

Lake Township Special Meeting Minutes - April 28, 2014

Meeting began at 12:00 P.M. Those in attendance: MDOT representatives Linda Burchell, Mgr. Transportation Service Center, Craig Innes- TSC Construction, Jay Reithel- Bay Region, and Township representatives Clay Kelterborn, Tracey Swift, Dorothy Fischer, Valerie McCallum, Claren Russell.

Discussion began with concern for M25 bike path being opened to motorized vehicles such as golf carts and 4-wheelers. Per Burchell and Reithel, tentative ordinance being drafted by Huron County will be reviewed by other Michigan departments such as Townships affected, the DNR and the TSC. Some of the criteria for approving it will be the question of where the funds came from for building that bike path. If they came from funds designated for non-motorized vehicles, they might not qualify for re-labeling. Other things that will be reviewed are the slopes of the road, the 8' width of the bike path, and the thickness of the bike path pavement.

Another concern brought to questions was residents attempting their own yard work at roadside. Sometimes it damages roads when it is done incorrectly. Such examples as filling in ditches or even putting in small drainage pipes and then filling in around the tile, can cause flooding when the rains or melted snows come. If the Township notices unapproved road work being done at the road side right of way, they should refer it to Steve Gasser at 810-658-4029 ext. 316. This number should also be called if someone is encroaching on the highway with large boulders, or decorations.

Michigan Truck Operators maps and Michigan Pure maps were passed out. A few extra will be at the Township Hall.

The cost for Thompson Park bathroom facilities was brought to the Board. The 2010 actual cost for the out building was \$14,000, and the total cost to the Road Commission including insulation, came to \$25,000. The Township is interested in promoting a bathroom facility at Phelp Park and this gives us an idea what the County's cost might be. There would also be ongoing maintenance charges involved.

Regarding short term plans, two bridges will be worked on this summer. Those are over the Schram drainage ditch and the Pinnebog River. They will start after Memorial Day and there will be slight delays due to one lane passage, at times.

Since the traffic signals were eliminated last year at Port Austin, Caseville, Elkton and Pigeon, removal of the leftover equipment is being planned for this summer.

Other discussion revolved around drainage issues. Drainage concerns can be handled by Matt Thompkins. Kelterborn also brought up under-road drainage tiles should be looked at due to possible deterioration.

No further discussion. McCallum motioned to adjourn and Fischer seconded it. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk