Lee Township Master Plan Work Session June 19, 2017

The first work session for the Lee Township Master Plan was held at the Lee Township Hall at 877 56th Street, Pullman Michigan. The session began at 6:30 am and residents in attendance were: Lisa Galdikas, Ben Lewis, Ann Hatfield, Pam Booth, Martin Kozio, Scott Owen, Jessie Lowery, Jacquelyn King, Sally Lacy, Martha Cerda, Dick Palmby, Chuck Pugh, Tyrone and Vick Brown.

The purpose of this work session is to hold open meetings for the public to attend and give input on what they feel are important goals for the future of Lee Township.

Lisa Galdikas chaired the meeting in order to guide the residents on what the purpose and how the sessions should be structured.

The group broke into smaller groups each working together brain storming on "Fiscal Strength" and what ideas could possibility benefit the township. The groups came back together and discussed their ideas. Their ideas are listed out as follows:

- Honor the Past
- Look into forming a "Grant" committee
- Repurpose vacant properties
- Utilizing existing properties for generating revenue
- Tax incentives for businesses
- Create reason to visit (i.e. Farmer's Market, Flea Market)
- Campground
- Repurpose building for manufacturing
- Training/Education
- Internet availability
- Affordable Housing.

The group then decided that it would be beneficial to have guidelines of discussion prepare and listed for those in attendance to help keep the meetings productive. Lisa stated that she would prepare the guidelines. The guidelines are as follows:

Guidelines for Discussion

- Positive statements only
- One person speaks at a time
- Listen when not speaking
- Respect each other
- Decisions made for the good of the many (recognizing we cannot please everyone and acknowledging we need to put person agenda's aside.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with the next work session scheduled for August 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Lee Township Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Jacquelyn King