

Approved  
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Merger Study Commission  
Work Session Minutes  
July 14, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by Mike Shank and Joan Gallagher, Co-Chairpersons of the Merger Study Commission.
2. Linda Hummel, Tom Frantz, Bill Berry, Donna Hellmann and Ron Folkerth, and Howard Ackerman were present. Sam Staley and Charlie Schwegman were not present. Barry Tiffany joined the meeting at 9 PM.
3. Howard Ackerman read his “Comments to the Commission” regarding core issues: use of land, future operational cost and property taxes, life style and who should decide the future of the community. When he finished. Mr. Ackerman stated that his decision was to present the Merger to the voters, so they could decide to vote “for” or “against” a Merger. Mr. Ackerman’s “Comments to the Commission” will be attached to the minutes.
4. The Commission then started on a revision of the Rationales for the Conditions of Merger, based on Mr. Schwegman’s comment that the Rationales needed to be “because statements”. The group seemed to be making slow progress till Mr. Tiffany arrived. With Mr. Tiffany guidance and expertise the Rationales were completed in record time.
5. Mr. Berry shared with the Commissioners the presentation he gave at the July 12, 2010 City Council meeting. It was very impressive and a copy is attached to these minutes.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.