



Park Township

From the Desk of Howard Fink,

Township Manager

9/24/2021

Hi Everyone. Attached is this week's management report. As always, please let me know if there is anything I have missed.

Fire and Medical Rescue

The Chief and I continue to discuss water rescue and some of the larger policy items related to the department. Given that it seems like a water rescue partnership with the Sheriff seems unlikely, we are looking into Jet Skis and other boat like devices to improve our water rescue capabilities. As the Chief and I become more comfortable with our recommendations and analysis, we will be presenting to the board.

This week, I sent out a bill sponsored by Representative Slagh that would trump any order by the DNR director to permit DNR staff or law enforcement to remove swimmers from the beach during unsafe conditions. It will be interesting to see how this all shakes out.

Gate at Cooper Van Wieren

Electrical and posts have been installed at Cooper Van Wieren. I spoke with the contractor today. They were going to install yesterday, but the gate was too long for their truck. As soon as they figure out an alternative transport method, the gate will be installed. They are hoping for next week.

STR

Given the time constraints from our Planning Consultant, I will be stepping in and getting the P.C. engaged in the STR conversation and beginning the data analysis process. I am currently working on synthesizing the data and a planning document that will serve as a process and timeline for completing this review. I will be working closely

with Trustee DeHaan and Chairwomen Ervine. I am assuming that I will be involved heavily in this discussion / process moving forward.

Jay Van Wieren Sign Dedication

The sign for Mr. Jay Van Wieren is on order. We are getting everything ready for a small dedication ceremony next week prior to our board meeting. Please reserve 5:15 on your calendar for this event.

168th and Perry

Construction has begun on 168th and Perry. The wall is mostly complete along the 168th section. Crews will begin working along the Perry side next week. Please note that we did try and work with the home owner on moving the wall for added visibility. I have verified on multiple occasions with our engineer that easements were required from the homeowner to do so. The homeowner was not in favor of moving the wall.

Pier Safety

Our pier safety group met again this week. We continue to press forward on our projects. We are currently working on getting cameras installed on the Big Red lighthouse. County IT is investigating how the cameras will be connected to the internet and how that will occur. If there are any issues with a wireless connection, we may approach the Van Andel's for assistance. Such a request would be facilitated by Mr. John Gronberg. Also, we will be requesting funds from the Holland / Zeeland Community Foundation for this improvement.

Boat Launch Next to Tiera Yachts

I received an email requesting some pot hole repair at the boat launch next to Tiara Yachts. For those who may be unaware, this launch is essentially a road end to Lake Macatawa. Half of the road is owned by Tiara Yachts. I will talk to Ryan, about adding some dirt in that section to fill in the pot hole, but our efforts in this area are generally minimal. It's not an improved launch, nor has much utility other than kayaks and small boats. Given our large infrastructure investment into the South Side Kayak Park, I assume this launch gets even less traffic now than previously.

Pocket Park

A picnic table has been re-located at the pocket park on the south side.

ARPA Funds

We have received our first of two ARPA funds payments in Park Township (\$989,379.50). There is no rush to allocate the funds, as we have four years to do so. We continue to look for ways to offset expenses we are already obligated for that might be allowed uses. Guidance is still vague.

Runway Seeding

The contractor has offered a credit of \$6,375.78 for poor seeding of the runway on the airport property. In my estimation, it should be higher. I am going to follow up on Monday on this item.

From: [Howard Fink](#)
To: [Board](#)
Subject: FW: What Happened Last Night
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:54:00 AM

Hi Everyone,

Attached is an explanation of what occurred last night on a zoom meeting regarding the Airport Participation Process. I have also sent a personal email to those we know were effected apologizing for what occurred.

This email is to let you know what happened and what McKenna is doing to correct the mistake.

In past months, I have had conversations and provided input to the supervisor that we review the boards policy on social media. It is in moments like this that I would like to have the ability to post McKenna's email online (or a similar explanation) so that the public / constituents know we are aware of what occurred, taking steps to resolve it and adding additional zoom meetings. IMO, It's precisely this type of communication that would be helpful to post for good communication and dialogue.

Thanks,
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As requested, here is my understanding of what went wrong last night. It was actually two things.

The RSVP link on the website was supposed to be changed to a Zoom link prior to the meeting last night. That was not done. That is our fault and we apologize.

Separately, our hosts (Sandy and Katie) were not able to let people into the actual meeting from the waiting room, due to an issue with Zoom. However, since most, if not all, of the public was stuck on the website, it's not clear if anyone from the public was impacted by this.

We apologize for the issues and will be hosting a make-up Zoom on October 11. I am also available to speak with anyone from the public who was impacted (either to apologize or to take their input on the site), as well as any Township leaders who would like a more detailed explanation and apology.

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