



Park Township

From the Desk of Howard Fink,

Township Manager

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Hi Everyone.

Water Utility

Implementing the Water utility transition is still ongoing. There is a small contract on the agenda that needs to be approved at the upcoming meeting related to Miss Dig Services and the Ottawa Beach Corridor. I have been in regular conversations with Susan on how the transition has been going. For the most part, the residents are either happy or indifferent about the Partnership with Holland BPW.

Some items that you may want to keep on the radar are a more detailed look at our sewer trunkage fee rates, clarification on charges for condos and large developments that put in dedicated sprinkling systems, and to clean up some confusing ordinance language regarding front footage fees in various situations. These are cleanup items that will be forthcoming as time permits. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions in this area.

Drainage

160th and Waukazoo: In one of my more recent manager's report / emails, I discussed the drainage issues at 160th and Waukazoo. The pipe on the corner had overflowed, as the elevation of the water / capacity reached lake levels. When we were pumping out the drain, I noticed an inlet to the catch basin coming down 160th Ave. The volume was significant, but there were no catch basins / drainage grates along 160th to pick up the water. Prein and Newhof suggested we TV the line. I will keep you posted on what we uncover and if there is a drainage issue that needs to be reviewed.

Algonquin: The subdivision around Algonquin is an orphan drain system served by leaching basins. I have received many complaints on this area, and have been out in the area 3 times in the past month. When the COVID crisis is complete, I will be calling

a community meeting around the research / investigation we did in this area. While I don't believe the costs of fixing the drainage issue are justified, the residents should be the ones making that choice. We will be providing them the research and information on how creating a drainage district works and let them decide which path is right.

Road End

For the most part, our road end issues are somewhat quiet. Wait, did I write that? I probably just jinxed myself. There is a road end on the south side, a few houses down from the Tierra Yachts Center where the neighbors are experiencing some drainage / erosion issues. I will be talking with some of the neighbors that use the access to launch a kayak. Tentatively, I indicated to the residents that using rip /rap to stabilize the shoreline is permitted, as long as the rock does not prevent users from accessing the water without safety hazards. I encouraged the neighbors to look at the road end at Pine Walk in Waukazoo where we recently resolved a similar issue.

The residents did express the possibility that a seawall would be preferred. I did indicate that we would only allow that to happen if a ladder was installed so that residents could access the water, and that it would also need to be blessed by the board. I will keep you all posted what direction they take. My sense is that they will choose the rock method to stabilize and prevent erosion.

Parks

Overall, as of today all parks are open (including tennis, pickle ball, and basketball).

We have four parks projects currently under way. Cooper Van Wieren, Wendt, and Winstrom and the South Side Kayak Park. Daniele has taken the lead with Wendt and is working with the engineer and adjacent properties to plan / design and coordinate that Park's expansion. Design and construction details will be forthcoming later in the year.

Cooper Van Wieren is on schedule. Weather permitting, the grading and base will be ground down on the parking lot beginning today and / or Monday. I have also authorized landscaping (trees) to be planted to minimize impacts to the neighbor.

The South Side Kayak Park Bids are in (we only got one bid – but it was not bad), and it will be on the agenda for the upcoming meeting this week.

Winstrom is on-going. Looking forward to the finished product.

Ottawa County Fair

You may be aware that the Ottawa County Fair has been canceled. This week they are holding a food truck event as a thank you to the vendors that typically participate during fair week. Let's hope it's a nice weekend and a successful event.

On a somewhat related topic, we have received an official complaint against the fair for storage. Since the complaint is against the fair and the Township owns the property, I will be working with Paul on how to best resolve the issue. I do not see a reason to be overly concerned, but wanted to make sure you are aware that a complaint had been filed.

Airport

Mike Fogg has completely removed his hanger at the airport. I am under the impression that Jerry Barman's hanger will also be removed. If this does in fact occur, I will be get quotes on demolishing the two adjacent hangers just west of the Jet Memorial (Both, IMO are in poor condition). Ultimately, any decision regarding the airport will be voted on by the board.

You may have noticed that the American flags were installed at the airplane memorial. Now that that flags are up, we will work on getting lighting to them. Thanks again to Mike Fogg for making that happen.

Coronavirus

Regarding Coronavirus, our online newsletter that will be going out this afternoon will inform every one of our opening on Tuesday. We will be doing a soft opening on Monday, as the doors will be open but not we will not have advertised it to the general public. Our online newsletter that will be going out this afternoon will inform every one of our opening on Tuesday. There will be various signage directing people, encouraging visitors to wear masks, and notifying the public of how we are handling various items. Daniele has been taking the lead on keeping up with the executive orders and advising on what issues need to be addressed.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Our upcoming board meeting this Thursday will be in person. Julie will be calling all board members if you are comfortable meeting in person. We will set up the room to accommodate 6 feet distancing. If any board member wishes to call in via zoom, we will

accommodate. If this is the case, we will then have the meeting both in public and via zoom.

No Wake

The no wake proposal was submitted to DRN. We will await their response.

Haunted House

We are coming up on our deadline this Monday on the Haunted House. Coinciding with the township deadline to file paperwork in circuit court, there is a flurry of activity regarding the house. If there is an accepted offer by this Thursday, there is a possibility that a prospective buyer would be asking the board for an extension of time for re-development. I have had conversations with two prospective buyers. We will wait and see what transpires over the weekend.

Retaining Wall 168th and Perry

Staff is working on resolving the retaining wall at 168th and Perry. Our engineers are in conversation with the owner on removing the wall and cutting back the slope. We are hopeful that this will be acceptable to the property owner, as this is also the cheapest option. As a benefit, it will remove a retaining wall the township is required to maintain.

OBR Pedestrian Crossings

The Ottawa beach road pedestrian crossings are complete. Please let me know if there are any follow up items that need to be reviewed.