

### Exit Survey Summary

64 people attended the town hall and 49 people returned a survey (77% of attendees)

#### **Attendees were asked how effective the open house was to help them understand the planning study**

- 23 (49%) - thought it was very effective
- 16 (34%) - thought it was somewhat effective
- 8 (17%) - that it was not effective

#### **Attendees were asked if their property was located on State Route 31 West**

- 17 (34%) - Yes
- 33 (66%) - No

#### **Attendees were asked if they lived in Jefferson or Somerset Townships or another municipality**

- 37 (70%) - Jefferson Township
- 12 (23%) - Somerset Township
- 1 (2%) - Middle Creek Township
- 1 (2%) - Conemaugh Township - work in Jefferson Township
- 2 (3%) - Other (Saltlick Township)

#### **Attendees were asked how their property was currently being used**

- 40 (74%) - Residential
- 5 (9%) - Agriculture
- 6 (11%) - Commercial (manufactured home community, trucking)
- 1 (2%) - Recreation (State Park)
- 2 (4%) - Industrial

#### **Attendees were asked if they were in favor of adopting land use regulations, specifically zoning, along the State Route 31 Corridor**

- 38 (81%) - Yes
- 6 (13%) - No
- 3 (6%) - Not sure - don't like government control but do enjoy rural nature

#### **Why or Why not?**

- Zoning needed to protect current landowners and strategically identify areas for commercial and residential development
- Zoning will keep growth under control and orderly
- Zoning will protect the area that is so beautiful



- Design plan is needed as well
- Need setbacks
- Need zoning to prevent clutter, beauty and land values
- Zoning will maintain agricultural uses
- Building requirements are wanted
- Zoning can protect our viewshed, agriculture, pastoral areas, which brings people to Somerset
- No zoning-private property rights are important

## **Attendees were asked if they were in favor of zoning regulations, which would they support**

- 29 (60%)-Corridor zoning controlled by Somerset County (applies to parcels within 1,000 feet of SR ONLY)
- 2 (4%)- Municipal zoning for Somerset Township (applies to the ENTIRE municipality)
- 10 (21%)-Municipal zoning for Jefferson Township (applies to the ENTIRE municipality)
- 7 (15%)-Joint zoning for Somerset Township and Jefferson Township (shared zoning for BOTH municipalities)

## **Why or Why not?**

- Somerset County has a planning department that could be utilized as the townships are not prepared or educated to undertake this task on zoning
- Joint zoning may work as coordination between municipalities would be better
- Do not like the entire municipality being zoned since all problems are on State Route 31
- Uncontrolled development would be a disaster
- Corridor zoning would work better-eliminates each township having different zoning
- Need zoning so we don't look like Donegal
- Joint zoning would look at the whole picture
- Need to do what is best for the community-not individual property owners
- Uncontrolled development could devastate the beauty of the corridor
- Only the corridor would be impacted by development; entire municipal zoning would be considered too restrictive by landowners

## **Attendees were asked what types of land uses they would like to see developed/permitted along EACH Segment of SR 31 in the future**

- Single Family Residential- Segment 1 (20), Segment 2 (11), Segment 3 (3)
- Multi-Family Residential- Segment 1 (12), Segment 2 (4), Segment 3 (4)
- Commercial- Segment 1 (5), Segment 2 (1), Segment 3 (17)
- Industrial- Segment 1 (1), Segment 3 (6)
- Agriculture- Segment 1 (13), Segment 2 (21), Segment 3 (5)
- Other- Segment 1 (pizza shop), Segment 2 (small food/convenience center) and 3 (recreational)

**Other Comments**

- Water resource has to be addressed as it is the lifeblood of the area and tourism industry
- Outdoor furnaces need to be regulated
- Jefferson Township needs cleaned up
- Need to discuss other impacts of development besides visual impacts
- Traffic projects seem to be low-there will be much more traffic mainly on segment 3
- What will this do to property assessments?
- People don't understand zoning-more education is needed
- Use the design guidelines
- Protect water resources
- Need traffic counts