



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 rain today delayed start of construction on the bike trails at Cooper Van Wieren. Progress will occur on that shortly.

Regarding the South Side Kayak Park, I have been working with Terry Boersen with the Coast Guard Auxiliary regarding safety issues. He is recommending that 5 safety rings be installed at the park for any water related emergencies. I have authorized the purchase and will get them installed on site in the appropriate locations.

State Park

Tomorrow, I will be working on getting out a press release regarding our efforts and progress with the State Park Collaboration / safety meetings. We have received word that the gate to the pier will be donated. A number of additional safety measures have been implemented, but there is still so much more work to be done. I will keep working at it, as improving water safety at the StatePark should be a priority.

Airport

Removal of the two hangar buildings should begin this week. Gas and electric have been removed. Removal of these two buildings will go a long way toward improving aesthetics in the corridor.

Over the weekend, the RC plane event was a huge success. The group was able to use the old Gronberg hangar to store their planes and equipment. They were very

complimentary of our accommodations. We are already in the planning stages for another event next month. My kids and I went on both days, and everyone seem to enjoy themselves.

The Emerson the Brave fundraiser is also happening this week. If you have time, stop by the historic hangar and take a look at what they are offering.

Lastly, we have not and will not receive the signs back unless the Board decides to pursue legal action against Ottawa Aviation and their successor organizations. They have an invoice for the signs. Dan Martin and I believe there is a way to retrieve our property, but in order to do so, the Board would need to debate the merits of doing so and authorize legal action to occur.

Lastly, Dan Martin is working on filing action against Mr. Napier. That should be resolved by the Board meeting on Thursday.

Township Wide Paving

Township wide paving is in full swing. At this time, I get a number of drainage complaints and requests of residents desiring various grades and individual situations to be resolved. I am working on a drainage issue in Waukazoo Woods and a general pavement maintenance issue off of Vermae Drive.

Tree Preservation

Tree preservation ordinance is moving forward at the Planning Commission level. The ordinance was modified to remove some of the restrictions / regulation on existing single family homes, but most of the restrictions for larger developments remain. This will be moving forward to the Board shortly.

Planning Commission / Parking on Front Lawns

The Planning Commission is hearing and discussing if parking on front lawns should be prohibited or restricted. This is partially due to complaints that originated from those concerned with short term rental properties. These types of issues are policy decisions, and there is not necessarily a right or wrong approach.