

Lee Township Master Plan Work Session  
August 7, 2018

The work session for the Lee Township Master Plan was held at the Lee Township Hall at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman Michigan. The session began at 6:30 am and residents in attendance were: Pam Booth, Jacquelyn King, Martin Kozial, Scott Owen, Lisa Galdikas, Jessie Lowery, and Shirley Kay. Guests were Nora Balgoyen, Allegan Economic Development director, and the meeting moderator was Wendy Walker from MSU Extension.

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.

The group was to concentrate on the township goal Economic Development and each member was to write down their suggestions for township development. The top two suggestions were:

- High Speed Internet access to promote development
- Small business development –services and retail

Other suggestions were as follows:

- Amusement/Recreation venture
- Business Retention strategies and support
- New Business attraction – Industrial
- Inventory vacant township owned properties to target for development. Looking at green space opportunities and tax foreclosed properties
- Marketing positive aspects of area
- Identify grants for revitalization (Regional and State Foundations)
  - Improvements
  - Historic Restoration
  - What is needed to qualify?
- Farmers Market
- Identify recreational assets for year around business development
- Mud Run events – promote and expand

The next goal discussed was Improve Access to Services. The top two suggestions were:

- Internet access and Improve public transportation for services and employment
- Cell phone coverage

Other suggestions were as follows:

- Places to work
- Natural gas lines to include residents
- Sidewalk development
- Pharmacy
- Bank
- Day Care Center
- Grocery

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with the next work session scheduled for October 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Lee Township Hall.

Minutes submitted by:  
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