

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

## Superintendent Report

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### Community:

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 met with area administrators at Kingsford with the Census Director out of the Chicago Office. We went through a training module and all became committee members for the local Census promotion program. It is predicted that about 15% will be uncouncted. Our best option is to promote local Township residents to become census takers; as they know the area and the people better than anyone else. It is advantageous for the community to get everyone counted. For more information, you can visit <https://becountedmi2020.com/>

I have updated our recreation plan, and added ADA upgrades and a splash pad into “future projects”. I have the 30 day review posting in your packet. The last one was done in June of 2018, and for whatever reason has been sitting idle since. I have updated the Rec Plan, and we can review, and have a public hearing in January and meet the DNR February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, getting a full 5 years out of the plan. (The plan counts towards various grants, DNR requirements etc).

### DPW:

Guy has fabricated Christmas decorations to be installed on We Energies utility poles. Their engineering department has yet to furnish us a map of which poles are available for outlet installation (there has been a delayed response).

An agenda item this week is to authorize hiring a part time DPW person to replace Mary Ann. I have talked with Guy, and we both feel it is better to have a part time person than to hire a service to clean. There is more consistency in performance, and we get to know who is coming into our buildings.

### Planning and Zoning:

The planning Commission met November 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Their recommendation is to approve both, with Dan Deau’s to have conditions. I have recommended removing the 30 day window condition and will answer any questions at the meeting.

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### Code Enforcement:

The County Commissioners met Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> for a Finance meeting and reviewed the proposed contract. They have recommended signing to the Full Commission to be voted on at Monday's meeting.

### IT Committee:

I have reached out to a number of municipalities for recommendations on the IT support business who submitted proposals. I have not gotten any comments from anyone. Brent will be meeting with Teck Solutions on a separate issue, and will be reporting to the committee.

### Additional:

- I have met with our Insurance Provider. With the opt out update, and employees opting out, there will be a significant reduction in premium costs to the Township for health insurance coverage. We will need to address policy and coverage when persons are eligible for Medicare. Without a Township coverage plan for this; there are costs to the employee and restrictions on supplemental coverage for the employee or their spouses. I would like to discuss this at the budget workshop.
- I furnished all final paperwork and Denny's signature to the sale of the Industrial Park Property. The closing date is November 30<sup>th</sup> for the purchase.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Mulka  
Superintendent  
Charter Township of Breitung

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