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GRAEF to develop Germantown's 2050 Comprehensive Plan
Citizens invited to provide input at public meetings

GERMANTOWN, Wis. (July 18, 2019) – The Village of Germantown has hired GRAEF to develop its 2050 Comprehensive Plan, which will create guidelines to steer the future development in the community.

GRAEF will work with village staff, the 2050 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, the Village Plan Commission and the Village Board to develop the plan.

A survey will be conducted to gather opinions from village residents, and those results will be made available on the village website (www.village.germantown.wi.us).

A document that was recently approved by the Germantown Village Board states, “Public participation helps to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan accurately reflects the needs, opportunities and desires of our community. This document outlines the procedures that will be used in the Comprehensive Planning Process to foster public participation, and to ensure that there are opportunities for public participation at every stage of the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan Update.”

State law requires all municipalities adopt a plan and approve written procedures for public participation in the development of the plan.

“The community engagement plan that’s been put together is intended to ratify that statute requirement,” Germantown Director of Community Development Jeff Retzlaff stated during the board meeting. “It also intended to be flexible – what’s listed there will be the minimum items and approaches to how we are going to (address) public participation but we may also, as we go through the process, add events or items to the plan.”

Craig Huebner, urban designer, will oversee the development of the Germantown plan for GRAEF.

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An open house for the village will be conducted by GRAEF on Tuesday, July 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Germantown Public Library, N112 W16957 Mequon Road. Residents, property owners, business owners and all other interested citizens are invited to share their comments, thoughts and ideas about the future of the village.

The session will be the first of three public events planned to receive public input over the next nine months. Input received at the meetings will be considered and used in preparing the village's 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

The plan development will occur from November 2019 through January 2020. The plan review, public hearing and adoption are slated to from February through May 2020.

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