



Park Township

From the Desk of Howard Fink,

Township Manager

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Hi Everyone. Attached is this week's management report. As always, please let me know if there is anything I have missed.

Parks

Parks construction is still in full swing. The tot lot at Winstrom is open. We will be organizing a grand opening, ground breaking shortly.

Jerry has made a great suggestion for the South Side Kayak Park. We will be looking into using the pylons in the water as a base for a platform / dock for fishing / water viewing / lounging etc. It's a great idea for additional use of space on a confined piece of property.

Airport

We are still on schedule to vacate the runway on August 15th, with the runway being removed shortly thereafter. Now that the elections are behind us, I will be doing a write up for our e-newsletter. Also, on the upcoming board agenda (zoom meeting), I will have the condition of the airplane hangars and recommendations on which ones to demolish vs. keep.

Anchorage Marina / Boat Rental Business

On the upcoming agenda is a hearing / debate on the impacts created by the Anchorage Marina / Boat Rental Business.

Ottawa Beach NHP Public Hearing

On the upcoming agenda is the language for the Ottawa Beach NHP and changes to the master plan regarding parks / open space that was discussed at the board level.

Wendt Park

Daniele has been working on coordinating the Wendt Park design and project through our parks team. Progressive AE has proposed and requested the option to a design build process. We are looking into if this is possible under the federal grant regulations. In this instance, Progressive would act in the role as a construction manager (CM) as opposed to the traditional general contractor model that we do in a closed bid arrangement. A CM model can have benefit for the township, but we need to understand the ramifications / regulations of the feds on our grant monies.

Budget

Normally around this time of year, we are advertising for a truth in taxation hearing. Because our total millage rate for all funds is not higher than previously, accounting in we are not required to have the hearing. In fact, we are levying less then we could even without a truth in taxation hearing. This means we are reducing taxes. I will make sure this message is clear to the sentinel.

Elections

Great Job to Skip Keeter, Daniele Dykens and their team for a seamless election. Well done. We all need to support them in November. It will be a VERY BUSY election.

Drainage

I am working on understanding a drainage situation in Wakazoo Woods. There was a sump pump installed by the Township decades ago. It's not clear where the sump leads and where it is pumping from. Some residents are concerned it's not being maintained. There is a large file on the issue. If you wish to have more detailed information, please let me know.