

**Charter Township of Marquette  
Roads Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 7, 2016  
Marquette Township Community Center**

**Call to Order:** Wiegand called the Road Committee meeting to order at 5:30 PM

**Members Present:** Dave Wiegand, Pete LaRue, Mike Springer, Ron DeMarse, Dianna Truscott

**Members Absent:** none

**Staff:** Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Randy Girard, Manager

**Public:** William Truscott; Dan Everson; Mark Daavittala; UPEA

**Approval of Agenda:**

***MOTION:***            ***To approve the agenda with the addition of 7c ORV/ATV routes and rules  
LaRue, Moved  
Truscott, Supported***                            ***Carried: Unanimously***

**Minutes from previous meetings:**

***MOTION:***            ***To approve the minutes of May 4, 2016  
LaRue, Moved  
Springer, Supported***                            ***Carried: Unanimously***

**Public Comment:**

Dan Everson expressed his disappointment in the way that the Orchard Street project was completed. "It is not graded properly, there is standing water on the roadway, and the driveway asphalt was installed without the use of compactors. It is very uneven. While moving equipment the contractor permanently gouged and scared the road surface".

William Truscott noted the recent scaring of Erie Street by a frontend loader.

Dan Everson noted the uneven lines where the black top road meets the cement driveways.

Mark Daavittala indicated that Orchard was just a 'crush and shape' with slope levels used. The blacktop was built up to 2.5" dropping to 1.5" to address run off. A ten foot straight edge with a four foot level was used.

Dan Everson pointed that the water passes his driveway, runs down to the cedar tree, jumps the 1.5" bit curb and runs into his yard. Additionally it is pooling in the street at that same location.

Mark Daavittala suggested that Dave Wiegand, Payne and Dolan, and himself inspect the work as completed from the 2015 portion of the Road Rehabilitation Project and make a final punch list.

Dan Everson inquired about the specs for the driveways. Mark Daavittala agreed that they should have been done differently and pictures should have been used to document conditions prior to construction beginning. That will change with the 2016 project.

**Old Business:**

**Road Rehabilitation Project Update (UPEA):**

As part of the Road Rehabilitation Project Update, Wiegand confirmed that on Friday @ 10am Mark Daavettala, a Payne Dolan representative, and himself will complete a final inspection of the 2015 portion of the Road Rehabilitation Project.

Mark Daavittala noted that Payne and Dolan will have to return to recut driveways and replace asphalt where appropriate on Orchard St. There will be no additional compensation for that type of repair.

LaRue believes the contractor can't want this type of reputation and should meet with this committee and the Board. He wants answers and for this Committee to be able to deliver on the commitment we made.

LaRue questioned what can be done for the lady that has to step up to the road from the sidewalk. Mark Daavittala discussed the problem with driveway match back when using crush and shape. Mark also commented that the step was there prior to the road work being completed.

With respect to the 2016 road project; Mark Daavittala plans to drive through with Wiegand, to see where drainage structures will help address run off issues, prior to getting underway. French drains, storm sewers and catch basins provide a number of options. We simply need to ensure the correct application at the appropriate location.

LaRue questioned the cleaning on drains. Mark Daavittala wants to address drainage first and other issues prior to addressing maintenance.

Wiegand sees two separate issues. The Road Rehabilitation Project and drainage issues. It will be up to this Committee to recommend and the Board to designate funds needed to further address drainage issues not specifically associated with the road project. The objective was get the water off the road. Now the question becomes how much money do the residents want to spend to address drainage issues? Wiegand went on to say; this Road Rehabilitation Project was to repair the road surfaces, control where the water left the road thereby avoiding ongoing erosion problems which will lead to premature road surface failure, and do everything we could not to exacerbate on-going drainage problems that are an inherent part of living in Trowbridge. What we are looking at Friday are the workmanship issues from the 2015 portion of the project.

Dan Everson noted that the drainage issues of the road are 100% better, the road is dry within 24 hours.

Wiegand sees the tour as a let's work together to solve road issues from last year. It is a cooperative effort to benefit as many residents as possible. He sees everyone walking away with a positive attitude.

Dan Everson questioned the rolling of the surface, noting it may have needed a greater cooling time as it was at least nine inches thick.

Wiegand and Mark Daavittala agreed that if there are any defects or workmanship issues, the contractor will be one of the first to want to make it right.

LaRue noted we have another year to go and we want to have good working relationships.

Wiegand inquired about Erickson and Diorite ensuring that will be on the tour.

DeMarse inquired about the driveway cuts and patching.

Dan Everson inquired about the height of the storm drain versus the road surface. He would like to see all the water be able to drain off the road. Mark Daavittala will look at the drains Everson referred to.

DeMarse noted the French drains at the end of Orchard are literally below the water table. There are places that people have built that should not have been allowed based on water drainage.

### **Road Transportation Facilities Plan (Update):**

Prior to this meeting Wiegand talked to Jason McCarthy about the Transportation Facilities Plan. McCarthy indicated that he was on vacation and wasn't going to have anything for this meeting.

### **US 41 Corridor Subcommittee Update:**

Wiegand noted that the Downtown Development Authority is meeting, as we speak, about the US 41 Corridor Ad-hoc committee. We should know more after the meeting.

Dan Everson inquired about improving the Brickyard Road/Best Buy intersection.

Wiegand explained that that section of the Corridor is to be restructured from the Walmart intersection to Fox Motors, possibly beyond. The Brickyard Road intersection will be addressed in 2019. In 2021, the section from the Walmart light to the City limits will be addressed. He noted that work needs to begin 2018 and additional funding will be sought for the pedestrian underpass.

LaRue inquired about the DDA meetings. Wiegand informed that the DDA agreed to expand the district, recommending applying for one mil. For a year to pay for engineering studies and project design.

## **Undeveloped Right-of-Ways;**

Demarse inquired about undeveloped right of ways, ROW.

Wiegand would like a study that would illustrate the tax revenue generated versus the cost to develop currently undeveloped ROW's. He sees part of the problem being the County approving driveway permits that are part of an undeveloped ROW. He has had many complaints from residents adjacent to the undeveloped ROW wondering why the County doesn't plow. Residents obviously don't understand.

Wiegand would like to see the Township take a more active role in site plan review. A site plan that includes a driveway within an undeveloped ROW should include, resident, signed forms that advise the inherent risks associated with such development. Also, the Township needs to ensure that residents understand the potential impact of available emergency services as well as maintenance issues. Residents go to the County, to get a driveway permit, but no one explains the limitation of services on their undeveloped ROW. He doesn't believe the residents have a clear understanding of what responsibilities they are taking on when they decide to extend driveways off the end of the undeveloped roadways.

DeMarse discussed the public safety aspects of undeveloped ROWs. A discussion on dead end streets ensued.

LaRue noted that Cox Street should be considered.

Wiegand reiterated the need for the study of developing ROW versus tax revenue generated. He noted the cost of a new road is \$600,000 per lane mile. Fifty feet of County Road costs \$70,000.

William Truscott inquired about the Cherry Street dead end.

## **Asset Management, Program Development;**

Wiegand indicated that Jason McCarthy was going to take a look at other asset management programs using GIS. He noted the advantage of the Road Soft program as it is free and is actively supported by Michigan Tech University. Since the County uses Road Soft we get use of it for free. We also get the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Ratings, PASER, for free.

Wiegand sees a need to have a road asset management program that is up and running for this year. He noted the webinars and the lengthy time Michigan Tech University provides for technical questions. Tech can look at and control your screen off-site to show you how to work with the program.

LaRue and DeMarse would like the Committee to move forward with the use of the Road Soft program.

Wiegand noted that there will be some staff time costs associated that the Board needs to approve.

LaRue noted that Jason McCarthy indicated that he has been certified in the past and plans to recertify in PASER.

Wiegand noted the need for a staff person needs to be trained and responsible for updating and working with the program. Volunteers come and go. This will require additional staff time. It needs to be in someone's budget. That staff member will need training. All the Committee should need to do is to take a look at the recommendations and prioritize based on the funding available.

## **New Business:**

### **2016 Road Rehabilitation Bids;**

Wiegand provided copies of the 2016 Road Rehabilitation Bids. He asked Mark Daavittala to explain the three bids for this year.

Mark Daavittala noted 3.5 miles of crush and shaping in Trowbridge Park. He shared the bids numbers and discussed the addition of Cherry Street (from Cox to Ontario and Ontario to Erie) to be base reconstruction instead of just crushing and shaping. Also adding five hundred feet of storm sewer and six drain structures.

Mark is recommending Bacco to the Board based on face price and additional work on Cherry Street. The Cherry Street reconstruction will tear out existing infrastructure, placing new gravel and paving. He also recommends driving around at the end of June to take a look at what is needed.

Mark Daavittila noted Associated was the low bid on South Vandeenboom. He explain the breakout of funds coming from the millage, the water fund and the sanitary. The cost to pave a 5 foot pathway from the Iron Ore Heritage Trail to Grove Street for \$47,000. He recommended that the additional width be part of this year's South Vandeenboom reconstruction. The cost savings are significant.

The Road Committee concurred with the recommendation to include the 5 foot pathway with the South Vandeenboom construction.

**July Meeting Proposed Date Change:**

Wiegand proposed that the Road Committee meeting proposed for the day after the fourth of July be moved to the next week, July 12.

**MOTION:**            *To move the next Road Committee Meeting from July 5 to July 12.*

*DeMarse, Moved  
Truscott, Supported*

**Carried: Unanimously**

**ORV/ATV routes and rules:**

Springer asked to have the rules and routes for ORV/ATVs placed on the next agenda. Recently, four advocates for opening Township roads to the Marquette County Road OVR Ordinance attended the May 17 Recreation Committee. He would like this placed on our next Road Committee agenda to address these concerns. He met with Randy Girard whom pointed out issues the residents of OVR roads will have with that type of designation.

Wiegand noted that the Board charged the Planning Commission, who in turn requested both the Recreation and Road Committees to make recommendations.

LaRue noted the Manistique Ordinance that opened all their roads up and it has eliminated most of the problems. He would like to see the Township to go back to the County Ordinance.

Wiegand would like everyone to read the County Ordinance to discuss at the next meeting. Springer will get a digital copy of the Marquette County Ordinance to Ron DeMarse.

**Information Items/Reports:** None

Wiegand noted the CUPPAD meeting on regional traffic safety in Escanaba on June 23. LaRue plans to attend. The purpose is to develop a local road safety plan for six counties. Wiegand read the agenda for the meeting. Wiegand would like to go with LaRue if he plans to attend.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Member Comment:** None

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION:**            *To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm*  
*LaRue, Moved*  
*Truscott, Supported*

**Carried: Unanimously**

Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, July 12, 2016 @ 5:30 PM @ Marquette Township Community Center

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Wiegand and Springer