

# Village of Sherman

## Notes

### Stakeholders' Meeting 9/14, Steering Committee & Planning Board 8/22

Anchor project streetscape, defined gateway, trail expansion....

With a focus on reducing large, loud, trucks and traffic, increasing pedestrian safety and returning Main Street to a tranquil inviting space.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anchor project – brewery in the Weise Garage

Demand for short-term rentals and apartments by rehabilitation of vacant second and third story spaces and apartments among the historic attached row buildings, resulting in more foot traffic into Main Street businesses.

Improvement of alleys with rear building façade improvements, versatile parking and event space, providing a maintained, well lit, and inviting area.

Continued parks improvements along French Creek and the Nature Center connected by local trails, part of the greater Chautauqua Rails to Trails and Erie to Pittsburgh Trails.

Complete streets, walkability in the Village, completing unfinished sidewalks, with Chautauqua County adding a pedestrian walk on the Hart St bridge.

Establish the brand... envision the “billboard” to Sherman. What should be put on it?

Trail Town Designation = Economic Development

Chicken or the Egg... which needs to come first?

Connecting Sherman to Clymer, by CR2T

Supplemental projects involving seasonal businesses (i.e. ice cream shop), businesses related to trail tourism (i.e. bike store/repair shop), and Amish culinary, crafts, and wood products.

Weekend business! Current businesses extending weekend hours, new businesses that support holiday and weekend traffic, providing experiential shopping with artisans and farmers market.

Art and cultural elements related to the agricultural heritage, images, and history of Sherman through murals, sculpture, and events – placemaking.

Improve lights and visibility under the Walkable Awning along Main Street, and along Osborne St off of I-86.

*RE: Trail connection: Approaching hesitant property owners requires finesse and patience. Patrick Johnson of CR2T and the Erie to Pittsburgh trail has stayed the course and continues to meet with property owners and revisit their questions and concerns about liability, hunting season closures, and respectful use of the property. There will be some that value their privacy which will never agree to strangers passing through, and the trail will have to be routed around the property.*