

STEPS Meeting Log
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Improving the Physical Environment Workgroup

Date: October 26, 2020 -6:30-7:45 pm

Attendees: Karel Titus, Linda Pacelli Dixon, Beth Burdick, Deborah Puntenney, Ave Bauder, Tony DelPlato, Janet Lynch, Kim Pollack, Lynne Doyle, Tim Houseknecht, Theresa Lahr

Time	Discussion Item	Person Responsible	Decisions Required	Decisions Made	Actions Required	Person Responsible/Done by Date
6:34 pm	Introductions	Workgroup leader, Karel Titus facilitated the meeting	None	Karel welcomed all	Everyone introduced themselves then shared what they were thinking about today. A couple comments: Happy for the rain. Love the new sliding glass doors at Ovid Big M!	all
6:40 - 7:00 pm	Complete Streets	Beth Burdick Janet Lynch Linda Pacelli Dixon	Karel suggests the formation of a subcommittee to work on Complete Street initiatives. Janet resides in town of Romulus, does business and walks daily in the village of Ovid. Invested in both communities will serve on behalf of both if needed Romulus town resident Linda to consider joining in CS subcommittee.	Form subcommittee Karel and Janet will participate. Recording of Sept 23 CS workshop and presentation is posted at senecasteps.org– under the IPE drop down tab -Commercial Districts Safety	Beth to send out synopsis of workshop and action plan. Once subcommittee is formed, begin prioritizing proposed CS projects in the 4 towns. Create timeline, Review Design Connect plans for Ovid, Lodi and Interlaken. Ave Bauder will send DC reports.	Theresa to reach out to the following residents to gauge interest in participating in CS sub-cmte. Names mentioned this evening: Chris Kempf Tom Bouchard Mary Joslyn Beth will set up organizational mtg via Zoom once group is established, she will discuss GTC funding like Waterloo received for traffic projects at the initial mtg.

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<p>“ “</p>	<p>Village Observations As part of STEPS community participatory Evaluation Plan</p> <p>Design Connect</p> <p>School /Community Projects</p>	<p>Theresa Lahr</p> <p>Tony DelPlato spoke about an Arbor Day project for Sept. 2021</p>	<p>Baseline village observation were conducted in 2016 in Interlaken, Ovid, and Lodi -repeated in 2018 and again in Oct 2020</p> <p>Possible DC spring 2021 project for new Lodi town hall and/or Lodi garden</p> <p>Plant trees & plants at site of old water tower site now referred to as Interlaken Park</p>	<p>Thank you to all that conducted the commercial district observations!</p> <p>Planting project will be help address flood mitigation, beautification and expansion green space.</p>	<p>Attractiveness and visual appeal of sections were observed and areas in need of improvement identified</p> <p>Keep eye out for DC application for spring. Ave will inform Karel & Theresa when released</p> <p>Tim Houseknecht to check with Adam Rundell principal @ SS Elementary re getting younger kids involved and will reach out to 6-8 th grade science teachers to gauge interest in involving their students.</p>	<p>Results of 2018- 2020 commercial district observation analysis to be shared upon completion</p> <p>Involve youth in community service with beautification and arbor day projects</p> <p>Schools are super busy with COVID -19 response however Tim wants to encourage school/community projects and stay involved to the extent he can and will f/u when able.</p>
<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>Yard Map</p>	<p>Deborah Punttenney</p>	<p>Deborah suggests (if still available) consulting Yard Map as a resource to plan an ideal habitat for Arbor Day project.</p>	<p>Yard Map site was no longer active last Deborah checked the Cornell Nature Conservancy website</p>	<p>Ave will investigate. Yard Map may live under different program at Cornell.</p>	<p>Info share: IPE WG offered a hands-on Yard Map workshop last year. Tony will refer to his notes/ info for guidance.</p> <p>All - increase biodiversity understanding for native plants & tree selection at Interlaken Park.</p>

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7:05 pm	Gather Film	Theresa Community is invited view the film Gather , a story about native peoples regaining sovereignty by reclaiming their foodways. Free viewing anytime 11/9-11/15	Kitchen Table discussion the film 11/16@6:30 pm via Zoom	It is a story we can all learn from as our community continues to work toward a healthy, sustainable future.	Tim to promote the film within school community. STEPS social media outlets to release with film video trailer and stills tomorrow Cast member Twila Cassadore, San Carlos Apache forager will join the post film discussion. STEPS TA advisor Deborah will moderate the discussion via Zoom.	Share opportunity widely with your networks, friends and neighbors Theresa to send email with film login & password and the Zoom details for discussion to meeting attendees. Comments or questions about the film can be sent in advance of 11/16 discussion to theresa.lahr@s2aynetwork.org Post-election day – community wide invite will be emailed to entire STEPS distribution list
7:15 pm	Community Gardens & Vermiculture Composting	Kim Pollack	Kim is working with Marti at Lodi Community Garden Kristen Moore (Audubon) & Marti moved worm composting station from garden shed to Food Pantry for winter	Franke Long- CCE Master Gardener donated tulip bulbs – plans include possible offering of tea/tincture grown in the garden in-garden at food 4 all pantry next harvest season and landscape decision for the former garden space along Main Street	Kim established an Instagram for Lodi Garden looking to increase resident engagement	Lodi Garden contact: Martha Macinski mmacinski@me.com or Kimberly Pollack kimcz76@gmail.com
7:20 pm	Rural Real Estate	All	Tim -Could use more young families/kids to enroll school here – Interlaken is still affordable - Living here is best kept secret		Ave suggests partnering with chamber re marketing a area.	Other comments: Noticing properties in this area and other rural communities put the market are selling within hours

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7:24 pm	Expand use of space & enhancements: Recently incorporated (NFP) South Seneca Community Service center – Ovid Playground	Karel	Proposing to leverage the new Lodi town hall build with a community room and pantry enhancements	Lodi Garden & food pantry under one umbrella	Other space enhancements on deck: Lodi library covered horse hitch & bike rack and EV plug in- infrastructure in place. Toddler balance toys (spring rockers) play equipment for Ovid park finally arrived 10/23	Info share Ovid DPW employees to install in spring and provide fall zone and other installation materials
7:28 pm	Resident Health Promotion Projects Proposed / New idea Music winter series offering at Lodi Historical Society via Mark Brown organist	Theresa	Previously proposed RHPP-book club type activity relating to “Becoming a Better World” in partnership with Lodi library remains a consideration		Contact Kim Pollack or Nora Snyder at Lodi library if you have ideas and want to engage in the planning and execution of this potential RHPP	“Becoming a Better World” activities/ plans are being discussed next month for tentative 2021 rollout
7:30 pm	Communication Network and seasonal newsletter insert in the Shopper	Lynne Doyle	PH& W to discuss plan for reinstating STEPS publication insert in the Shopper & reestablishing the Communication Network Subcmte.	On Personal Health & Wellness agenda workgroup 11/3-10 am (via Zoom)	Karel -many great things going on- the new Lodi town hall community action article will publish a later date in e-news as more detail is available	Contact Lynne for ideas Community Action articles in weekly electronic newsletter and for info re communications network participation lynne.doyle@s2aynetwork.org
7:35 pm Open Forum & wrap up @ 7:45 pm	Open forum & wrap up New Interlaken Dollar General store opened yesterday	All	Several participated in the discussion about Dollar General opening in Interlaken. Comments: Low wage employer- high employee turnover noticed at Ovid store.	DG is generous to community- Ovid store donated \$50,000 toward literacy initiatives to South Seneca School District last year	Karel thanked everyone for participating and their contributions of ideas and actions that can be carried safely during COVID-19 crisis.	No November IPE full workgroup. Subcommittees will carry on their work. Standing meeting schedule remains 4 th Monday at 6:30 pm However, December meeting is TBD as it falls during wk. between Christmas & New Year’s.