

The Colfax Township Board would like to express our appreciation for the service of longtime Trustee Stuart “Skip” Overway. Stuart recently resigned due to health reasons. The board voted to appoint Dean Walker to replace Stuart as Trustee until the upcoming November election. Welcome to the board, Dean!

School Section Lake boat launch. The board is aware of the imminent need for dredging at the boat launch. We have applied for a dredging permit through EGLE in hopes of addressing the issue ASAP. We are waiting for the permit to be processed as of this writing. Colfax Township continues to work with the School Section Lake Association and concerned citizens on the issue. Please check the respective township and SSLA websites for updates as more information becomes available.

Township blight. I continue to receive complaints about increasing instances of blight and unsafe conditions associated with junk-strewn properties and dilapidated structures. The Colfax Township Board acknowledged the need to address these concerns at our June meeting. Several options are being considered, including possible adoption of a township blight ordinance. We need your input and participation. The board is preparing to appoint a joint township/citizen blight committee to study potential solutions. Please consider participating so all voices can be heard on this important subject.

Master Plan. Similarly, we are also considering the need for a township Master Plan. Formulation of a Master Plan would also require a committee to steer its content and direction. Please visit our web site at www.colfaxtownshipoceana.org for information on how to provide input on these important topics and/or to express interest in being part of either committee.

Colfax Township Flea Market/Garage Sale. Last year, Colfax Township had its first flea market to raise funds for the purchase of grave markers for civil war veterans lacking headstones in the township cemetery. We hope to host the sale again this year to raise the remaining funds needed. Any monies raised in excess of those needed would go to create a Special Projects Fund to fund projects assisting the community. Ideas bandied about have included a township food bank and longer-term goal of repurposing the township hall fire barn into a multi-purpose community center funded through donations. The flea market is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, September 4th and Saturday, September 5th** Labor Day weekend at the Colfax Township Hall at 5594 192nd Ave. Contact Clerk Joni Gerard at (231) 301-5685 or email at jonimgerard@yahoo.com to reserve a vendor table or to donate items. Have a great summer!

Respectfully,

David Leonard

Supervisor