

Lee Township Master Plan Meeting

June 15, 2020

6:30-7:30pm

In attendance: Tim Kotas, Lisa Galdikas, Scott Owen, Dick Palmby, Tim Looman

1. Economic Development

Discussion of the US Economic Development Administration Supplemental Grant related to the CARES Act. Focus is generally on public infrastructure projects. The grant this year is an 80/20 match. Infrastructure issues like the downtown water system, which is maxed out and inadequate, will require attention if the township is ever able to draw industry back to the area. The group agreed water is most critical with regard to encouraging additional businesses to the downtown area. Tim Kotas agreed to review the application form and Scott Owen will reach out to other townships to see who has undertaken an engineering study of their water system to get an idea of costs to be written into the application.

2. Township Properties

Discussion around the benefit for the Township in selling off miscellaneous pieces of property. This will put properties back on the tax roll and generate at least minimal revenue for Township, which could be used for code enforcement or economic development. This group recommended asking the Twp Treasurer/deputy treasurer to put together a list of these properties as well as contact information for those who own contiguous properties.

3. Census

Scott Owen reminded everyone to spread the word of the importance of everyone filling out the census for local funding.

4. Tire Grant

Discussion of approaching Rawson's to assist with stacking tires from Transfer Station as they have done an excellent job with their own. Tim Kotas and Tim Looman offered use of their tractors. A date needs to be set.

Next Meeting: September 21, 6:30pm