

Meeting of the Infrastructure/Sustainability Committee
June 16, 2009

Members of the ISC met at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Brown on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

Matters discussed:

1. Margaret Goble will contact Chief Kelly in regard to the clean-up of the repossessed property near Ellis Park.
2. Streetscape Project – MDOT will make a presentation to Council regarding suggested street beautification designs sometime in the near future, probably August. Where MDOT has already suggested trees and benches along US 223, the committee feels statuary and trees would be more appropriate, as few people would be willing to sit along such a busy highway, and the artwork would create a much more vivid impact.
3. It was decided to ask Council at its next meeting if the committee could offer its services in further working with Council and MDOT to plan the Streetscape design.
4. It was also discussed whether our committee could be of assistance to the Merchants' Association in its efforts to promote business in the downtown area. It was decided that ISC will do as much as possible to further business activity in Blissfield.
 - A. There will be a Car and Motorcycle show on Lane Street on June 30. There was a discussion as to whether the Merchants' Association should include a Farmers' Market to coincide with the car show. There was mixed feeling on the appropriateness and usefulness of such a market. It is possible a limited market will be established near the parking lot behind the bank and shops on Lane Street.
 - B. There is a full-fledged Farmers' Market planned for July 7, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
5. There was discussion regarding an entrepreneurial seminar to be presented by Adrian College in the fall. It was agreed that one or members of the committee should attend the seminar to learn ways of drawing new business to Blissfield, as well as methods of promoting the businesses here now.
6. The possibility of the Village purchasing an available house, refurbishing it with volunteer help, and using it as a resource for various activities, classes, etc. for the Village was also discussed. It was agreed that it was a great idea.
7. Also discussed was publishing articles in *The Advance* on several different aspects of Blissfield life and history: a. "Where are They Now"; b. Profiling current businesses; c. Describing the history and background of existing buildings; d. Giving information and descriptions of interesting historical, recreational, cultural things to do in Lenawee County. A meeting will be held with Tran Longmoore, Editor, in the near future to discuss this possibility.
8. The possibility of the ISC sponsoring a recycling project for the Festival was discussed, and further research will be done by committee members to assess the feasibility of such a project.