

Supervisor's Report January 202222

Irrigation at the library The company that was caring for this irrigation has gone defunct. Spinniken winterized it as best they can, but it is an older system with hydraulic controls instead of electronic controls so they suggest that Lautner Irrigation be hired to care for it. We are on Lautner's calendar for spring. I fear that we will find that upgrading this system will be another long term expense.

Reynolds Street sign is ready for pickup as soon as the check is ready. It will be installed as weather permits.

Wind storm Our only damage was a few trees that fell on the little cemetery on Cherry Street. The trees have been removed. I am looking for someone to fix or replace the 2 inch iron pipes that make up the fence for that grave plot. Two of them were bent by the fallen trees. The stone corner post was also broken but that can be epoxied back together again. This work will have to wait till spring but it will be covered by our insurance.

Contract negotiations with the firefighter's union have been proceeding amicably. We expect to have a contract for approval in February. This contract will inform our millage request, as the fire operations and fire equipment in training villages were collected for the last time in December 2021. The small wage increase approved by the town board in December was appreciated.

If we want to put the fire millages and the May ballot, we will have to have that language approved by February 8. I have challenged Chief Besson to draft a multi year budget for the duration of that millage. While we would like to keep the total of our fire in millages more or less equal to what it has been in the past, this may not be possible with the market forces that are working on wages right now.

Sunset Shores community drainfield project is still in EGLE permitting, but our engineer has secured permission to pursue the part 41 permit (groundwater discharge) in tandem with the main permit. I have been working to get all of the various parts of this deal ready to go. The town board will have to approve the agreement to purchase the drainfield property from the Borres.

Harry Larkin has agreed to work with the Lake Leelanau Lake Association on their invasive species board. He will be reporting back to us after as work progresses.

I was pleased to see three members of our parks and rec board featured in the Enterprise this week. Molly Steck and Karen Kirt were recognized for their roles as cross country ski instructors. Juliana Lisuk recently received a promotion at her job at the Inland Seas Education Association. Our parks and rec commission has been working diligently to carry out our five-year plan, a plan that was developed with much research and public input, and that was

approved by the town board in 2019. We are lucky to have such talented and dedicated volunteers on our Parks and Rec Commission.

Some of our board members have been discussing giving up some of our parks, namely turning Drow Field over to Saint Marys School and Hancock Field over to Leland Public School. It's my opinion that any such move would have to be prefaced by revising our five year plan and conducting the required public hearings on the idea. We may also be facing deed restriction issues. Revising our user agreements with those groups would probably achieve our goals more quickly and cleanly.

Covid Relief Funds The final rule on the Covid Relief funds was released on Thursday. You should have received notice of this, and of workshops on this issue, from the MTA. I also forwarded information about a webinar from the State Treasury Department. Please attend one of these if at all possible.

Streetlights I have reported all of the dark or cycling streetlights that I have noted. They will be fixed with HPS lights as long as Consumers Energy has parts to do so.