



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

The big issue outstanding for parks is the construction of Cooper Van Wieren and the bike paths that were approved. Based on the phone conversation I had with the Chamber, (I emailed a summary to the board), I do not feel as any location change of the bike paths will occur (I would have rather had the one off of 152nd hug the northern woods), as it seems unlikely that the Chamber is going to gift us the land. Therefore, we are moving forward as planned.

Airport

The runway has been removed. We will now move forward with working on how best to preserve the history, the creation of some artifacts displays, and continuing to work on the Airplane memorial.

Anchorage Marina / Boat Rental Business and Licensing Ordinance

Staff has preliminarily concluded its investigation. We are recommending a licensee ordinance be drafted that would regulate and limit the negative impacts that have been identified.

In debating this approach, staff agreed that such an ordinance could be used to effectively regulate farm stands, thus addressing the issues that have arisen with the Farmers Market on Ottawa Beach Road.

Dan Martin is also suggesting that the ordinance potentially address adult / sexually oriented business (we have no zoning on such uses) and there are situations where we could be challenged and lose given that we don't have identified zoning for their use. Such a licensing ordinance would be proactive and thus limit their ability to locate in the Township – and protect us from litigation. I realize this is the first you may be hearing of this issue. Please know that it has been brought up by Dan and discussed among Dan and me for quite some time. Now seems like a good opportunity to address an outstanding weakness in our regulations.

I have instructed Emma and Dan to collaborate on an initial drafting / general language. Once we have something more concrete to review, it will be in front of the board for a policy discussion.

Drainage

I have reached out to Bay Meadows and offered my assistance in dealing with their drainage issue. I am waiting to hear when they would like me and one of our engineers to address their board. On the surface, it seems like a perfect candidate for orphaning the drain system.

State Park

Our State Park safety collaboration meeting is coming up next week. We have gotten word that King Company will be donating the labor and materials to construct a gate at the pier. We will also be hearing from Robert Ortman on his proposal to use drones as a safety measure. We are making headway.