AGENDA
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
September 30th, 2020 at 2 p.m.

1. **Call to Order: 2pm**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Introductions:**
   - Provide a brief personal history.
   - What are your main area's of interest in Community Development?

     The group wants to be part of the change, promote the area and increase accessibility. Address such things as affordable housing and racism.

   - What are your main goals coming into this committee?

     Wants to see Augusta grow, improve entertainment. The group wants to focus in on a couple of great ideas.

   - What is community development from your perspective?

     We have an absence of quality programs, the believe people would pay more taxes for increased programs.

     Community development is improving wellbeing and quality of life, enhancing our villages, affordability for long term residents.

4. **Terms of Reference:**

   Reviewed.

5. **Pollinator Promotion Program/ Bee City Initiative:**

   Setting up hives on township property. 40th bee city in Canada. Improves/enhances agriculture. Augusta has a long history of agriculture and our crest has a bee on it. Planting right of way wildflowers. CDC opportunities to promote the program. Potential to promote a Honey Festival.

6. **Volunteer Day- Dec 5th:**

   How do we thank our volunteers? People promoting their neighbors and other community members for small acts of kindness. Sharing stories and recognizing good deeds. Recognizing people publicly.

   Good neighbor by-law? Recognize good neighbor's project.

   Ask businesses to donate a gift to volunteers doing great things in the community and then reward them both publicly as a promotion program.

7. **Pitch-in day:**

   Adopt a Road Program:

   DEFERRED

8. **Ambassador Program:**

   DEFERRED

9. **Main Street Grant:**

   Reviewed.

10. **Brain Storming Session:**

    OMAFRA. Communities in Bloom. 1st Impressions. CIP.

    Identify ourselves as a progressive community, a diverse community. How open and receptive we are to racism and why would someone want to move here. Let people know they are welcome here. Consist with bringing in residential development. Change comes with leadership. Potential to collaborate with the Health Unit. Shine a spotlight on how Augusta is culturally diverse. Cultural Diversity Festival? MERC Hall parking lot.

    Pride Week Flag raising. Leadership signage, signs and billboards that illustrate stance on issues.

    Farmer's Market- Grow even bigger with food trucks in the parking lot. A big heated tent.

    Opportunities to get involved with Connect Youth.

    Improve volunteerism.

    "Augusta Expands its Horizons"

11. Adjournment: 3:58 pm

12. Date/time of Next Meeting – October 28th, 2pm, Township Office