Picnic Areas/Tables (57%)
 3. Restrooms (54%)
 4. Bike Trails (50%)
 5. Nature Trails (50%)
 - iii. 58% would support increasing funding for parks and recreation.
 1. 39% would like it to remain the same.
 - iv. 89% think the municipalities in the Butler area should partner in the development of parks and recreational programs and facilities.