

## Lee Township Master Plan Work Session

Minutes from June 24, 2019

Participants: Scott Owen, Debbie Laraway, Sandy Anderson, Tim Looman, Dick Palmby, Emma & Mike Carroll, Lisa Galdikas

Reviewed minutes from April 22 meeting, highlighting areas identified to focus on for 2019.

### Improve Roads & Infrastructure

Scott reported Craig Atwood (Road Commission) noted a project for 56<sup>th</sup> & 109<sup>th</sup> in 2022 with left turn lanes, curbs and work on sewer drains. Discussed idea about sidewalks in the downtown area to help with accessibility. Scott will continue to discuss with Craig costs for sidewalk. Look at Marathon to Health Center and Township Hall to Mystic View. Discussion around possible efforts to refurbish old existing sidewalks in the downtown area to save money. Dick confirmed change to 25 MPH during school hours on 109<sup>th</sup> with signs posted (school zone). Discussed culvert on 49<sup>th</sup> and on road by Transfer Station. These are Township responsibilities and are quite costly to repair. Scott is always looking for funding sources for projects like these.

### Protect Natural Amenities (Beautification)

Debbie will research "Keep America Beautiful" site for possible school projects we can present to Melissa Corona, principal. Debbie also noted fundraiser done on Memorial Day to help fund beautification on four corners of downtown. Discussion on working with VFW for a Veterans' memorial. Sandy will work on generating list of names. Possibly work with Vicki Lindsey on monument type stone or something on the wall of VFW. Looked at replacing signage for Twp. Hall (sign has been down for over a year). Tim Looman will help relocate letters on building. Tim will also remove old flower bed and rebuild round flower bed around flagpole. Debbie will work with (relative) Christopher on native plants for the area. Will look for old Library signage to rehang.

### Promote Safety and Inclusion (Connecting and information sharing with residents)

Summer 2019 Lee Crossing newsletter translated to Spanish and posted on Twp. website. Scott working with Jeff, Emory and youth to design kiosks to disseminate information locally. Decided to focus on: Community Center, Twp. Hall, Marathon, Preferred Market, Health Center, and Post Office. Lisa will touch base with all locations to get permission and assess space available. Continue to work on other information residents might find useful (i.e.; burn permits, resources for when moving into area, etc.).

### Misc. Discussion

Sandy noted improvement in the old hardware store building being done by the McNamara family. New business next to La Poblanita Supermercado. Notification of grant winner from Allegan County Community Foundation set for Saturday 10am. Lisa and Debbie plan to attend.

Next meeting September 23, 6:30pm Township Hall.