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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 – 7 P.M.
MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

NOTE: Pursuant to the Township Board adopted Code of Conduct, Planning Commission members are obligated to disclose any potential or actual conflict of interest with any item placed on this agenda.

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda.
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 23, 2018
5. Public Comment.
6. New Business.
 - a. Special Use Permit Public Hearing Request – Renewable Energy (Residential Solar) Applicant – Peninsula Solar, LLC
 - b. 2018 Road Maintenance Project Scope – Road Committee Recommendation
 - c. City Of Marquette – South Trails Development Plan
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Correspondence
 - a. Draft Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2018
 - b. Approved Road Committee Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2018
 - c. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Update
9. Reports.
 - a. Short-Term Rentals Zoning Text Amendment Update
 - b. 2018 Marquette Township Parks Clean-Up Follow-Up
 - c. 2018 National Trails Day Follow-Up
 - d. Marquette Detailing Zoning Compliance Update
 - e. 2018 Citizen Survey Update
 - f. May 29, 2018 Special Recreation Meeting Follow-Up
10. Announcements.
11. Public Comment.
12. Additional Comments by Planning Commissioners.
13. Adjournment.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 2018*



**Marquette Township Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – 7 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center**

Chairperson Springer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Springer, Dave Wiegand, Jim Johnson, Leanne Kachmarsky, Greg Place

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason McCarthy, Izaak Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT: Trustee Pete LaRue, Todd Hawkins, Jeff Cornock

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve the agenda, as presented.*

*Johnson, Moved
Wiegand, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: April 25, 2018

MOTION: *To approve the draft minutes, as presented.*

*Wiegand, Moved
Kachmarsky, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Cornock, 480 Brickyard Road, expressed concern with the Meijer's eastern private drive. He stated that because Meijer's drive is private, customers utilizing the drive are obligated to stop before entering the roadway. Cornock indicated that a stop sign should be placed at the end of Meijer's drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Master Plan Update: Chapter 5- Community Services- Discussion

Peterson outlined the contents of Master Plan Draft Chapter 5- Community Services.

Springer requested amendment or reference to the diagram on page one.

McCarthy stated the diagram could be revised or amended.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Trail Proposal- Discussion

McCarthy provided background on the MDNR's request to utilize the western portion of the Schwemwood Park property for a connecting trail from the Iron Ore Heritage Trail to the 2019 Underpass location. McCarthy stated that the MDNR requires Township approval to perform survey work to obtain easement within Schwemwood Park.

MOTION: *To approve the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trail proposal, with recommendation to the Township Board for approval.*

*Wiegand, Moved
Johnson, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2018 Citizen Survey Board Recommendations- Discussion

Peterson stated that the Township Board approved the 2018 Citizen Survey with amendment to question #9 and the removal of question #13. Peterson recommended approval of the amended draft survey.

MOTION: *To approve the attached 2018 Citizen Survey for distribution.*

*Wiegand, Moved
Kachmarsky, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following committee meeting minutes and materials were distributed:

- a. Approved Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes- April 17, 2018
- b. Approved Road Committee Meeting Minutes- April 3, 2018

REPORTS:

Saykly's Confectionaries & Gifts- Infill Development

McCarthy reported that Saykly's Confectionary and Gifts has successfully achieved zoning compliance for a new infill location.

Peterson stated that Saykly's plans to open in mid-July.

Short-Term Rentals Zoning Text Amendment- Update

McCarthy reported that the Township Board had what would have been their first reading of the Short-Term Rentals Zoning Text Amendment. McCarthy stated that the need to omit the text amendments inclusion of a required insurance rider led to the reschedule of the first reading, to the June 5th Township Board Meeting.

Parks Clean Up and Barbeque- May 26, 2018 10 AM- 2 PM

Springer reported that the annual parks cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday May 26th.

National Trails Day/ 5th Annual Iron Range Roll- June 2, 2018

Springer reported that the National Trails Day and the Iron Range Roll will occur on Saturday June 2nd.

Riverside Automotive Dealership- Dimensional Variance Approval

McCarthy reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved a dimensional variance to the 20 foot setback required for the southeast corner of the Riverside Automotive Dealership project site.

Marquette Detailing Zoning Compliance- Update

McCarthy reported that staff is working with the recommendation of the Township Attorney to remedy existing Zoning Issues on the Marquette Detailing property, and expects to receive a zoning compliance application from Marquette Detailing.

Wiegand inquired what the approach to Marquette Detailing's site bufferyard compliance. Wiegand stated that a bufferyard type "d" is required, and encouraged the neighboring property owner to utilize the bufferyard type "d" if an agreement could not be made with regards to a lesser bufferyard.

McCarthy acknowledged that a bufferyard type "d" is required, and stated that a more intensive thinner bufferyard may provide greater screening

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

McCarthy announced that a Special Use Permit for residential solar will likely be submit in the next week, as such the Planning Commission will need to schedule a public hearing for the Special Us Permits review.

Wiegand announced that the 2018 Road Maintenance Project will open bids on May 30th.

Springer announced that recent work to Schwemwood Park looks nice.

McCarthy announced that the Township capital improvement project process is beginning which will involve the Planning Commission.

McCarthy announced that staff has been undertaking enforcement of temporary signs located along the US-41 Highway corridor indicating numerous violations; further stating that one temporary sign is allowed per property.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS PLANNING COMMISSIONERS WISH TO MAKE:

Place stated that he would like the Township to reply to the concerns of Jeff Cornock in a timely matter.

McCarthy replied that staff will have to research the issue, and relay the concern to the Township Manager.

Wiegand inquired if what agency oversaw the road striping leading to the Meijer private drive.

Johnson inquired about the possibility of prohibiting smoking within Schwemwood Park.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

MOTION: *To adjourn the Planning Commission meeting.*

*Kachmarsky, Moved
Place, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

Dave Wiegand – Planning Commission Secretary

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STAFF REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION – June 13, 2018

Agenda Item # 6a: Request to schedule a Public Hearing for a proposed Alternative Energy (Residential Solar) System on a property located within the Rural Residential (RR) zoning district, per the Marquette Township Zoning Ordinance (Article 15, Section 15.05). Parcel Tax ID# 52-08-031-011-00. Subject property is located in Section 31, T48N R25W. Property address: 107 Morgan Meadow Rd, Marquette, Michigan, 49855. Applicant:

Applicant: Ian Olmsted, Peninsula Solar, LLC

Property Owner: Ronald Thill

Parcel ID#: 52-08-031-011-00

Staff Contact: Jason McCarthy

Background:

Staff has received an application and a plot plan that denotes a proposed Alternative Energy System (residential solar) to be constructed on a parcel of property zoned Rural residential (RR).

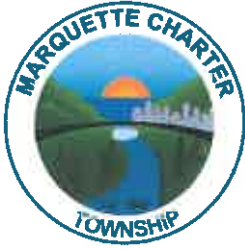
Per the Marquette Township Ordinance:

"ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS:

Solar Energy System – A complete design or assembly consisting of a solar energy collector, an energy storage facility (where used), and components for the distribution of transformed energy."

SECTION 15.05: USE VS. DISTRICT NOMOGRAPH:

Solar energy System is a Special Use in the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District



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"SECTION 15.10: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY:

B. SOLAR ENERGY

Solar energy equipment consists of photovoltaic solar arrays and/ or a solar collection system. In addition to local ordinances and Marquette County Building Codes, they may also be subject to Restrictive Covenants or Owner's Association and/or Condominium Bylaws for specific sites. Common building code issues to address include exceeding roof load, unacceptable heat exchangers, improper wiring, inadequate separation from potable water supplies, etc. Potential zoning issues can include sideyard/bufferyard obstruction, exceeding height limits, visual degradation due to improper siting, off-premise vegetation growth affecting efficiency of ground mounted systems, etc. These items and other situation specific issues will be addressed upon application, site plan preparation and submittal, and a Public Hearing conducted by the Planning Commission."

Review Recommendation

Staff recommends scheduling the public hearing for Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7 PM.



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STAFF REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION – June 13, 2018

Agenda Item # 6b: 2018 Road Maintenance Project Scope – Road Committee Recommendation

Proposal: Review and discuss the Road Committee recommended 2018 road maintenance scope of work.

Staff Contact: Izaak Peterson, Jason McCarthy

Background

On Tuesday, March 26th, Planning Commissioner Wiegand and Staff conducted a windshield survey of roads throughout Marquette Township. Roads that were observed had experienced reconstruction in 2015. At the time of the roads reconstruction, they are assigned a PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) rating of 10 or, new condition. The passing of three (3) years' time from reconstruction indicated the need for preventative maintenance identification. Approximately 9.34 miles of road were visually inspected.

**Upon reviewing bids for the project, the Road Committee met on June 5, 2018 and recommended the following amendments to the (attached) proposed scope of maintenance work in 2018:*

- 1) *Remove Line Item #16 – Moran Street until further information is provided by the Marquette County Road Commission regarding the spring fed water source that is currently being conveyed along this segment of road.*
- 2) *Remove Line Item #12 – Forestville Road until 2019 maintenance season and/or until the Marquette County Road Commission provides details as to their plans to reconfigure the Forestville Road/Wright Street/Commerce Drive intersection.*

Staff Recommendation


Staff recommends that the Planning Commission concur with the Road Committee recommendation and recommend the same for the Township Board's consideration.

6b.

BID SHEET

Location	Street/Road	Project Limits	Units	Qty	Street Total
OVERBAND CRACK FILLING					
1	Allen Street	Erickson to Ontario (0.13 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,052.39
2	Badger Street	Cox to Erickson (0.12 miles)	LS	1	\$ 979.13
3	Bancroft Street	US-41 to Woodridge (0.20 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,565.21
4	Beaudoin Street	Erickson to End (0.12 miles)	LS	1	\$ 979.13
5	Bishop Woods	Bishop Woods Rd to End (0.09 miles)	LS	1	\$ 759.35
6	Bishop Woods	CR-492 to End (1.31 miles)	LS	1	\$ 9,697.13
7	Cox Avenue	Moran to Fair (0.06 miles)	LS	1	\$ 539.56
8	Cox Avenue	Fair to End (0.06 miles)	LS	1	\$ 539.56
9	Cox Avenue	Werner to Badger (0.13 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,052.39
10	Erickson Street	US-41 to Werner (0.13 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,052.39
11	Erickson Street	Werner to Allen (0.31 miles)	LS	1	\$ 2,371.08
13	Foxtail Court	Bishop Woods Rd to End (0.16 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,272.17
14	High Point Court	Bishop Woods Rd to End (0.16 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,272.17
15	Huron Woods	Forestville Road to End (0.61 miles)	LS	1	\$ 4,568.89
16	Moran Street	Commerce to Vandeenboom (0.18 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,418.69
17	Moran Street	Vandeenboom to Ontario (0.25 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,931.51
18	N Vandeenboom	Moran to Center (0.08 miles)	LS	1	\$ 686.08
19	Orchard Street	Meeske to End (0.34 miles)	LS	1	\$ 2,590.86
20	Overlook Drive	Bishop Woods Rd to End (0.22 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,711.73
21	Pineview Drive	Bishop Woods Rd to Bishop Woods Rd (0.32 miles)	LS	1	\$ 2,444.34
22	Weiland Drive	CR-492 to Bishop Woods Rd (0.31 miles)	LS	1	\$ 2,371.08
23	Woodridge	Bancroft to Werner (0.18 miles)	LS	1	\$ 1,418.69
OVERBAND CRACK FILLING, CHIP SEAL (5/16 x 1/8 Aggregate), AND FOG SEAL					
12	Forestville Road	Wright Street to Huron Woods Drive (0.32 miles)	LS	1	\$ 41,199.56
TOTAL BASE BID (SUM OF THE ABOVE):					\$ 83,473.09
OVERLAY COST - OVERLAY 1-1/2" OF HMA, LVSP (400 TONS) AND ADD SHOULDER GRAVEL (60 TONS)					
12	Forestville Road	Wright Street to Huron Woods Drive (0.32 miles)	LS	1	N/A
OVERLAY COST (COST TO PERFORM THE OVERLAY ONLY):					N/A

Contractor: Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC


 (Signature)

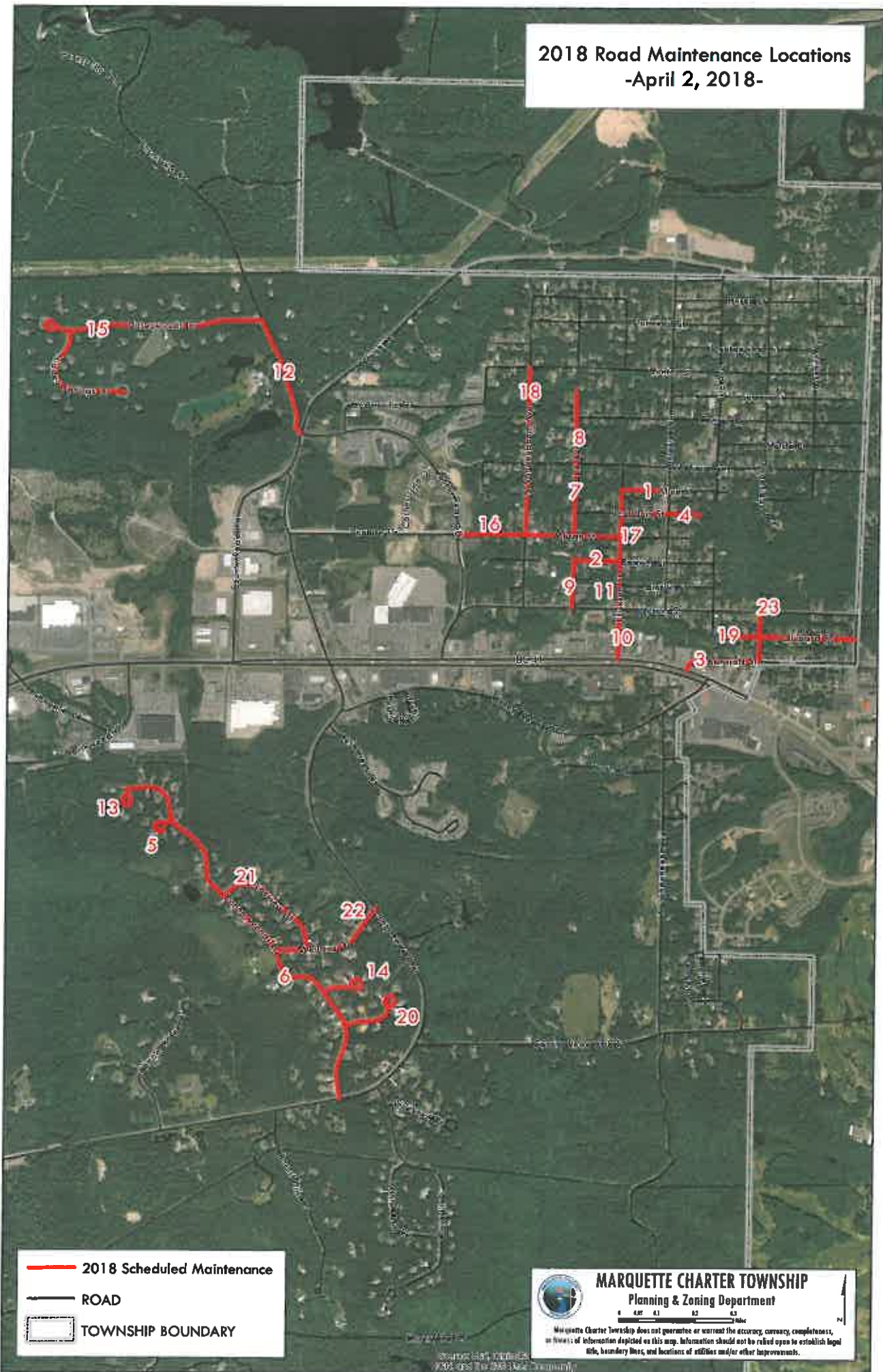
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Marquette Township
2018 Road Maintenance

Location #	Street	From	To	Length (ft)	Observation	Paver	Suggested Action
1	Allen Street	Erickson	Ontario	666 ft	Occasional traverse crack > 40 ft apart	8	Crack seal
2	Badger Street	Cox	Erickson	630 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	Crack seal
3	Bancroft Street	US-41	Woodridge	1065 ft	Occasional traverse crack > 40 ft apart	8	Crack seal
4	Beaudoin Street	Erickson	End	646 ft	Occasional traverse crack > 40 ft apart	8	Crack seal
5	Bishop Woods Court	Bishop Woods Road	End	489 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	Crack seal
6	Bishop Woods Road	County Road 492	End	6930 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	Crack seal
7	Cox Avenue	Moran	Fair	305 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	• Overband as needed • Crack seal
8	Cox Avenue	Fair	End	299 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	• Overband as needed • Crack seal
9	Cox Avenue	Werner	Badger	661 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	• Overband as needed • Crack seal
10	Erickson Street	US-41	Werner	681 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	Crack seal
11	Erickson Street	Werner	Allen	1653 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	• Overband as needed • Crack seal
12	Forestville Road	Wright Street (HQ)	Huron Woods Drive	1682 ft	• Transverse cracks less than 10' apart • Initial block cracking • Cracks open 1/4"-1/2"	6	Sealcoat or thin overlay
13	Foxtail Court	Bishop Woods Road	End	841 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	Crack seal
14	High Point Court	Bishop Woods Road	End	820 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	Crack seal
15	Huron Woods Drive	Forestville Road	End	3222 ft	• Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4"	7	Crack seal
16	Moran Street	Commerce	Vandenboom	991 ft	• Transverse cracks less than 10' apart • Initial block cracking • Cracks open 1/4"-1/2"	6	• Overband as needed • Crack seal
17	Moran Street	Vandenboom	Ontario	1309 ft	Occasional traverse crack > 40 ft apart	8	Crack seal
18	North Vandenboom Ave	Moran	Center	404 ft	Occasional traverse crack > 40 ft apart	8	Crack seal

19	Orchard Street	Meeske	End	1807 ft	Occasional traverse crack > 40 ft apart	8	Crack seal
20	Overlook Drive	Bishop Woods Road	End	1152 ft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4" 	7	Crack seal
21	Pineview Drive	Bishop Woods Road	Bishop Woods Road	1684 ft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4" 	7	Crack seal
22	Weiland Drive	County Road 492	Bishop Woods Road	1622 ft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transverse Cracks 10'-40' ft apart • Cracks open < 1/4" 	7	Crack seal
23	Woodridge	Bancroft	Werner	944 ft	Occasional traverse crack > 40 ft apart	8	Crack seal
				Total: 30,443 ft (5.76 Miles)			

2018 Road Maintenance Locations
-April 2, 2018-



Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:34 pm

2) Roll Call: Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Todd Carruth, Mike Springer
Absent: Kellie Genschaw
Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Public: Eric Walters, Tyler McCabe, Sandy Bonsall, Patty Larson, Evie Schuster, Earl Schuster

3) Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda

*Wiegand, Moved
LaRue, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

4) Previous Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2018:

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 17, 2018 as amended.

*Wiegand, Moved
Carruth, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

5) **Privileged Comment:** Eric Walters from 40Below and the Iron Ranger Roll Task Force, informed the Committee about the 5th Annual National Trails Day event on June 2. The Iron Range Roll is a family fun ride from Ishpeming to Marquette. It is also a fund raiser for the YMCA Superior Village After School Program. Tyler McCabe, director of the After School Program, informed the Committee on the mentoring services and food program they provide for fifty families and over seventy low income youth.

6) **Public Comment:**

Sandy Bonsall thanked the Township for painting lines on the tennis courts for pickle ball players. She hopes the Township will expand the number of courts available. Earl Schuster, local representative of the US Pickle Ball association, noted it was the fastest growing sport in the country. He provided a brief local history and is impressed with the ice rink facilities. Evie Schuster talked about her experience with the outdoor courts in Gwinn. She noted that more courts are needed in order to grow the sport. Patty Larson has used chalk lines on the rink to play pickle ball. She sees the rink as a fabulous place to play.

7) **Unfinished Business:**

a) Lions RA ice rink improvement options, Pickle Ball, Roller Hockey etc.

Wiegand explained to the pickle ball advocates that there are a number of groups that are interested in the use of the rink. The Township is also considering options for extending the ice skating season. He explained the evaluation process and that a recommendation to the Planning Commission and then the Board regarding ice rink

use would follow near the end of summer. In the meantime, the Planning Commission has recommended to the Board that, so long as no permanent alterations are made at the ice rink, pickle ball players could use the ice rink just as any other resident can. LaRue inquired about the most popular times of day and length of the average game. Earl Schuster noted 9am - Noon and then again after work hours.

Carruth is ok with the use of the rink for pickle ball until a decision on extending the ice season is made. He supports using the rink for its intended purpose and noted the Township provides pickle ball courts now.

b) Spring Park Clean Up Saturday, May 26, 10 am - 2 pm

Springer provided a Spring Clean Up announcement. He has made copies for the Board. He distributed the Walmart food request list for discussion. He will fax Manager Ross Rosenow a memo requesting a 7am meeting on May 21 along with the food request. Carruth volunteered to attend the meeting and help pick up the food at 5:30pm on May 25. LaRue offered his trailer. Springer will pick up Wiegand's leaf blower before Saturday. Carruth's Fellowship will bring tables, chairs and a barbecue grill.

c) Funding the US 41 underpass 2017/2019

McCarthy announced that staff will be working on Thank You Letters and the Honor Recognition Signage for the underpass title and sign masks for both ends.

d) Lions Recreation Area / Schwemwood Park Projects 2018

McCarthy noted that the contractor will let him know when the Lions RA plan is staked out. He will forward that information to Committee members. The start date for the project is early June.

e) Trail/Road Intersection Safety procedures/plans

Springer distributed two documents, one Iron Range Roll "Event Safety Plan", the other the Noquemanon Trail Network 2018 Event Year Grantor release form. NTN also provided a cover letter addressed to McCarthy. Wiegand recommended that we start with a watered down version with event information on the front and information on the back. The event organizer would provide the date and time of the event and the roads being crossed. The back page could contain the emergency service numbers recommended to contact prior to an event.

Springer will put something together based on the comments made, and forward it to Wiegand for editing.

f) Recreation Plan Update

Springer provided editing suggestions for Chapter 1 of the Recreation Plan. He would also like to see the inclusion of the Multi-Jurisdictional Recreation Authority Feasibility Study's Four Study Recommendations, Short Term Action Items, and the Next-Term Action Items.

g) Walmart Request Meeting

Carruth and Springer plan to meet with Manager Ross Rosenow at 7 am May 21.

8) New Business:

a) Proposed DNR Trail #14 Relocation - Schwemwood Park Property

McCarthy distributed a map showing the relocation of Trail #14 to be moved east and totally contained within Schwemwood Park Property. McCarthy requested the Committee's support for moving this request to the Planning Commission. The Committee concurred.

9) Information Items/Reports:

Board Report

Springer is interested in attending the Board's work session on Committees under Policy Governance on June 7, 5-7pm.

Planning Commission Report

Wiegand reported that the Frei buffer yard issues have been resolved. We are still waiting on a legal opinion regard Marquette Detailing. The Board will have their first reading of the "Short Term Rental Ordinance" tonight.

Road Committee Report

McCarthy announced the request for bids are out and will be in by the end of May. Moran Street will be addressed during the reconstruction meeting.

Zoning and Planning Report

Riverside has a request into the Zoning Board of Appeals for a reduction in the setback as a result of the encroachment by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

10) Public Comment:

11) Committee Member Comment:

LaRue announced the Classic Car Show at the Westwood Mall on June 16. Wiegand thinks it would be good if the pickle ball players put on a tournament or demonstration at the ice rink during our Community Celebration Day in August. LaRue would like the Bounce-House to be in the rink.

12) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:17pm

***Carruth, Moved
Wiegand, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

****Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:30 PM
Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand***

ROAD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Marquette Township Community Center

- 1. Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30pm
- 2. Roll Call: Present: Pete LaRue, Mike Springer, Dave Wiegand
Absent: Ron DeMarse
Staff Present: Izaak Peterson, Staff Planner

- 3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda

**LaRue; moved
Springer; supported** **Carried: Unanimously**

- 4. Previous Meeting Minutes -- April 3, 2018

Motion to approve the April 3rd meeting minutes

**Springer; moved
LaRue; supported** **Carried: Unanimously**

- 5. Public Comment: none

- 6. Old Business:
Road Transportation Facilities Plan (Update)
Chapter 4 Draft Review

Peterson provided the first nine pages of the draft Chapter 4 update. He would like to review/edit this Chapter into two parts.

He indicated that Mr. Rob Tervo, from the Michigan Department of Transportation, would like to meet with the Committee before finalizing the 2020-2021 US-41 corridor improvements.

LaRue sees the distance to the left turn back to Menards as excessive. Peterson and Wiegand agree with MDOT's design and reasoning for the more western left turn.

All agreed that the roundabouts are the best way to direct traffic. The Target/Walmart Intersection will provide a right hand turn constant through lane to the west. The Brickyard roundabout situation is different as the majority of the traffic is across and through. Peterson noted the traffic data shows 3,000 less vehicles between Walmart/Target and Brickyard intersections.

Peterson plans to provide the second section of Chapter 4 to the Committee at the June 5 meeting. He noted that the Township has taken the position of keeping all ROWs for future utility and pedestrian access.

Asset Management Program Development (Update)

Peterson reported that the next update to our program will occur when the County releases the next PASER data. It is expected in July.

2018 Road Rehab Project Maintenance

Peterson reported that Manager Girard and Planner McCarthy met with Mark Daavettila of UPEA to get a bid out on this year's road repair and maintenance. He noted that the Moran Street water issue would be removed from this years' Road Rehabilitation project until a resolution to the water issue can

be answered. UPEA will have the bid closing by the end of May. There's about \$44,000 to work with. Wiegand reported pothole issues on Brockton and Venture. Peterson would like to see the use of proactive 'chip seal.'

Road and Trail Intersection Safety

Springer provided copies of the Noquemanon Trail Network's "Event Grantor Release" and the Iron Range Roll's "Event Safety Plan". He would like the Committee to consider asking event organizers for a safety plan. The event organizer would be responsible for contacting emergency providers and documenting that as part of a release like NTN is proposing. The Event Safety Plan would precede the Event Grantor Release. He provided a one page Michigan Department of Natural Resource Event Application/Permit To Use State Land and read the Iron Range Roll's Rules of the Road.

Wiegand noted attorney Zappa's caution as to setting any rules and the liabilities it would cause the Township. LaRue would like to see stop sign warnings along the trail preceding the actual stop. He would like to see temporary signs along the trails for events that include the "Rules of the Road".

7. New Business:

2018 Road Rehab Project Maintenance

Recently revealed road maintenance issues

Pot holes in Commerce, Brookton and Venture roads were discussed. The road behind Pier One needs grading and could be done by the Township during the spring.

8. Information Items/Reports: None

9. Public Comment: None

10. Correspondence: None

11. Committee Member Comment:

Springer reported that the Township Parks Clean Up is May 26 from 10am - 2pm.

The Recreation Committee will be celebrating National Trails Day by assisting with the Iron Range Roll on June 2.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:07 pm

**Springer, moved
LaRue, supported**

Carried: Unanimously

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

Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by Wiegand and Springer

Snyder Signs Bill Putting \$49M More In Natural Resources Trust Fund

The Natural Resources Trust Fund will see an additional \$49 million under legislation signed by [Governor Rick Snyder](#) on Monday.

“The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has provided a variety of opportunities to Michiganders to experience our state’s world-class natural resources,” Mr. Snyder said in a statement. “I’m happy to sign legislation that will help provide the resources needed to continue their work.”

[SB 883](#) (Public Act 165 of 2018), sponsored by [Sen. Darwin Booher](#) (R-Ewart), provides supplemental appropriations for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year budget to increase total spending for the fund. An additional \$49.9 million will go toward acquisition and development projects.

[SB 551](#) ([PA 166 of 2018](#)), signed by Mr. Snyder Monday, establishes an advisory group to provide guidance to the Natural Resources Trust Fund Board in determining the amount of money to be made available for annual spending and operations. The advisory group will be comprised of the governor, treasurer, Senate majority leader, House speaker or their designees and a member of the trust fund board.