

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 year's 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