

## DEER PARK -- RESULTS OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> NIGHT OF THE VISIONING WORKSHOP 2-25-09

### Land Use, Housing, Agriculture

Our Village Park is improved, clean and free of weeds. The Village has planted new trees and flower beds along Main Street and in the park using as many perennials and native species as possible.

The Village kept the small town atmosphere by helping landowners maintain many old buildings, such as historic homes, in addition to maintaining single family and duplex housing on nice size lots. The Village has worked with landowners to maintain well kept homes and has created larger lots sizes for new homes. The Village has new single family homes on the west and northeast side. Many of these houses are located on larger lots. We have also allowed for more affordable housing on smaller lots. We have a new senior housing complex within the Village that accommodates both singles and married couples. We have created a walkable community by adding sidewalks throughout the Village.

The Village has enhanced the appearance of the area around the Farmer County Shop and along Main Street so that it is more inviting through the use of street trees and flowers. The north and south ends of the village have been updated with new signs.

### Preserve:

- Land Use: Park – wildlife areas
- Park area
- Improve the park
- Keep park area clean
- Village park and fish and wildlife
- Village park, Keep a weed control
  
- Housing: The old buildings that are our history
- Housing: Old historic homes
- 1-2 family housing – no larger except for elderly housing complex
- Housing: Housing or buildings that are a part of the history of Deer Park
- single family homes with large ½ acre lots
- Public owned land in and around village
- Small town atmosphere but have nice size lots.
- Land Use: Our park and library garden rural character
- Maintain buildings

### Change:

- Housing: Get rid of rundown homes
- Housing: Enlarge the size of new lots to encourage larger homes
- Get rid of slummy homes, create a covenant to keep homes and yards
  
- Empty building on Main Street
- Agriculture: Do not allow livestock in a residential area
- Land Use: Improve the area of the Farmer County Shop
- Update Main Street – get more businesses
- Appearance of Main Street to be more inviting

- Clean up business places (cars)
- Enhance, improve, enlarge library and community center
- Update the appearance of north and south ends of town such as service org. signs
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- Enlarge park and playground area

Create:

- Land use: Plants. Walking paths in around the town
- Walking paths
- Larger village park space
- Land Use: A ban on cattle in the village to improve the aroma
- Agriculture: Plant trees and flowers to beautify Main Street and the park
- Walking trails and plant native grasses and flowers to cut down on maintenance
- More recreation use
- Add designated walking/biking paths
  
- Housing: Large new homes, affordable nice apartments
- Development of single family homes west side of town and northeast side
- More elderly housing
- Require larger lots for residential use, say 3/4 acre minimum
- Housing: A nice development that provides beauty to our town
- Housing: A larger senior housing complex to accommodate married couples
- A housing development with large lots
- Housing sub-divisions
- Add more affordable housing units – to attract tenants of any age
- More homes on northwest and north east area
  
- Business on Main Street
- Create larger area to house/preserve Deer Park history
  
- Sidewalks to be able to move around our village safely
- Jobs
- Transportation for those who don't drive

Utility and Community Facilities, Intergovernmental Cooperation

We value our expanded library and hours and our new senior citizen and community center. Towards the safety of our citizens, we expanded the size of the fire department. We are looking into a larger sewer plant and a water tower to better serve our residents. We work with the county on coordinated police services, park and road improvements.

Preserve:

- Library and meeting area
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- Senior Citizen Center
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- Community Center and make larger one
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- Fire Department enlarge into fire hall when they move
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- Not adding large – or undesirable signs in the village
- Present school system
- Park
- Enlarge sewer plant,
- Utilities: The **ban on outside wood burning heat systems (possible policy to discuss)**

Change:

- Check into possible public water supply (towers)
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- Enlarge Fire Department building
- Build new fire hall
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- Enlarge library and Center for gathering place for seniors
- Have library open more hours
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- Sewer system will need to be a larger facility
- Utilities on Main Street

Create:

- A green environment, generate our own wind power and incentives for going green
- Plan to preserve quality well water source
- Water tower – city water
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- Plan with county to occasionally patrol village
- Enlarge library, community center, fire hall, sewer
- A large library, history center and meeting room/government office
- Add on to library so we could have a larger history corner. Maybe another meeting room and more office space to rent
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- Own police and ambulance service in the future
- Intergovernmental Cooperation: Work with county and state on grants for road and park improvements
- Gas station, small store and café

Transportation and Economic Development

Preserve:

- Transportation: Snowmobile trails
- Transportation: School bus service even though it is not used as it should be
- Use of senior van available
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- Economic Development: Keep businesses we have
- Economic Development: Bank and Locker

Change:

- Transportation: Reroute Hwy 46

- A volunteer system to assist seniors in keeping apartments outside of St. Croix County
- The lack and loss of businesses on Main Street

Create:

- ATV trails,
- Bike trails
- Sidewalks and bike trails for walking
- A walking/biking path somewhere in village
- Recognized crosswalk across Hwy 46
- Walking/biking trails
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- Van service for the elderly taxi services Elderly transportation
- A taxi service to provide rides to apartments and to run errands
- A shuttle system for the elderly or people who have no transportation
- Transportation: Van service senior and others or if possible light rail to N.R. and Stillwater
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- New jobs
- Two or three small businesses
- Search for someone to start a convenience store – which in turn would create jobs
- Eco development
- Plan to attract a business to the former printing shop

Natural Resources and Cultural Resources

Preserve:

- Park, wildlife
- Trees on DNR property
- Water quality
- The deer pen and park and the land that fish and wildlife have
- Deer pen – how D.P. got their name
- DNR land
- Fish and wildlife land
- Deer in park
- Preserve and beautify wetlands in village
- Fish and game land around town
- Deer in park
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- Ball park and park and get ball games back
- The old school
- The old bank building on the corner
- The house east of center – known years ago as the hotel
- Historic homes
- July celebration
- The deer at the park and the park itself
- The old bank – the old school and the buildings that are Deer Park

Change:

- The DNR relax their restrictions on the park and the deer to help us keep the attraction
- What the DNR can do to their land – shouldn't be allowed to massacre their trees
- The route of the spring run off to storm sewer
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- Old building

Create:

- Nature trails
- Way for snow run off in spring so it is not through town
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- Larger History Club area
- New building – add more animals
- A grant to have a historical society and/or building like the old bank building
- Return of softball to park
- Effort to increase flower gardens in village, especially along Hwy 46
- A newsletter or other means of educating residents on the cultural/historical resources in the village – in time creating preservation efforts