

Managers Report, October 2015

Parks and Recreation

We are waiting on a small approval by the School District on the Master Plan. I am hoping to have a public draft for you at the meeting on Tuesday.

Whitmore Lake SAD

On the agenda is a resolution regarding the Whitmore Lake SAD. This resolution sets the public hearing on confirming the roll. At the next meeting, there will be considerable time dedicated to the issue. We are getting close to a final decision by the board for this district. I will at this time err on the side of caution and provide a great deal of information prior to each vote.

Downtown Planning Efforts

The Downtown Planning Group is on the agenda. I would appreciate the board support on this issue. I anticipate the actual formation of the group will occur this winter.

Email Addresses

We signed the contract for email services with Google, but unfortunately the county would not allow us to implement the program. They have no issues with Google, but do not wish to have some email addresses on a Google platform and others on the county platform. Microsoft (which is their email provider), has indicated that they will require the Township emails to be licensed. Essentially, we may start to have to pay for the county email, but if we do so, the functionality will be greatly improved. I am waiting for the county situation to shake out before making a final decision on how best to move forward.

Office Technology

We installed our new router and wireless access point for our internal network. This was long overdue. Hopefully, this will help in speeding up the internet connection in the office and our wireless network upstairs. There are some configuration issues we are still working out, but we should see some improvement in our internal network. Next step will be ordering some new office computers.

On another note, one of the cameras in the board room has ceased working. We will be ordering a new HD camera early next week.

Board Room Construction

The same information is in your packet from the workshop. If you wish to move forward, I have estimated the cost of the project. If the board votes in the affirmative, I will get an additional quote on painting and put together a more specific timeline of activities.

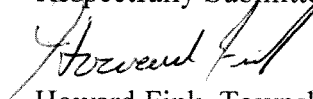
Non Motorized Path

The Appraiser is in the process of appraising the properties. Once this is complete, we will provide those appraisals to the board and make good faith offers to the residents. I will keep everyone posted on our progress.

Sewer Capacity

This is an issue that needs to be discussed at length. It is difficult for me to provide any accurate information on our sewer availability and capacity unless we address some critical policy issues. Obviously, the equalization basin is one of those factors. Please note there are a number of properties that are appropriately master planned that are in a bit of limbo, given our sewer capacity questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Fink", written in a cursive style.

Howard Fink, Township Manager