

Disaster Committee Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 12:00 PM.

Present: Stites, Harshfield, Lyons and Meyers

The committee discussed the following as a basis for the plan -
Adopting and maintaining a Hazard Mitigation Plan will:

- Make certain funding sources available to complete the identified mitigation initiatives that would not otherwise be available if the plan was not in place.
- Ease the receipt of post-disaster state and federal funding because the lost of mitigation initiatives is already identified.
- Support effective pre and post-disaster decision making efforts.
- Lessen local government's vulnerability to disasters by focusing limited resources to specifically identified initiatives whose importance has been ranked.
- Connect hazard mitigation planning to community planning where possible.

It was determined that a version of the aforementioned is useful to the committee and the plan itself.

Next the State of Michigan Goals were reviewed:

- Promote Life Safety
- Reduce Property Damage
- Build Alliances
- Provide Leadership

Harshfield handed out a spreadsheet that he devised from the state goals and modified with his own thoughts.

Discussion continued regarding the role of the Fire Department, what makes a community OK after a disaster strikes and the importance of posturing for being in the right place at the right time in the event of a disaster.

It was also determined the LUST's (leaking underground storage tanks) should be included in the list of potential disasters.

Meyers was directed to contact Patty O'Donnell regarding the County Plan and what steps have been taken to update and/or monitor its progress to date as the Plan was initiated in 2005, approved by the Feds in 2006, revised accordingly in 2007 and adopted by Whitewater Township in March of 2009.

The committee agreed to review all of the information on goals and submit them to Harshfield by April 23, 2010 to prepare for the next meeting.

Next meeting set for May 10th at 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.