



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.

South Side Kayak Park

Construction is in progress. First and foremost, there are a number of items to go over regarding our South Side Kayak Park. During construction, two change orders were necessitated. Both were mostly (not all) due to altering the approach drive so that entrance was not in front of the east neighbor's property, which would have been unnecessarily intrusive. The road commission approved moving our drive entrance and a potentially highly volatile situation was rectified. At the time, this was discovered at the 11th hour, and recall spending all day working with Prein & Newhof, the Road Commission, the contractor and Ryan Bromley to rectify the situation. The two change order details required the following modifications. Additional items that were included were to add a small retaining wall at the east sea wall to fix issues with soil loss (due to a crack in the retaining wall foundation), additional concrete pad for a porta-john, and a stronger engineering design (Added stone, drainage behind the sea wall, and a geotextile fabric) to strengthen the sidewalk poured nearest the water. Lastly, the second change order was to necessitate relocating the leaching basin due to shifting the driveway approach. None of these change orders changed the scope of the project, but were necessary for ongoing construction. Both change orders totaled 34,689.00.

Previously, staff suggested we hold off on concrete work on the South Side Kayak Park along the shore line until water levels have subsided. At this time, we believe that water levels have gotten to a point where we can proceed with some of the intended improvements at the park without further delay. Prein & Newhof has consulted with their senior structural/geotechnical engineer Chris Cruikshank. Instead of a traditional 4" sand subbase under the sidewalk that could wash out with wave action, we've revised the subbase to be 12" of large angular stone over heavy duty fabric, with

underdrainage. This will prevent soil loss under the sidewalk and will allow any excess water that could get under the walkway to get out without pulling soil with it. Additionally, we've thickened the leading edge of the sidewalk to 8" adjacent the seawall and are functionally linking it to the sea wall with rebar so it cannot settle at the edge.

Prein & Newhof has recommended that the remaining concrete work be installed at this time. The lake levels have gone down to a manageable elevation, and the weather is conducive now as opposed to later this fall or next spring. This will also allow the contractor to move all the soils necessary, to finish up the proposed grading, and allow for site restoration to proceed as soon as possible. We are still recommending not replacing the concrete on the far west peninsula yet as that is still underwater. Regarding the concrete work, please let me know ASAP if you do not want to proceed. Otherwise, I would like to give the contractor a go-ahead early next week, as it seems in everyone's best interest to finish most of the project now.

Lastly, regarding the situation with Clearwater Marine and the property owners, they are advocating that we revise the fence specifications along the property line. I see no reason to do so, but ultimately that is a policy decision by the Board. If you feel as though this issue should be addressed, please let either myself or Jerry know.

Diesel / Gas Spill

On Friday, I was called out for a diesel spill on Lake Macatawa. Ultimately, the Coast Guard was called out to investigate. The Coast Guard was unable to identify a culprit, but will be sending correspondence to Clearwater Marine as the slick seemed to originate from that location. This is not the first time we have had a call similar to this, but this is the first instance I am aware of where the Coast Guard has investigated.

Max Transit

Following our recent meeting with the Max Transit folks, I assumed we were on the right track to receive a more concrete number regarding our on-demand service. Unfortunately, last Friday, Elisa called and indicated she need additional time to calculate our subsidy and re-evaluate her fiscal situation. I have asked that Jim Gerard get involved at a legislative / elected level. I do not have faith that she will get us contract details prior to our meeting. This will likely come down to our meeting in November.

Airport

The RC plane event at the airport was a great success. There were easily 30 cars in the field. The group is appreciative that they are able to use the property. We will continue to encourage them to organize these types of events.

Leaching Basin in Idlewood

There is a leaching basin in Idlewood that needs to be cleaned out. The Township, Road Commission and Water Resources Commission will be splitting the cost 1/3, 1/3, and 1/3. It's a small item, but its nice to see government collaboration without much effort. Progress.

Farmers Market

Last night, the ZBA approved the three variances for the Farmers Market. The application will now go back to the Planning Commission for review of the Site Plan. Given this decision, I recommend that the Board and or P.C. is clear on any policy direction to staff regarding this and or similar uses. There has been divergent opinions on this issue for some time. The topic was on the agenda for the upcoming board meeting and I assume that it will be continued on the next agenda.

Airport

Ms. Nestel brought to my attention a desire to re-evaluate if helicopters would be permissible on the airport property. The Board previously indicated they would be, and various correspondence has been created indicated helicopters would be permitted and accommodated on site. I was going to begin working on making that a reality, but I do agree that the Board should be clear if helicopters are permissible on the site or if that issue will be re-evaluated.

West Ottawa School Stadium

West Ottawa is planning for a new stadium off of Butternut at their current campus. Engineering analysis has begun. If you want more details, I am happy to get them.