

Yates township Planning Commission
Special Meeting
Master Plan Update
Public Input Meeting

August 10, 2026
6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Amy Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:15pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Commissioner Linda McClure, Commissioner Blair Evans, Commissioner Amy Ellis, Commissioner Colleen Carrington-Atkins
Absent: Shawn Coffey, Brad Dutmer
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the agenda with corrections. 2nd by Commissioner Evans. Corrected the names of commissioner listed. Voice vote: All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

5. **New Business: Master Plan Update**

Supervisor Grier clarified the focus for the survey for the Master Plan that was distributed and also available on the township's website.

- Long term projection, twenty years, to provide a legacy for future generations
- 30 surveys were submitted to date, planning for 200 more surveys
- Paper copies of surveys were available and could be completed during this meeting.

Facilitator Quran Griffen, KWB Associates, introduced the format for this information gathering meeting participants:

- Four breakout groups that will rotate giving each participant an opportunity to participate in each group
 - Breakout group 1: If growth occurs, where should it happen? (Places for future growth; identify priority projects)
 - Breakout group 2: What are places that we need to preserve? (How do we balance historic preservation with economic development).
 - Breakout group 3: What are your favorite community assets? (What kind of tourism fits Yates Township's identity?)
 - Breakout group 4: What places are needing redevelopment? (What landscapes should never be redeveloped).

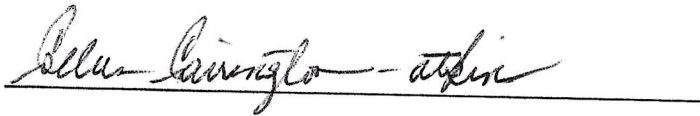
Summaries were provided after each group spent 20 minutes discussing each topic rotating participation and offering feedback for each subject.

Close-out: Supervisor Grier explained next steps:

- Results will be turned over to the Planning Commission
- Earlier surveys will also be included

Public Comment: No additional comments

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Ellis at approximately 8:00pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Colleen Carrington-Atkins", is written over a horizontal line.

Respectfully submitted: Colleen Carrington-Atkins