

Lee Township Master Plan Work Session

Minutes from April 22, 2019

Participants: Scott Owen Debbie Laraway, Tim Looman, Lisa Galdikas

Reviewed minutes from February 21 meeting, highlighting areas identified to focus on for 2019.

Improve Roads & Infrastructure

Discussion around possible efforts to refurbish old existing sidewalks in the downtown area; cost for new sidewalks; "Complete Streets" program similar to "Share the Road" with lined area for pedestrians/bikes, etc. on side of the road; the need to look at how the storm drains in town are functioning and the need to discuss with the county how raising the main roads affects run off.

Protect Natural Amenities (Beautification)

Discussion on locating resource person to speak to youth (at school) on littering; option of trash pickup for all residents; increasing transfer station hours; ordinances as written and the need to review them for ways to hold violators accountable; how to fund ordinances involving property clean up. Beautification Committee already formed (Debbie Laraway, Keith Volgman, others) and raising funds to beautify four corners of downtown; possibly working with VFW for Veterans names on bricks; discussed incorporating bricks into monument that includes church bell; expanding focus to look at downtown signage, use of lighting, etc.; importance of keeping and restoring historical buildings.

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

How to best disseminate information to all residents; need for translation of some information; information kiosks in designated areas.

A brief discussion on internet access also took place.

Everyone in attendance was thanked for their time, input and dedication to Lee Township and asked to invite 2 friends to the June 24 meeting who would be interested in working on moving the Master Plan goals forward.