

October 2022 Supervisor's report

Road Report Much of my time was spent on the road condition report survey, which is now completed. The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council's data collection system, which varies from the national scale that I have used in 2018-2020. This makes comparisons with past years a little challenging, but it better coordinates with the rest of the state. I am struck by how the streets in Leland village are wearing out quickly, I suspect as a result of all of the construction vehicles.

Tree down in Beechwood On September 22nd, I got a text message from Sandy Reardon about a tree that went down in the early morning across the driveway at Beechwood cemetery. With a funeral scheduled less than two days later, I called my contact at Parshall Tree Service and was able to arrange emergency service to get a crew out the next day. The cost was just over \$1500, which was covered by our Par Plan insurance with a \$1000 deductible.

Slip and Fall An employee of one of the downtown businesses fell and broke her arm while on a lunch break at the observation deck above the harbor restrooms. She seems to have tripped on a piece of landscape edging, which has since been removed. I sent Harbormaster Anderson to meet with her and get photos of the site of the accident. Par Plan will handle it from here.

The drainage work on Pearl Street has been completed by Elmers, under contract from the Road Commission. Rains last week revealed that there is still a low spot that makes a puddle in the crosswalk at the corner of Grand and Pearl. The Road Commission knows about this issue and Elmers will be fixing it. The township will be billed by Elmer's for the sidewalk portion of that work, which concludes our sidewalk work for this year. Invoices will go out as soon as they are printed.

Sunset Shores There has been a major breakthrough on the Project. We received a technical review of our Part 41 construction permit application. Although it was quite long, there were "no showstoppers." Most of the comments and requests for information were simply clarifications. I will be updating the timeline on that project and working with engineer Scott Jozwiak to determine whether it would be prudent to apply for a recently announced grant/loan funding from a state/federal program. (Steve Patmore is looking at this for our municipal sewer, as well.)

With the road survey completed, I will next complete a condition survey of our cobra-style streetlights. I would appreciate any information about streetlights that are "cycling", turning off and on randomly, as it is hard to detect this behavior in a drive by.

On September 16th, I met with Stephanie Long, Leland Public School Superintendent and Tim McNeil, LPS Maintenance Supervisor, at Hancock Field to look at the facility and discuss maintenance responsibilities. Both Trustee Kirch and Trustee Mitchell came to the field, but because three board members would constitute a quorum and violate the Open Meetings Act, Mariann elected to leave. Stephanie shared that Leland School is interested in building a second full-size soccer field at Hancock, and inquired as to the possibility of doing so by taking

out the baseball diamond. Clint explained that this was not what the town board agreed to when the Ball grant was approved. All present agreed that the grandstand is both in poor repair and of an outdated and dangerous design. It is impossible to move the small bleachers for weed control. We discussed possible ways to site a larger soccer field, all scenarios involve removing some trees. LPS will inform us as to the size field needed. Of the five storage lockers under the grandstand, four are to be reserved for LPS per our agreement. Currently ice rink supplies are in one and soccer supplies are in another. LPS will get a locksmith to change the locks and will provide Lisa with a new key for each one. Tim also mentioned some problems with the ice rink project, mainly in the vein of returning the pumphouse to its original condition after use.

I have asked Parks and Rec member Karen Kirt to circle back with the engineers that prepared the proposal for the Hancock Field land use study to see what it would cost to do an evaluation of the grandstand and visitor's dugout at Hancock. We have decisions to make and it might make sense to become more informed.