

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
Superintendent Report
July 22, 2019

Community:

Over the 4th of July weekend the baseball tournament was well attended at the East Kingsford Park. There were cars parking out on Breitung Avenue even. No complaints were received about the volume of attendance, although some minor graffiti had to be covered in the alcove of the concession / skate rink building.

On July 9th I met with local government officials Senator McBroom, Representative LaFave and business representatives on the hauling of waste paper product to Niagara Development. We discussed short-term and long-term options for both parties, communities involved in the hauling routes and future development needs.

DPW:

The water project on Maple Street is nearing the fill and shaping step to prepare for paving. An October 2018 bid that was awarded to Midwest may need to be rebid if it does not include both lanes (Guy and Midwest to confirm specs for the meeting; see agenda item). The DCRC has agreed to final shaping, shoulder work and road testing, and if rebidding is necessary, they will submit for bids and do layout for the paving as well.

Latest enhanced lead and copper water testing done in East Kingsford show either nothing detected or far below the DEQ (now EGLE) allowable limits.

Planning and Zoning:

Zoning Board of Appeals: Meeting held on July 10, 2019 in regards to setback reduction requests for a new home at N 5181 Joe Corn Drive by Tyler & Katie Steinbrecher. Side and rear (water side) reductions granted due to topography and shape of property.

Planning Commission: Meeting held on July 11, 2019 in regards to a Home Occupation Permit request for a taxi business at 824 Withworth Avenue requested by Ed Kacalo. 14 residents submitted opposition to granting the permit, as well as two in attendance of the meeting. There had been prior complaints of the commercial activity in a residential district. The application was denied.

Permits: Zoning applications are coming in steady with requests to build fences, sheds, garages or new homes. Questions about lots or parcels of record have come up a number of times. Reminder to staff that anyone who requests a parcel or “land division” request should be informed that they are responsible to record an approved split with the County Clerk. If it is not recorded it does not show up on our GIS and it cannot become a legal (buildable) lot.

Access Management:

I attended the July 16th, 2019 meeting. The main issue for the Township was a preliminary site plan for a development of a gas station / truck stop on Oelke Drive and US-2. We also discussed future upgrades to the Quinnesec –Lake Antione Rd and US-2 by MDOT which includes a pedestrian crossing. Also see attached agenda if you have any questions other items.

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Code Enforcement:

I have been receiving and responding to code enforcement complaints as time allows.

At the July 15th Special Board Meeting a number of issues were discussed. The board may wish to consider options in a number of areas:

Staffing:

Included in this area are:

- Contracting with the Sheriff Department for an assigned Deputy
- Full time employee
- Seasonal Full time
- Part time seasonal or year round.

Ordinances:

- Health and Sanitation Ordinance amendment to include defined items as “prohibited”.
- Limitations of informal hearing and civil infractions.
- Consult with Township attorney for representation at formal hearings
- Allow for some definition and consideration for “normal” residential storage (limited)
- If plow trucks are an allowed exception
- Reduce the 60 day storage of junk vehicles, and the number of junk vehicles on a lot, or adjacent lots of the same owner. (Allow exceptions, i.e. active duty relative).
- Grass & Weed provision added to the ordinance.
 - Platted developed lots
 - Allowing Township or 3rd party contractor to correct violation after deadline, with cost attached to the property as a LIEN

Correspondence:

Attached as FYIs

- Loss control measures from June 28th 2019 MML risk evaluation
- IM-K Community Schools

Respectfully,

Steve Mulka
Superintendent
Charter Township of Breitung
