

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Superintendent Report

November 11th, 2019

Community:

Ray Anderson has initiated a meeting between municipalities to start a county-wide census committee to promote public participation in the upcoming 2020 Census. It benefits everyone to be counted. Some revenue sources for the Township are determined on a per capita basis. You can visit <https://becountedmi2020.com/>

I received detailed information from the St. Ignace DDA Director on their splash pad project. They used a Michigan company that did the whole project: equipment, excavation and site prep, installation, water connections, startup and testing for 60k. It is a basic design; and I will provide more information on similar projects.

I have spoken to CUPPAD about finalizing our recreation plan, and want to add ADA upgrades, a splash pad and a dog park into “future projects”. I hope to get this to the Board for your review in December or January. There should be no additional costs for the revisions as there were steps missed on both ends. This will give us a full five years of use of the plan (counts towards various grants, DNR requirements etc).

DPW:

The compost pickup has been completed at a total of 25,700 pounds. This usually runs between 25k and 35k. There were a number of properties skipped that did not have the leaves bagged; they were left a tag identifying why.

Guy has a PowerPoint presentation ready for a Joint Water and Township Board Meeting to go over the Lead Copper Rules EGLE has mandated, outlining the costs and logistics of what they are proposing, and what it could mean for the Township.

The Water System Asset Management Plan was submitted by Coleman Engineering on behalf of the Township to EGLE (old DEQ). Their also addressed a number of questions I had relating to the Plan, which I will have in the Water Board Packet.

Guy has been fabricating Christmas decorations to be installed on We Energies utility poles (better made and less expensive than anything I have seen in the catalogs). Adrienne has been contacting their engineering department to furnish us a map of which poles are available for outlet installation (there has been a delayed response).

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Planning and Zoning:

The planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday November 12th at 5:30 for public hearings for 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.

Among the things I have found digging through the Township records was one zoning map that has a date and is signed prior to 2009 that is dated 1993 (it was not in an expected place). This has helped clear up a number of issues pertaining to non-conforming lots and their status as being “grandfathered” as buildable lots. The township was sued in 2005 over this very issue, and consistency in the application of the zoning ordinance is required to protect the township and property owner’s rights. CUPPAD is checking their archives to help. They had worked with the Township since at least the early nineties, and may have valuable pertinent reference material.

Code Enforcement:

If the Board chooses to approve contracted services with the Sheriff Department; I have case files ready to work on with them this winter. I have been responding to complaints when I can. Though this will be an expanded function within the Township requiring additional time to implement and monitor I believe it will be a worthwhile service provided to the residents of Breitung Township.

Road Projects:

I want to commend the Dickinson County Road Commission on the successful completion of our road projects. Everyone had delays this fall with all the rain, and it put us barely ahead of the cold weather. In addition, last week I had a complaint of a few pot holes in Quinnesec that I reported to Jim Harris mid-morning, and they were filling them just after noon!

IT Committee:

The IT Committee met and picked three possible service providers to research their references. I have not gotten responses yet; but will follow up this week. I did speak with Jonathan about continuation of service until the Board were to make a decision. He is willing to help, and has formalized reporting of backups, and fixed a couple recent issues as well.

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Additional:

- I would ask the board for direction of whether to market / advertise 441 Breitung Ave
- I have meetings set up with Insurance Providers next week for review and quotes for our current liability and health insurance coverage to determine possible savings.
- Mike Gillet's new cell number is 906-282-4052; it should be activated by the 8th of November.
- I furnished the due diligence FOIA information to the third party consultant of the Industrial Park property buyer. The closing date is November 30th for the purchase.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Mulka
Superintendent
Charter Township of Breitung
