

April 10, 2021 Supervisor's Report

**Board of Review:** We were able to hold board of review virtually as well providing an option for anyone who didn't have a computer to visit the township office and use the computer station in the back. This was more complicated than a regular meeting because it involves looking up property cards in real time and screen sharing both property cards and the petitions and supporting documents. The minutes are attached.

**Sunset Shores community drainfield project:** I received the following news from Scott Jozwiak, who received feedback on our pending permit application:

“In a nutshell, EGLE is not wanting to approve my flow numbers which are backed up by real data and safety factors applied. In our first submission on the conservancy property, they were fine and approved the plan. Since having the run in with legal on that prior submission, they are wanting us to retain the use of their published flows. What this means is that we will mathematically cross the threshold of 10,000 gallons per day and they are going to require added treatment be put in place. Early estimates is that this will increase the project cost by \$175k.

We have the room for this and I can also revisit the overall size of the system to reduce its footprint and save some money.”

Scott feels that this is not a big deal, although there will be some delay.

**Street lights:** Our malfunctioning street lights have still not been repaired. An article in the Leelanau Ticker that stated that we had put some money aside for removal of streetlights has generated an inquiry from a resident who would like the street light at the corner of Gertrude and Louisa removed. We might establish a timeline and a mechanism for handling these requests.

**Lake Leelanau Lake Board.** There is a movement afoot to establish a Lake Leelanau lake Board, which would administer a special assessment district for the purpose of controlling invasive species in Lake Leelanau, mainly Eurasian milfoil. As I understand it, this board would function somewhat like the Dam Authority. We will be approached in a few months by representatives of the Lake Association who would like to talk about this with us. I am forwarding correspondence from Steve Martineau about this initiative.

**Harbor Restrooms.** After our budget meeting in which we finalized the parks and rec budget with \$16,000 budgeted for restroom cleaning, I went back to LouAnn West, owner of Solutions for You that provides this cleaning. LouAnn pointed out that her employees are background checked, bonded, covered by her liability insurance, and trained in blood borne pathogen and Covid awareness. She agreed to keep her price at last year's level, even though her cost of doing business, namely supplies like PPE and sanitizing chemicals, has tripled since last year. I designed a number of scenarios based on the cost of cleaning, turned them over to the Harbor

management team, and they have arrived at a scenario where we open the restrooms around April 15th. They will be cleaned every three days until the end of May, when we will go to one cleaning a day. The Chamber of Commerce has reached out asking us to keep the restrooms open year-round.

**Reynolds Street.** We received a “final” agreement from the Road Commission's attorney. I have forwarded that document to the rest of the board. My personal feeling is this that this is very different from what was agreed-upon at mediation. We will have to schedule a meeting to discuss this.

**Meeting streaming:** I purchased a \$115 wide angle web cam and have used it to stream the Parks and Rec meeting and Planning Commission meeting last week. It did an OK job. Mark Morton tells me that there is new funding coming in for libraries that might be used for setting up streaming capabilities in the Munnecke Room.

**Training:** Our new trustees should have completed new officials training by now. I also recommend the MTA module called Meeting Misconceptions, as it covers a good deal about the open meetings act and the FOIA training,. All of us should complete Special Assessment District training, as we will be setting up SADs for Sunset Shores, and our subdivision and dead and streets this year. We have paid in advance for a whole slew of trainings so we should be taking advantage of them in order to get our money's worth.

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