

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Memo

To: Northfield Township Board
From: Howard Fink
Date: 1/22/2016
Re: Goals for Boards Last Year in Office

Dear Township Board,

At the last workshop, we discussed what the goals would be for the final year of your terms. The following is a breakdown of many of the issues that have been discussed over the last few years.

Goals for last year of current term from 11/24/15 meeting:

- Sidewalks/bike paths around lake for safety
- Extend 7 Mile Rd to Donna Ln.
- Complete the sewer capacity study
- Completion of the Barker Rd Non-Motorized Path

Goals/Priorities from Board Retreat

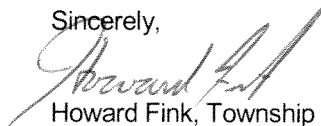
- Highest Priorities
 - Appropriate fiscal priorities (listed by greatest number of votes):
 - Parking lot for Community Center (6)
 - Board Room Construction (5)
 - General Parks & Rec (5)
 - Property Acquisition (4)
 - Buying down debt (1)
 - Community Garden (0)
 - Roads (0)
 - Salaries of Elected Officials (put in budget)
 - Downtown Development incentives
 - Framing the Development debate more concretely
 - More residential & shopping opportunities for the people that are already here
 - The Township is too spread out – bring people together
 - Action Items
 - Legal analysis of Master Plan amendment request
 - Prepare land conditions map showing large parkable parcels
 - Research models of good development following community disagreements about growth
 - Consider allocating funds for full review of Master Plan

- Mid-level priorities
 - Schools
 - Economic Development
 - Foundation for infrastructure
- Low level priorities
 - Administrative
 - Consolidation of services
 - Regulatory priorities
 - Maintain existing facilities (Public Safety Building, etc.)
 - Ensure necessary infrastructure is in place
 - Review Police & Fire

Other Topics Discussed

- Roads
 - Additional funding for repairs
 - Options for residents: community SAD; petition; Millage; etc
 - Repair focus: East Shore & North Territorial followed by Whitmore Lake Rd and Barker Rd; maintaining current roads that are in good condition
 - Create a “Roads Reserve”
- Land Acquisition
 - Lakeside park property
- Sewer Capacity/Storage tanks
 - Determine appropriate sewer connection fees
 - Determine costs for potential development infrastructure, sewer expansion, collection fees
- Investigate infrastructure needs (community water, sewer districts, roads, etc.) and options for paying for them
- Projects for DDA:
 - Set up a small business development planning group
 - Look into streetscape grants
 - Corridor development
 - Walkable downtown
- Fund Balance Priority list
- Create a development vision for the Township as a guide for the Planning Commission
- CIP
- Master Plan Survey
- Code Enforcement priorities
 - Allowance for temporary Front yard car sales
 - Follow up with Kurt on commercial sign inventory & violations
- Create overlay districts for Horseshoe Lake & Whitmore Lake to allow construction without variances

Sincerely,



Howard Fink, Township Manager