



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.

Roads

Roads are finalized for the year. The only item left is to determine crack sealing. I will work on figuring out which roads we are likely to do for next year and concentrate some of our crack sealing efforts in that area. Otherwise, there are lots to choose from.

Assistant Assessor

We have not yet advertised for a new assistant assessor, but will be doing so shortly. This is not going to be an easy position to fill, as it is becoming harder to find qualified assessors.

Short Term Rentals

Two contracts with Granicus consulting are on the agenda for the upcoming meeting. I discussed these previously. It is my hope that Granicus and their consultant will be a good resource as the P.C. goes through their deliberation. So you are aware, I have also suggested to Jeff Pfof and Mr. Gerard that Dan Martin should investigate any hotel motel tax or resort tax options as it relates to Short Term Rentals. This is not to assume I am recommending such a tax (if it is even possible), but given the revenue that some of these units bring in, it would seem a prudent piece of information for the legislative bodies to have.

Boat Launch

We are working on getting the South Side Kayak Boat Launch on the agenda for this upcoming meeting. We have a quote for a boat dock, but are working on getting additional options so the board has a greater comfort level in our recommendation.

Winstrom

We are wrapping up a few items for the Winstrom grant/project that are the township's responsibility and were not included in the original construction bid. These owner install items are benches and trash receptacles. We elected to reduce the number of benches, as it seemed overkill and instead wanted to save the funds. Those have been ordered, along with benches and trash receptacles for other park areas.

Website

I will be ready to recommend a contract for a new township website and back end system at the next meeting. I still want to evaluate some last-minute items to ensure a smooth transition when we decide to make the switch. This switch will also provide residents greater access to Park Township government in a time of crisis (COVID). We hope that some of the costs will be refunded in the COVID relief act.

McKenna / Airport Public Participation

I have signed the contract with McKenna. I am waiting on their signature. We have a staff level kick off meeting scheduled for April 19th. I will keep the board apprised of progress and activities as they are discussed.

Retaining Walls / Bike Paths / ETC

One project that needs to be completed this year is the retaining wall at 168th and Perry. I have been on Prein & Newhof to get the engineering completed. In addition to 168th and Perry, we are looking at other sections of Bike Path repairs and possible retaining walls.