

Claypool Hometown Chat
August 13, 2019
Claypool, Indiana

Magic Wand Ideas

1. Investigate more uses for the Lion's Club building for the Harvest for the Heart Model **1 Vote**
2. Attract new businesses
3. Pay the water, trash and sewer bills for all residents because they are too high
4. Get to know everyone, there are no strangers in Claypool **1 Vote**
5. A space for kids and adults to meet **2 Votes**
6. Better Internet
7. Giant Library **4 Votes**
8. Get rid of the drugs **1 Vote**
9. Get rid of the Internet
10. Do some streetscaping with flags and flowers on posts downtown **5 Votes**
11. Town full of people
12. Economically and free sustainability
13. Develop and hang "Hometown Hero Banners" **5 Votes**
14. More activity for kids **2 Votes**

What do you like about living in Claypool and Kosciusko County?

1. "Home"
2. Small Community
3. On Bike Sign **2 Votes**
4. Good people, caring
5. Lions Fish Fry and togetherness
6. Church and Lions Club
7. Small town, easy to know your neighbor
8. Quiet, laid back
9. Church Community Dinner
10. "New" Elementary School
11. My boys have a large "family" in community
12. Town and County stability
13. Mission minded Churches
14. The Lion's Club role in the community
15. School
16. Great location in relation to Warsaw, Indy, and Chicago
17. Proximity to Warsaw
18. Claypool has a lot of potential
19. Good police department
20. Love it, we have an Arboretum and the community is safe
21. I like the small town, it is home
22. School system is great
23. The new housing addition
24. Sidewalks and tree line
25. Recycle for free
26. Good place to raise children
27. Little Library at the Post Office
28. The saloon does support the school and community

What is missing?

1. The High School closed in 1966
2. Safety Problems exist
3. Cell service and Internet, Frontier when it works and no residential fiber
4. No public Library, use of the Warsaw Library is fee based for non-Warsaw residents
5. Nothing for kids and teenagers to do...gym, voc. ed., fellowship center
6. Transportation
7. Teenage outreach and youth groups
8. Nothing to draw businesses to the community **1 Vote**
9. Not much in housing, several homes have been condemned
10. No Streetscapes, flower pots or benches downtown **1 Vote**
11. Community Gardens
12. Community pride, need some recognition program to get residents to take pride in their properties
13. Housing Assistance to owners and retirees **1 Vote**
14. Rental properties are rented by transients. Coffee shop, grocery, ice cream shop, and restaurants. (1 dot) Also noted Milford as a model community
15. Library or Media Center **2 Votes**
16. Brenda explained that the library is funded under Indiana law by taxes and that there is a pathway toward a library through the township trustees office
17. The post office is only open half days
18. Claypool does not have any Festivals...(idea of a "Claypool Block Party")
19. We do not have a fitness center for adults
20. We do not have engaged citizens. **1 Vote** They are not responsible, or grateful
21. Communication across the community is lacking

Primary Focus Buckets Needs Identified

Workforce Prep - Total Votes = 1 Vote

1. Voc. Ed, Career pathways
2. Kids are not work ready, no soft skills and not responsible persons **1 Vote**
3. Focus on Ag/Stem Programs
4. Provide living wages to teachers, new entry workers and professionals

Childcare - Total Votes = 0 Votes

1. There is a barrier to access for Headstart Program due to wage-based criteria
2. There is a waiting list for "affordable" childcare
3. No local capacity for childcare

Housing* - Total Votes = 6 Votes (See "What is Missing" above)

1. There is condemned housing and no sewer or water on the north side
2. Need to make the community attractive to new residents
3. Need code enforcement for the health and safety of residents
4. Slum lords need to take responsibility for their properties **1 Vote**

* General Votes for Housing = **4 Votes**

Planning & Vision* = Total Votes = 6 Votes

1. We need a Plan
2. Need to sell Claypool's attributes to others.
3. Need to Create the Story.
4. Need Code Enforcement

* General Votes for Planning & Vision = **6 Votes**