

LEE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

July 28, 2015

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Paul Gasowski, Donna-Lee Woods and Laura Gund

Guests: Jonathan Kohanski and Annie Gasowski.

Minutes: There was no June meeting, so the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting were approved with two name changes.

Bicycle Raffle: Annie Gasowski attended our meeting to tell us of the bicycle raffle the Lee Public Library Community Center Foundation will be raffling off at the Lee Fair. It is a \$450 bicycle which has been donated to them. They would like to sell tickets at the Farmers Markets. *Motion was made to approve the sale of raffle tickets at the Lee Farmers Markets, with the approval of the Market Master. Motion passed.*

Backyard Farming Initiative: The new Lee Librarian will be on the Backyard Farming “team”. There was no new news about this.

Lee Farmers market: One of our vendors has pulled out recently. Around the State a couple of markets have closed as there are not enough folks coming to markets. There are more CSA’s (Community Supported Agriculture), larger markets, more home gardens. Around here, Market Basket has made a big difference. Last year they were closed for several months at this time and more people came to the markets. Donna Lee thinks more and different activities might make a difference, i.e. a Kids Cook-Off and other such activities. Folks in the local campgrounds should be invited and, indeed, some of them do come to the market.

Master Plan – Nothing is happening. The Committee is working on it. A survey has gone out and is due the end of August. We discussed the Master Plan process.

Lee Fair: Chuck and Paul are busy at work on the fair games. They will be basically the same except for more kid’s games. (Small bales of hay for kids to toss). The Boy Scouts will help with the Games. Christine Cisneros will do the Pickle, Pie, Relish and Sweet Breads contest.

Pig Roast: *Paul made a motion to set aside \$1500 for the purchase of food and supplies for the pig roast. Motion was seconded and approved.* We will use the Grange for cooking, with the approval of Jim Brady. Talked about a refrigerator truck or a trailer (preferred). Discussed how many tickets to print and what to charge. That will be the same as last year.

Next meeting will be August 25, 2015.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund