



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.

Wendt Park

We will be approving a small change order recommended by the contractor to pour a thicker, 6" section of sidewalk to the east of the chain link fence where it ties into the existing 6" walk from the school yard, and include reinforcing. The contractor recommends this change, given that the vehicle and snowplow traffic will eventually crack the existing 4-inch walk. Costs are an additional \$1,600 (approximately).

Fire and Medical Rescue

Fire and medical rescue have been a significant conversation with the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council. We were close to engaging a region wide study on the issue. Holland Charter Township determined they wanted to do an internal study first, then determine if participating in a regional effort is warranted. I would strongly encourage our board to look at a similar approach, and at the appropriate time make fire and medical rescue planning a priority. There are a number of critical items that would benefit from a policy dialogue.

Broadband

Similar to Fire and Medical Rescue, I would encourage the board to debate if broadband will be a policy issue for discussion. Both the City of Holland and the County are engaging in significant studies and planning on these issues. Hopefully we can get the Strategic Planning session set and these conversations may begin.

Airport Property Public Participation

We had our kickoff meeting with McKenna. We are working on many administrative details, logos, website URLs, locations of community engagement booths, etc. I will have a more detailed description either next week and or when there is more clarity on all of the decisions.

160th Bike Path

We are investigating whether we need to adjust the drainage along the 160th Ave bike path and its effects on Mr. DeVries's blueberry fields and the Turkstra's property. I have been involved in multiple meetings on this issue. I have authorized Prein & Newhof to review the plans and analyze some possible solutions to the issue. If there are any revisions to the original drainage design, costs will likely necessitate that this matter comes in front of the board. There are many dimensions and differences of opinion on the issue. I will keep the board updated as we progress.

Drainage Districts

Last year, we were doing some preliminary work regarding orphan drain areas. Once it's safe to call community meetings, we will resume those talks with the neighborhoods. The three that come to mind are Bay Meadows, Algonquin and Iroquois areas, and Elderwood.

Parks

Porta potties will be installed shortly at the south side kayak park and at Keppel Forest.

Outdoor Discovery Center

The Outdoor Discovery Center is closing on the land purchase today. Plans have been submitted to Greg Ransford for P.C. review. I anticipate the project will be on either the May or June Planning Commission agenda.

Planning Commission

Planning Commission last night held elections. Rosemary Irvine is the new Chair, Dave Kleinjans, Vice-chair and Diana Garlinghouse is Secretary. Mr. Pfost had been the

Chair for a considerable period of time. I think it would be nice for the Board to honor him at an upcoming board meeting. Unless I hear any objection, I will write a proclamation honoring his service to be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Building Inspector

Our current building inspector, Chad Warden works for the Township not to exceed 30 hours per week. Both Port Sheldon and Laketown have enquired about sharing Chad, and if he has the capacity to do all three communities. I met with Al Meshkin and Mr. Baumann to discuss. I don't have any objections in concept, but details will be important. I will be setting up a meeting with the three of us and Chad next week or the following to discuss.