

Charter Township of Marquette
Road Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Marquette Township Community Center

1. Meeting Called to Order: Wiegand called the Road Committee meeting to order at 5:30 PM
2. Roll Call: Ron DeMarse, Dave Wiegand, Pete LaRue, Mike Springer
Absent: Dianna Truscott (unexcused)

Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planner and Zoning Administrator

3. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: To approve the agenda
LaRue, Moved
DeMarse, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

4. Previous Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 1, 2016
Springer, Moved
DeMarse, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

5. Public Comment: none

6. Old Business:

- a. Road Rehabilitation Project Update (UPEA)

Mark Daavettila, UPEA, reported that the 2016 Road Rehabilitation Projects are done. Some residents on Montgomery Street would like their mailbox relocated while others would like new posts. Wiegand asked Andra to keep a list of concerns that can be addressed in the spring. Andra will be informing callers as such, unless it is an emergency. Daavettila would like the public to understand that the inspections are done for this year. The list of concerns will be addressed during the 2017 projects. Approximately 1.25 million is left for about four miles of rehabilitation next summer. McCarthy noted that training for 'Road Soft', our asset management program, will be offered in the Township Community Center after the first of the year. P.A.S.E.R. ratings and certification was discussed.

Daavettila noted that the path on South Vandenboom looked good. There are a couple of water related issues that the contractor will address. He will get the final figures from the contractors and forward the information to Manager Girard.

- b. Road Transportation Facilities Plan (Update) - Township Transportation Facilities Map;

McCarthy had a discussion with Thyra Karlstrom of Marquette County Planning. She will have her part of the Transportation Facilities Plan done in thirty days. The Committee needs to decide on the maps and overlays to be included. McCarthy sees us as being able to wrap the rewrite up in the spring.

McCarthy introduced a map with an insert to the Committee. A lengthy discussion on what to include on a north/south portrait oriented map and an east/west landscape oriented map ensued.

McCarthy suggested keeping the same scale for a 'map book'. Each page would contain

specific layers. One could flip through to compare layers. One could have trails, another topographical lines, another of lighting, etc.

Wiegand clarified that we need two maps with different orientations to be used by both the Recreation Committee and the Road Committee.

c. Asset Management, Program Development

Wiegand noted that Michigan Tech will provide the software, 'Road Soft' free of charge. Tech will provide a link that will update to the current version. McCarthy and Thyra Karlstrom discussed possible reasons why the traffic counts in the US 41 Corridor have dropped. They speculate that roads like Commerce, HQ and Brookton are taking more traffic. Wiegand confirmed that Brookton traffic has increased significantly.

Drivers ignoring the 'No Left Turn' sign at Commerce and US 41 and south bound drivers ignoring the stop sign at Brookton was noted. The need for painted 'stop bars' and pedestrian cross hatching would help. The foliage blocking the stop sign on the northeast corner of Werner and Ontario was discussed for the second meeting in a row. McCarthy will contact the County about the impaired 'vision triangle' at that intersection.

d. Design Standards Ordinance (Update)

Wiegand noted that Design Standards update amendment encompassing pedestrian walkways will be addressed by a Planning Commission subcommittee.

7. New Business:

a. Pedestrian Pathway Snow Plowing

Wiegand and LaRue were impressed with how fast the pedestrian pathways were cleared after the last snow storm. Wiegand received is, utility bill attached, calendar and pathway clearance notice. McCarthy noted that the same pathway clearance notice is on our website and Facebook page. LaRue sees the importance of starting pathway clearing early and setting an example for the residents. DeMarse sees a need for pathways to be cleared after residents have plowed their driveways. McCarthy assisted with a memo that was sent to residents.

LaRue noted an area of past plowing issues at the southeast corner of Moran and Erickson.

8. Information Items/Reports:

a. Parsons/Brinkerhoff Report

The draft of the Parsons Brinckerhoff Report needs to be addressed by the Downtown Development Authority first. They commissioned the study and need to take the next step. McCarthy encouraged the Committee to review the Report and prepare to provide comment. Wiegand would like to see the DDA sub-committee, that was formed, meet to discuss the draft report. McCarthy will discuss this with Manager Girard.

Springer was impressed with the drone photography and renderings in the report. McCarthy showed the first edit that includes rain gardens in the median.

9. Public Comment: none

10. Correspondence: none

11. Committee Member Comment:

LaRue - Lighting on Venture. Poles are \$750.00 each plus \$13.25/mo. Which includes LED lighting. The power is on the north side where the pathway is. LaRue would like the new Safe Route to Schools Pathway lit for increased safety and security for pedestrians. A lot of people are using the new pathway.

12. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm
Springer, Moved
LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2017 @ 5:30 PM
@ Marquette Township Community Center

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Wiegand and Springer