

KICK-OFF MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, August 6, 2003, the Town of Crystal Lake Land Use Planning Committee hosted an Open Viewing and Consultant Kick-Off meeting at the Town Hall. The Village of Neshkoro and Town of Neshkoro also participated in this informative evening. Attending were 34 people from the Town of Crystal Lake, 7 from Town of Neshkoro and 3 from the Village of Neshkoro.

The Open Viewing was held from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and 7:30-8:00 p.m. Citizens were invited to view and study comprehensive planning informational displays on Visioning, Zoning, Survey Results, Respecting Property Rights, Opportunities for Public Participation and Committee Education, Grants and the grant obtained by the county and town, the Smart Growth Statute and Guidelines and information about the consultant group hired, Vandewalle and Associates.

From 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. a Kick-Off meeting was held with Vandewalle and Associates' Mark Roffers, the planner who will be working with each of the communities to research and develop their individual comprehensive land use Smart Growth plan. Discussion included:

1. Reasons for comprehensive planning and its relationship to zoning, land division and other ordinances.
2. The planning process to be completed in the Towns of Crystal Lake, Neshkoro and Village of Neshkoro.
3. An outline of the work project expectations *for* the communities and the responsibilities *of* the communities for the planning project.
4. Guidelines for local public involvement in the plan process.
5. Future meeting dates of Vandewalle and Associates with the individual plan commissions.
6. Gathering pertinent plans, ordinances, and other background information
7. Answering questions.

The next meeting of the Town of Crystal Lake Land Use Planning Group with Vandewalle and Associates will be Wednesday, September 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Information about the next meeting will be published in the Waushara Argus, Marquette County Tribune, and on the county website. Questions about the Kick Off Meeting and the upcoming meeting on September 3 may be directed to Martha Ward at 787-4791.