

Supervisor's Report April 2022

Sidewalks I have mailed out most of the sidewalk cost share estimates and have hand delivered the ones that required discussion. While the cost for the property owners is high, most seem happy to get the work done and some are seizing the opportunity to get adjacent flat work done on their properties. The questions I'm getting are mainly about the cost, which is high compared to 2017, the last time we tried to get this work done. I'm explaining that the 2017 estimates were given to us by a man who, it turned out, couldn't actually get the work done. The present contract was awarded after a competitive bidding process, and we did pick the lowest bid. I have had some comments about tree removal, and one person thinks we should remove the sidewalk on Meinrad Street, since he feels that the sidewalk there is little used.

The supervisor of the job for Elmers, Justin Kelenske (formerly of the Road Commission) is working with property owners. I met with engineer Martin Graf and Justin to look at the handicapped ramp site at the corner of Grand and River. They can't start until the frost laws are off the roads, but I have asked them to concentrate on the commercial areas first so as to get those areas done before the real tourist season begins. The first step will be tree removal, which will be handled by a subcontractor. After the work is done, property owners will be notified of their final cost and will have 60 days to pay unless they have made other arrangements with the Township. The work is to be done by May 27th.

Speed limits Page Sykes, who lives on 22 between Duck Lake corners and the village of Leland, called me with concern about the speed limit on that section of road. I referred her to Jessica Carpenter, who is the safety engineer at MDOT. Page may be coming to our meeting on Monday to talk about this.

March Board of Review was largely uneventful. I have attached the minutes.

Lifeguard? After two years of no interest, I've had one direct inquiry from someone looking to serve as Lifeguard at Nedows Bay. I've advised that individual to pursue waterfront lifeguard training in hopes that we can work out a way to fund that position.

Sunset Shores We have reached an agreement with the folks at EGLE over the permit/land acquisition timeline for Sunset Shores community drainfield project. We will have to enact an ordinance covering that project that specifies inspection powers for the township for the step pumps and tanks that will be located on private property, and also for the inspection process for initial hook up. We will be drawing from our existing sewer ordinance to draft that ordinance.

Covid Funds Reporting I have been struggling to access the portal from which I need to report on use of our Covid funds. I read on the MTA chat room that many other townships are having a similar problem that seems to be some sort of glitch on the website. I'll keep working on that. When I can get in, I will be reporting that we have received the funds and that they are in the bank.

Hazard Mediation Clint has agreed to represent Leland Township at the Hazard Mediation Meeting at the county on Thursday, April 14.

MTT Attorney Pete Boyles is in contact with the attorney for our two Michigan Tax Tribunal cases. He has requested more information from Treasurer Garthe and Assessor Krombeen, which they have provided.

Reynolds Street Last week we received a letter from Swidorski Brothers Contracting, looking to add rock riprap immediately lakeward of the steel wall at 308 Reynolds Street, for the new owners. He also wanted to access the shoreline by driving equipment across the end of Reynolds Street. We will have to find out if this is something that can be allowed under the settlement agreement. In general, hardening the shoreline will result in more erosion on surrounding properties, in this case, the public access. We might want to push for a dune restoration project, like the one that we did at Vans Beach.

Roads I spent a morning touring the township with Road Commission manager Brendan Mullane and Road Commission engineer Craig Moore. I have challenged them to provide us with a ranking of our road paving challenges, along with estimates of costs to address these challenges. I specifically asked about these areas:

1. Golf View
2. Trillium/Valley (Valley is "failed" on the PASER scale)
3. Lake Street south of bridge (and adjacent cross streets: Pine, South, Cedar) I have rated these all as "failing" on the PASER scale
4. Dufek Road
5. McLeod Drive
6. Village streets in Leland and Lake Leelanau
7. Oxford Drive (I have it rated as 3-4, but the neighborhood association is complaining)
8. Paving Sixth Street
9. Renewing the parking signs

This will be a process that takes years, if not decades. Having such a plan will help us to understand the millage rate we will need for addressing infrastructure challenges.

Michigan Infrastructure Council With all of this on my mind, you will understand why I was intrigued by invitation from the Michigan Department of Treasury for training to become a Michigan Asset Management Champion:

This program will establish a network of talented individuals and organizations to help strengthen and "champion" best practice asset management across Michigan's complex infrastructure environment. A scholarship will be provided by the Michigan Infrastructure Council and the State of Michigan for those selected to participate in

this enriching program. Therefore, all attendees will participate in the program for free!

I was accepted into the program and have started the training. I will keep you posted as things progress.

Schedule I will be leaving town on April 18 to go help my mom recover from a mastectomy. I will be back on the 27th.

Susan Och