

**LEE TOWNSHIP**  
**Special Meeting**  
**August 28, 2006**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Treasurer Lowery and Clerk King. Recording the Minutes: Deputy Clerk Elwell.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to have Clerk King moderate the meeting. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

The purpose of the special meeting was for discussion on the recent suggestion of having sidewalks in Pullman. Clerk King opened the floor for questions, comments and discussion on the topic. Robin Maynard was available to answer questions.

Many of the residents had questions concerning, liability, insuring that the township would be able to monitor that they were receiving the quality in materials that would be paying for and would an engineer be required to do the project. Mr. Maynard was able to answer questions concerning the concrete quality having a 40 year life with it being placed on compact soil and stated that in the projects that he has already done in the past, no engineer was required.

Other residents had concerns; what would happen with the homeowner's lawns after a project was done. Mr. Maynard stated that top soil would be brought in and grass seed planted. Other residents spoke out against the proposed project, not wanting the extra traffic in their yards.

Lastly comments summarized by residents were: Sidewalks are usually the responsibility of the township, road commission was supposed to widen 109<sup>th</sup> in the next year with 4 foot shoulders. Shoulder would be beneficial for bike riders. Lastly a resident was concerned about the cost factor and felt that this would show undo favoritism to the town of Pullman and not the entire township.

Clerk King stated that this meeting for information and to allow open discussion concerning how the residents felt about the consideration of such a project. No decision would be made based upon the many factors to be considered. The information gathered by the proposals requested ranged from 69,000.00 to 116, 500.00. These proposals could not be compared equally, because of the differences between them. It was suggested that this issue be tabled for future consideration. It would be a more prudent move on behalf of the board to wait and see if the road work that is tentatively scheduled for next year might changes the situation.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King  
Lee Township Clerk