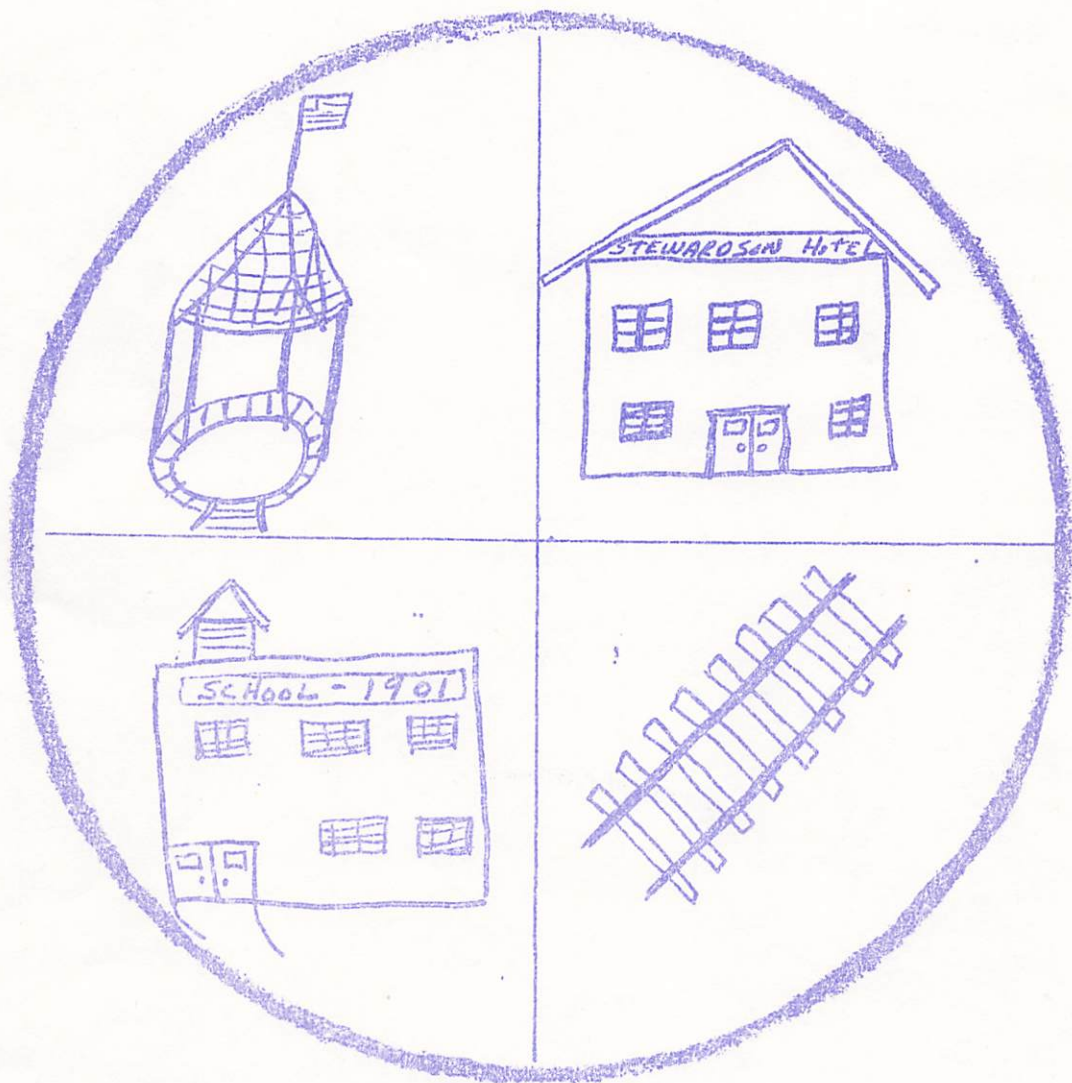


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STEWARDSON TOW MEETING
MARCH 30, 1978



Town Meeting: Illinois

GOOD OL STEWARDSON

At the intersection of the Clover Leaf and Wabash railroads the prosperous little town of Stewardson was started. The coming of a highway helped keep it alive. To keep these memories alive a museum will be built. A new community building will keep it active, and a factory will provide a livelihood for its citizens.

SONG

(Tune: "She's Coming 'Round the Mountain")

Stewardson's our beautiful home town.
Its citizens will never let you down.
Do you remember the crossing railroads
And the sewer proclamation;
And the planning commission will keep us
Growing strong.

INITIAL BRAINSTORM

- PAST GREATNESS -

Hyway put into town
Water system
Centennial celebration 1974
Nice place to live (749)
Have a doctor
Had a hospital
had a dentist once
School consolidation
Had 2 RR's
2 hotels
City gas

Electricity
sewer system start
Had 2 banks some time
4 active churches
Mens club
Election of Glen Giesler
as mayor
Had packing factory
Theatre opera house
Drugstore feed mills
Flover brick factory creamery

- FUTURE VISION -

More god people
Hope the sewer system works
Paved streets
small factory in town
Museum
Pool
Community building
Small shopping center
Save the gym
Dairy Queen

Library
Skating rink / bowling alley
Keep the doctor
Keep businesses

- PRESENT ISSUE -

Having enough money to fix the
street
Need community building
Need fire houses building
Keeping volunteer workers for
ambulance service
Fire depot
Too many dogs running loose
Lack of growth
People parking in the
wrong way
People sign pointing to bus
district (welcome sign)
How to pay sewer bill

Appearance of closed businesses
larger park

- I. In the arena of MANPOWER, THE FACT That people don't have enough time to get projects done indicates that the underlying contradiction facing Stewardson is that

TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE TO WORK OUT OF TOWN.

This contradiction is illustrated by having many volunteers at night but few in the daytime.

- II. In the arena of LACK OF REVENUE, the fact that there is a lack of cooperation and community planning indicates that the underlying contradiction facing Stewardson is

NOT ENOUGH COMMUNICATION ON HOW TO GET THINGS DONE AND LACK OF MONEY..

This contradiction is illustrated by the inability to find a site for a new civic building.

STEWARDSON TOWN MEETING
PROPOSALS

MARCH 30, 1978

- I. We the citizens of Stewardson, in order to
HAVE A COMMUNITY CENTER
propose to save the gym and tear down the old school
through contacting a contractor about the job and
investigating an urban renewal grant.
- II. We the citizens of Stewardson, in order to BEAUTIFY THE TOWN
PROPOSE enlisting the 4H and other clubs
and seeing store owners about improving building fronts.
- III. We the citizens of Stewardson, in order to
IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY propose to select a committee of 6
the mayor suggests to set goals and plans and find funding.
- IV. We the citizens of Stewardson, in order to
PROMOTE COMMUNITY COOPERATION
PROPOSE a meeting of all organizations in the area
to plan community projects through
a potluck supper.
- V. We the citizens of Stewardson, in order to
PUBLICIZE OUR TOWN
PROPOSE forming an organization to take care of the billboard
and elevating our town
through such things as reorganization of the welcome wagon.

STEWARDSON TOWN MEETING

PARTICIPANTS

MARCH 30, 1978

1. Glen Giesler	409 N. Main St. Stewardson, IL	Ins. Agent, mayor
2. Lela Giesler	" "	housewife
3. Dwight Storm	201 N. Maple St. Stewardson, IL	banker
4. Marvin Underwood	405 East Main Stewardson, IL	service station operator
5. Darwin Storm	Stewardson, IL	Stewardson Bldg. Supply
6. Donald Tate	Stewardson, IL	Farm equipment dealer
7. Lyn Springs	Stewardson, IL	Springer Chevrolet
8. L. Eugene Boldt	Stewardson, IL	
9. Norma Hobson	Stewardson, IL	
10. Janet Blitz	Stewardson, IL	homemaker
11. Ron Blitz	Stewardson, IL	
12. Arnieta Strohl	309 W. Main Stewardson, IL	retired
13. Walter Strohl	Stewardson, IL	retired
14. Darrell Shumard	Stewardson	farmer
15. Maree Falk	Stewardson	storeowner
16. Elizabeth Dyson	407 W. Calhoun Springfield	Business Manager
17. Catherine Bundy	410 S. Trumbull Chicago, IL	Social planner



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two year community development efforts

COMMUNITY FORUMS

one day "town meetings"

one day "global women's forums"

one day "community youth forums"

LENS (Living Effectively in the New Society)

week-end seminar on management planning

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of any time design or orientation -- to be arranged

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