

ROAD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday November 8, 2017

Marquette Township Community Center

1. Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30pm
2. Roll Call: Present; Dave Wiegand, Pete LaRue, Ron DeMarse, Mike Springer
Absent: One Open Position
Staff Present; Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Public; none

3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda

LaRue moved

DeMarse, supported

Carried: Unanimously

4. Previous Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2017

Motion to approve the October 3 minutes

Springer, moved

LaRue, supported

Carried: Unanimously

5. Public Comment: none

6. Old Business:

Road Rehabilitation Project Update - 2017 project (Update)

This is likely to be the last time for this item on the agenda. There are a few issues that are in the process of being addressed;

A driveway slope is being reduced near Norwood and Woodridge. This should be complete by November 10th.

Residents on the East end of Center Street are not pleased with the rip-rap placed within a drainage area to abate erosion. The rip-rap occupies a pathway used by the residents to enter a trail. There is no resolution to this complaint, as removal of the rip rap will result in erosion control issues.

Wiegand discussed a culvert on South Vandebloom that is 90% blocked as a result of ditch erosion. When the contractor corrected the erosion they only went as far as the culvert and left without cleaning the culvert.

Road issues not associated with the Road Rehabilitation Project were also discussed;

DeMarse inquired about the equipment damage the MCRC did to Orchard Street. Wiegand reported Orchard Street to the Board, along with needed shoulder restoration along Brookton Road and needed asphalt on Eagles Nest Road as result of the MCRC culvert replacement. As it would happen, the next day many of those issues were addressed by the MCRC

Road Transportation Facilities Plan (Update):

Peterson will be taking over the final development of the Transportation Plan.

Asset Management Program Development (Update):

McCarthy discussed the assistance being offered by Michigan Tech University through its Road Soft Asset Management Program. He hopes to bring the MTU training to Marquette.

The Road Soft program is currently up and running. Isaac is updating the construction work completed in 2017. Isaac is currently working on a SAW grant with Kirk Page for utility asset management. When that is finished, he will continue development of the Road Soft asset management program. Wiegand commented that we need to get the program “up and running” sooner rather than later as it is the best means to forecast needed maintenance in 2018.

7. New Business:

Drainage District Evaluation/Recommendation

Wiegand informed the Committee that the Board would like the Planning Commission to look into another drainage district in Trowbridge. He assumed the Commission would involve the Road Committee. A discussion on Backyard Creek, Commerce and Brookton, responsibilities of Commercial Businesses to address effluence from their parking lots, and the stockpiling of sand eroding into streets and drains, lead to a suggestion to make this part of the site plan review.

8. Information Items/Reports:

There will be a joint meeting with Marquette County Road Commission at 3pm, on Wednesday, November 29 at the Township Community Center.

The Chocoley Township, Negaunee Township, and Humbolt roads millages were discussed. For the most part the election results were favorable to road repair.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Correspondence: None

11. Committee Member Comment:

Springer thanked Wiegand for the success of the millage and the Road Rehabilitation Project.

McCarthy discussed an interactive map site that will provide the PASER of a segment of road. He will send the link to the Committee members

LaRue would like to see lighting being addressed as part of the new Road Facilities Plan.

LaRue would like us to continue to incorporate “Complete Streets” into our future road improvement efforts as well as all new road construction.

12. **Adjournment; Motion to adjourn at 6:00pm**

Springer, moved

LaRue, supported

Carried: Unanimously

Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, December 5. @ 5:30 PM @ Marquette Township Community Center

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by Wiegand and Springer