

Good morning folks. I'm just popping in here today for a little reality check for the Township Supervisors. I have heard rumors that the Comprehensive Plan is heading your direction for approval or otherwise. Perhaps restating the obvious, quite a few of us out in the country are hoping for the "otherwise." But we do come bearing some gifts – a couple of ideas that might help you as our representatives.

As you are aware, any number of us are not thrilled with ANY zoning code. We have iterated previously that plans should be made for any of several possible directions that the PEOPLE of this Township might seek. Should the existing Supervisors continue in a forward direction with the notion of adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, and a Comprehensive Plan that suggests or authorizes it, then it is a foregone conclusion that the people will seek other options, including perhaps:

The formation of one or more townships by the breaking apart of Cranberry Township as it now exists;

The formation of a new borough from the lands in and around the neighborhoods of Seneca;

The total reorganization of Cranberry Township into districts to change the election process for the Township as it currently is geographically identified, or perhaps as it will exist after maybe the southern part below 322 merges with Rockland Township, or whatever our people decide to do with it.

Having never looked at the current draft Comprehensive Plan, I would ask the Supervisors if these contingencies have been addressed within that Plan? If not, the said plan should never be considered to approach the goal of being "Comprehensive" in scope, as it is missing the mark by failing to address these possibilities.

Further, we have laid our own requests on the table that the entire Zoning Code, as it now exists, be repealed. If the proposed Plan fails to address the considerations involved with Township Supervisors needing to go on a financial diet from the loss of revenues that would entail, then again, the Plan does not come close to being "Comprehensive" in its scope or detail.

Further consideration of these, and many other factors, MUST be addressed in any plan attempting to attain a status of "Comprehensive."

Also, should the people decide to form a new township, or perhaps several new political subdivisions from the dismemberment of Cranberry as it now exists, how would the existing Supervisors propose to transfer ownership of water lines or other utilities to those new political subdivisions? Inquiring minds want to know, and such details ought not to be ignored in any plan seeking to be called "Comprehensive" in scope. Change is indeed coming – and it may not be what the recently drafted "Plan" has in mind. A truly "comprehensive" plan will not ignore those contingencies.

In addition, this plan, if is to be considered "Comprehensive" at all, ought also include within it the options, in complete and Comprehensive detail, that the people have available to them under the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for such political subdivision restructuring, should we be forced to withdraw from this Township due to the political oppression that we perceive.

I am here offering you these tidbits of information, whereby you can look at this Comprehensive Plan, as it stands, to make an informed assessment as to its actual Comprehensive scope. Failing any of these tests, failing to include provisions for these possibilities, then the said plan ought to be TABLED, and taken back to the drawing board for these, and perhaps other, additional inclusions.

Knowing how slowly word gets around, I thought I would make sure you understood that The Donald DID actually win the United States Presidency. With that information should come the realization that THE PEOPLE are largely FED UP with government generally. I have to at least notice in your direction folks, that your TIMING could not be WORSE for suggesting more "plans" from our government to be laid atop the people of this Township, and our personal property. That you would consider such a plan now, in light of these "get government out of the way" mandates coming from the people, is nearly laughable.

Here is what is could happen. You pass this Comprehensive Plan as is. We, the people, go forth circulating petitions to negate your vote by referendum. While petitioning, we also petition to create a few new governments from the ashes of Cranberry Township as it now exists. Your so-called "comprehensive" plan fails to address these possible changes. At that point, you have no way to prepare for the outcome, or even influence it. The three of you go down in local infamy as the ones who not only allowed it, but caused it. I doubt you want your legacy to reflect something like that.

At the polls only a month ago, the people said clearly: WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH. Do you care to provide more of the same, or listen to the voice of people of this Township? Someone needs to make a motion to TABLE this Plan, and if necessary to rewrite it the way the people actually want it. Plan to eliminate everything after the words "It Is Hereby Enacted..." in the extant zoning code. Then plan for life without that revenue in whatever plan gets written. That, gentlemen, is my best suggestion in light of the current political mood of the people of this Township.

If you really want to help the people of this Township, perhaps you should collect names & phone numbers of young people willing to assist with upcoming snow removal, and publish them on your web site. Then, when Township plows bury our driveways, at least we have a pool of people we can call to get us dug out. Thank you.