

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
Superintendent Report
October 14th, 2019

Community:

The Township application for the 2020 Scrap Tire cleanup grant has been approved; and the area applicants will be run through Norway Township. They will be acting as the fiduciary for the Grant. This cuts down on the paperwork for everyone.

In addition to inquiries for zoning requirements, I have been dealing with realtors, property owners and prospective buyers on numerous issues relating to parcel information when we don't have an assessor in the office. Prior parcel splits, and parcels created in rezoned areas along the river and by Lake Antione have been problematic. I have discussed this with the Planning Commission to review for a possible overlay district to address setback issues that either severely limit or exclude building on these parcels.

I have changed the current practice of the zoning permit policy (which has been requiring a zoning permit for any and all accessory structures) to follow Ordinance 150.048 "ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES" which states that "Zoning certificates are required for sheds and accessory structures above 192 square feet" or 12x16. The Planning Commission should review this for a recommendation to the Board whether or not to reduce or remove the size cutoff in the ordinance to follow past practice.

DPW:

I have been meeting with Guy on the upcoming requirements of the new Lead and Copper Rule. Testing has been consistently good, with Guy compiling an inventory. He is also preparing a PowerPoint presentation for the Water Board which will be meeting soon to set next year's rates.

Discussed Station #3 roof, and snow runoff issues with Guy. I will come up with loading requirements, and material costs of a roof over the door (similar to a car port) to have a lower cost alternative to re-roofing the station.

Planning and Zoning:

The planning Commission met October 10th for the administrative review of two rezoning petitions to permit the extraction of natural resources (gravel and sand): Midwest Gravel is petitioning for parcel 002-006-005-00 and a portion of 002-006-002-00; the adjacent parcels are located east of S Park Ave, and just South of the City limits of Iron Mountain. Dan and Sally Deau are petitioning for parcel 002-007-032-00, located east of Woodbine Street and South of Breen Avenue. Planning Commission Public Hearings have been scheduled for October 28th at 5:30pm prior to our regular Board Meeting.

Discussed our current zoning map. Review is needed for omissions and functional issues transitioning between zoning districts. There is a lack or gap of prior zoning maps and ordinances for reference. Will be working this winter on adopting a corrected map.

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Code Enforcement:

With time constraints of working on current code enforcement complaints, I have discussed with some Board members the issue of prioritizing moving forward with obtaining personnel (by contract or hiring) over focusing on pending ordinance revisions.

Road Projects:

Awaiting additional information on overlay costs verses crush-shape-pave options for our suggested three road projects as previously discussed.

Additional:

- Demolition of 441 Breitung Ave. is complete and there should be a discussion of marketing the property or designating it for future use.
- I met again with Jeff Iverson on the facilities, Fire Department equipment and future Rescue Truck needs. Recommending adjustment on one of the budget line items. The match for the requested grant is 5% instead of the prior information of a 10% match.
- The state will be issuing the CPI and property tax multiplier by the end of the month to better gauge revenue for 2020.
- Requested quotes for Township's current liability and health insurance coverage to determine possible savings. No response at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Mulka
Superintendent
Charter Township of Breitung
