



February 6, 2018

Planners and zoning professionals of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, along with APA Cleveland will be presenting the 2018 Northeast Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop. This educational workshop was created to provide low cost opportunities for local communities to come together to learn, share ideas, and network.

Attendees will include county commissioners, township trustees, city council members, land planning and county professionals, planning and zoning commission members, board of zoning appeals members, zoning inspectors, and other citizens.

The Northeast Ohio Planning and Zoning Organizational Committee is requesting proposals from experts on various topics from which the Committee decided those to be presented at the Workshop. Each session will be 1 hour and 15 minutes. Please submit your proposal to [david.radachy@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:david.radachy@lakecountyohio.gov) by February 23, 2018.

The suggested topics are:

**How a meeting works:** Discusses quorum, notice, advertising, setting a meeting schedule, electing chair, allowing the chair to run the meeting, sidebars (whispering to each or use of phones), swearing in of witnesses and Robert's Rule of Order.

**Sunshine laws**

**Signs Basics:** What is a sign, what you can regulate, what is commercial speech, freedom of speech

**Site Plan:** What is a site plan, how to read it, why do it

**Panel Discuss, Overlapping Codes:** Fire Inspector, Health Commissioner, Zoning Inspector and Building Inspector will discuss how and what each of their codes are designed to protect the public and where they overlap.

**Storm Water Planning:** What is watershed planning, what are riparian setbacks?, Why do a maximum impervious surface? Why following engineering plans is important?

**Is that lot buildable:** This session will discuss how a lot is determined to be feasible to place on site system and discuss how determine if a lot is a legal non-conforming and what requirements are enforceable.

**Housing, what trends are coming around the corner:** A look at tiny houses, using different types of materials for units (containers), when does a mother-in-law suite become a duplex, short term rentals (Airbnb).

**Administering Development on land with other interests:** Sometimes there are third parties that become part of the development process when land develops. Owners of cell towers, owners of the mineral rights, the gas and oil operators, owners of utility transmission lines.

**Legislative Update and Court Cases:** This session will discuss new state and federal legislation and court cases that effect planning and zoning.

**Signs, Sex and God:** First amendment issues that face zoning including regulating signs, RLUIPA, and SOB.

**Lessons Learned:** Communities discuss how zoning cases go bad and what lessons they learned from them.

**Building Re-Use and Housing:** Converting structures (barns, churches, offices into residential units). Conversion of the Library in Conneaut.

**Affordable Communities:** Avoiding exclusionary zoning and concentrating all of the affordable housing options and other services in one area.

**Parking:** The latest trends.

**The Changing Face of Schools in Northeast Ohio:** This session will discuss the interaction between schools and zoning. It will discuss school reconfigurations, consolidations of school buildings, new buildings, closing schools, charter schools and private schools and how much control a community has over the schools.

**Fair Housing:** The interaction between zoning and fair housing.

We will take proposals on other topics not suggested here.