



## 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. Winstrom is nearly complete. Cooper Van Wieren is nearing completion, and the South Side Kayak Park now looks like a legitimate construction site. Stop by and take a look at Winstrom. The improvements are very noticeable and the new play area is a welcome addition. We added a fill up water bottle station, which I believe will be a nice feature of the park. Regarding Winstrom, other than some pavement maintenance, our improvements at Winstrom are mostly complete.

We have a meeting set up with the bike folks for the new Cooper Van Wieren property. While we are behind a bit, we will work in earnest to cut in the trails. Stay tuned.

### **Airport**

The airport runway has been vacated. The runway lights and infrastructure are being removed. We will focus our attention soon on removal of the runway. All is on schedule.

We had an electrician at the airport to disconnect the runway lights. When he did that, he discovered some very unsafe electrical work in the Community Hangar. Know that if we use that building for any purpose, we will need some significant electrical upgrades.

## **Anchorage Marina / Boat Rental Business**

I have convened a staff team to deal with the Boat Rental place next to Anchorage. So far, we are researching the legality of the Jet Ski rentals and looking at the definition of Marina's, and whether our ordinances would permit us to regulate the parking on that basis. We are still in our investigatory stage.

## **Budget**

Normally around this time of year, we are advertising for a Truth in Taxation hearing. This year, we did not, as taxes actually decreased. I have sent a quick "news flash" to the sentinel hoping they will pick it up for a positive story.

## **Drainage**

Drainage issues seem to be progressing much slower than I would like, but progress is occurring. Instead of putting in monitoring wells at Elderwood (the county was supposed to install them and never did) we opted to do core / soil borings as they are much cheaper. If we find high water levels, we can always install the monitoring wells at that time.

We still are awaiting a time when we can meet with the residents in the Algonquin area, but that won't be until after COVID.

I have been informed of a drainage issue in Bay Meadows (orphan drain) that I will be working on.

## **Political Sign Ordinance**

I have instructed staff to begin updating our political sign ordinance. Some of the provisions of the ordinance are not enforceable due to recent Supreme Court rulings. Staff is working on the update and it will be in front of the P.C. and BOT as the process moves forward.

## **168<sup>th</sup> and Perry**

We have received multiple complaints on 168<sup>th</sup> and Perry and the need for a four way stop at that location. I have forwarded those complaints to the Road Commission and

will evaluate. We don't often receive 4 voice mails on the same day about the same issue, so I will assume this is a serious incident and it will get my full attention.

In general, I continue to advocate for reduced speeds, more pedestrian safety and additional lights at some intersections. IMO, there are many places in the Township where traffic safety can be improved. It will continue to be a strong focus of mine, unless the board directs otherwise.

### **Wisteria Road End**

Jerry has suggested that we look at a picnic table and some signage at the Wisteria road end indicating it is a public access / viewing point. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

### **State Park**

I participated in an online public meeting for the State Park. I will be working on a formal letter with comments, ideas and suggestions for the plan next week. While I verbalized most of our concerns, it's important the State has a formal letter indicating our concerns and thoughts. Something like this is approved by myself and the Supervisor. I will email it to the whole board once it is finalized.

### **Chad Tough Fundraiser**

Prior to the Airport closing, I allowed the Chad Tough Fundraiser / Emerson the Brave to utilize the airport for their event. The event has mostly been canceled due to COVID, but the family is still moving forward with a silent auction. I will be allowing the family to use the Historic Hangar between September 8 – 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Buoys**

A damaged buoy was discovered by Lance from Boat Lifts Unlimited, which had drifted from where it was originally anchored in the channel. Boat Lifts picked up an extra buoy that we have on hand at our maintenance facility, and will have it installed for the weekend.