

**Charter Township of Marquette
Roads Committee Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 5:30 PM
Marquette Township Community Center**

1. Call to Order: Wiegand called the Road Committee meeting to order at 5:32 PM
2. Roll Call: All Members Present: Dave Wiegand, Pete LaRue, Dianna Truscott, Ron DeMarse, Mike Springer
3. Approval of Agenda:
MOTION: To approve the agenda without amendment.
LaRue, Moved
DeMarse, Supported **Carried: Unanimously**
4. Minutes from previous meetings
MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 19, 2014:
Truscott, Moved
LaRue, Supported **Carried: Unanimously**
5. Public Comment: Mr. Truscott indicated that he would like to see some of the lights that have been recommended by this Committee installed.
6. OLD BUSINESS:

Wiegand discussed the importance of Committee member input on the four goals of the developing 2014 Road Facilities Plan. He pointed out that the old goals are boiler-plate goals. He would like the Committee to write new goals that better fit our community.

Action Item: Still needed: Write some ideas about what our Township's Goals should be. Just four goals before the May 6th meeting!

Action Item: Springer will resend the three page, outdated, Road Facilities Plan Chapter 2 – Goals and Objectives as 'Road Facilities Plan Chap 2 Goals and objectives.pdf' before the May 6th meeting.

Wiegand previewed the 'Order of Road Repair' Board presentation with the Committee. The process, the spreadsheet data and the initial survey results produced a type of asset management program the Committee was using to evaluate and recommend an order of repair. In the spreadsheet additional factors are combined with PASER ratings calculate a Marquette Township road rating and order of repair. Emergency Routes, Complete Streets, Bus Routes, North/South and East/West Corridors and Public Works maintenance and repair are factored in.

On February 19, Manager Girard, Dave Wiegand, Pete LaRue and Mike Springer attended a workshop on Road Asset Management. The information and slides from that presentation are used to present current and best management practices, based on asset management data and tools. There is an immediate need for regular maintenance and repair. Wiegand recommended rather than "Worst First", a "Mix of Fixes" provide higher rated roads longer at less cost.

William Truscott sees the roads in Trowbridge as having had a good base to have lasted 45 years without repair. LaRue pointed out a need for lights on Commerce Drive.

Wiegand has spoken with manager Girard regarding the lighting needs and recommended locations at North Star Academy. Girard informs us that it's in the Board of Light and Powers hands at this point.

Wiegand discussed the need to have an asset management program that can be updated every year. A management program will give us a deterioration curve on each road section. This will enable the Township to reduce the cost of road maintenance and repair while prolonging road ratings and life.

Apparently as an agent, the Township has a copy of "Road Soft" asset management software somewhere. Wiegand and Girard have been informed by Mr. Jim Iwanicki, Manager of the Marquette County Road Commission, that an updated version will be available to the Township on March 17.

William Truscott inquired about the amount of millage needed for these proposals. Wiegand informed that will be a Board decision once we have the results of the 'Road Soft' asset management program.

DeMarse pointed out that the county can no longer afford to repair roads. Gas taxes have stayed steady and do not cover the cost of repair. The Township needs to take responsibility for road management and repair if they want to see roads restored to an acceptable condition any time in the near future.

7. New Business: NONE
8. Information Items/Reports: NONE
9. Public Comment: Mr. William Truscott would like to see some repair started as soon as possible. When the public sees repair going on, they start thinking about roads and possibly about supporting a road millage for repair.
- 10: Committee Member Comment: NONE
11. Adjournment:

***MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm
LaRue, Moved
DeMarse, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 6th @ 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand