PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

• Review overall planning process
• Review existing conditions
• Obtain feedback and input on neighborhood assets, priorities for improvement, and any other critical information
• Not here to seek specific addresses and locations

Resident feedback and input will inform the priorities of the Comprehensive Plan and future projects.
WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A public document that serves as a guide for decisions about the future of the community, including a vision, goals and priorities.
PURPOSE OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

• Answer the questions – who are we? Where do we want to be? And how do we get there?
• Creates a dialogue between the public, elected officials and stakeholders to determine community goals and identity
• Creates a vision, goals and priorities for the community
• Aligns decisions and resources to meet needs and goals of the community
PLANNING PROCESS

Public engagement process
• Community meetings with residents
  • February, 5th – Boardman Park
• Community Survey – www.boardmantwp.com
• Meetings with stakeholders and businesses

Data Collection
• Population & Housing data to understand trends

Development of a Comprehensive Plan
• Develop community wide vision, goals and priorities
Identity – What ONE word would you use to describe Boardman

Strengths/Assets: Features of the community that people value and take pride in that we can build on to make the community stronger.

Weaknesses/Challenges: Features/conditions of the community that should be improved to make the community stronger.
Intersection of Southern Blvd.

Early 1900’s – Rural agricultural community

Southern Blvd. looking north.

Intersection of Southern Blvd. and Boardman-Poland Rd.
Southern Park Race Track & Stables (1915) – included racetrack, stables, grandstand and other amenities.

Popular destination for Youngstown residents accessible via the street car parallel to Southern Blvd.
Post WWI Development takes off along Southern Blvd. and continues into the 1930’s and 1940’s off Market St. and Glenwood Ave. including Ridgewood Estates and the Boardman Park Allotment.
Boardman Plaza – Est. 1950’s. It was one of the first strip malls in the country.
Circa 1970
Southern Park Mall opens at SR 224 and Market St.
Darker areas - most densely populated in the Township

Lightest areas - least densely populated in the Township
Median Age
- 2000 – 42.1 years
- 2010 – 44.6 years

Average Family Size
- 2000 – 2.94
- 2010 – 2.87
2000-2010 Population Change

Yellow – Increased
Maroon – Decreased

2000-2010 Population Change

-0% - 8%
-4% - -1%
-6% - -5%
-9% - -7%
-13% - -10%

Source: U.S. Census
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

• Auto-oriented development
  • Difficult & dangerous to walk or bike
• Separated uses
  • Neighborhoods divided by large roads and commercial areas
• Changing retail trends
• Housing crisis/bubble
Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure is an approach to water management that protects, restores, or mimics the natural water cycle. Green infrastructure is effective, economical, and enhances community safety and quality of life. It means planting trees and restoring wetlands, rather than building a costly new water treatment plant.
Public engagement
• Next meeting Monday, February 5 (Boardman Park)
• Community Survey – www.boardmantwp.com

Development of a draft Comprehensive Plan
• Resident feedback and input will inform the priorities for planning
• Develop community wide vision, goals and priorities
• Update Zoning Code to reflect community vision and priorities
QUESTIONS?

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