



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 I have missed anything.

Planning / Zoning Position

I am recommending that we fill the Planning and Zoning role with a full-time person, similar to our model before Fresh Coast Planning. I will be posting the position next week. I will first be concentrating our efforts on finding someone with the necessary skills and fit for our office environment. Such a position is not easy to fill, but I believe it is in the best interest of all involved. I have spoken with staff, Chairman Ervine, and others. There is staff support for bringing in a full-time person at this time.

TIP / CMAQ Funds

I have put in an application for a grant through the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council using CMAQ funds (congestion, mitigation, air quality). It is to complete our Bike Path System from Quincy to Ransom along 152nd. If the project gets integrated into TIP, it won't occur for a number of years (likely 2023). The Board has time to decide if this is a project that they wish to support. CMAQ funds are 80 /20, meaning that the Township would be responsible for a minimum of 20% of the cost. Preliminary costs are \$390,000 with \$78,000 being provided from the Township. We have indicated that we would be open to increasing our match if there is support for our project at the MAC Transportation (and policy) Committee.

Maintenance / Parks Items

Our maintenance team continues to do a great job keeping our parks and facilities in tip-top shape.

South Side: We will be discussing the native landscaping with ODC and how to proceed. Thus far, the results of the native landscaping are underwhelming.

Cooper Van Wieren: The gate has been installed. We are waiting still for the closing mechanism and motor to be installed. The instillation team will come out of the Grand Rapids office. I do not have a time period for instillation. Neither I nor Ryan are happy with the timing of this instillation. Large boulders were delivered on site and Nick will be setting those early next week to prevent cars from driving around the gate when it is closed.

STR / P.C.

I met with P.C. members to go over the spreadsheet we created and online website we have access to on the STR topic. I will be working on a new document early next week with key questions for P.C. members to contemplate in their analysis on this topic. Additionally, I will be doing a preliminary data analysis. All of this, along with presentation from our consultant through Granicus, will be presented at the next Planning Commission meeting. We are moving forward with this topic / analysis.

Rotary

I presented at Rotary this week. I answered questions from the audience on topics of interest in Park Township. I also focused on the importance of being engaged in your local community, attending board meetings, etc.

Golf Carts

Jim Gerard and I met with Mr. Wade Eldean last week. Mr. Eldean is requesting use of golf carts in the area of Eldean Marina and MAC Park in general. I anticipate this request will be on the agenda next month.

Health Insurance

We received our health insurance renewals this year from the WMHIP pool. Costs will be increasing by 1.9 next year, which is low. I believe the decision to move to the WMHIP pool has been justified. Hopefully, future renewals will bear this out.

Community Information

I have attached with this report a spreadsheet that Connie and I put together showing tax rates, assessed value information, etc. Also, the following website is a good resource in looking up financial information on Park Township as well as all municipalities in the state.

<http://micommunityfinancials.michigan.gov/#!/dashboard/TOWNSHIP/13962460?lat=42.831679020181554&lng=-86.06512570629747&zoom=10.982779902755265&year=2020&showSidebar=yes>