



# 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.

## **Assistant Assessor**

We have made the offer to our preferred candidate. They have another interview in a larger community. We will wait until the end of the week, early next and determine if our preferred candidate is still interested in the position. I have informed AI we should not wait too long, as we need to begin evaluating the other candidates if our chosen candidate is uninterested in the position. There also is the option of re-posting if we are not satisfied with our candidate pool.

## **Strategic Planning**

I will be meeting this week with Mr. Al Vanderberg to review strategic planning. I hope it is a productive and fruitful planning and strategy session. The Strategic Planning Meeting will be on zoom. As you may be aware, the meeting is subject to the OMA and the public is welcome.

## **Perry Street / Tunnel Park**

Many months ago, I organized a meeting with multiple jurisdictions to evaluate a Rapid Flashing Beacon Device on Lakeshore Drive. Following that meeting, it became clear that the project should be led through the County Parks Department. I have followed up periodically over the year. They now have indicated a desire to install such a device. Overall, I believe this is a positive safety improvement. They have request Park's corporation and possible partnership. I will be discussing the details with Jim and this may be an agenda item moving forward. Overall, a collaborative effort that is bearing fruit for the community.

On a related note, the County enquired about the Township providing snow plowing efforts to those that live on the upper and lower boardwalks. The County was interested

in us contracting directly with the homeowner's association in the Ottawa Beach area for this service. I indicated to the County I was not interested, nor did I think it appropriate for the Township to engage in a contractual relationship with the neighborhood association for snow plowing services.

Lastly, the County Parks leadership was impressed that we had been successful in installing the rapid flashing device and was given permission and installed yield signage in the crosswalks providing additional visibility for pedestrians.

### **Holland Water Sports**

Holland Water Sports is being represented by Mr. Randy Schipper. I had conversations on this issue with Mr. Schipper, and again with Dan included.

### **Jim Brooks**

As you may know, I met with Mr. Jim Brooks on some regional policy issues related to Park Township. We are meeting again tomorrow to continue that discussion.

### **168<sup>th</sup> and Perry**

I am meeting tonight with the property owners to discuss the sight distance issues expressed at a recent board meeting. I will be determining if we should alter design (timing and efficacy taken into consideration) prior to letting the bids.

### **Film Project**

Finalizing the land rental agreement with the Grand Valley State University on the film project. I do not anticipate any issues.

### **Cooper Van Wieren / Perry Street Gate**

Ryan is on vacation until the end of the month. I do not want to wait for the gate installation to occur when he gets back. I will be setting up an on site meeting and begin coordination for the Cooper Van Wieren electronic gate.