

May 3, 2021

President's Report

4/13 DDA Meeting – asked where the Village is at on completing the RRC Project. Sara has forwarded materials from the State, and I have provided them to Karen Godi, Secretary for the DDA.

4/15 NEMCOG Meeting – Very short meeting, then we had a webinar with the MI Department of Treasury with regards to the American Rescue Plan Dollars. It appears that the Village will be receiving funds through this program that can be used towards infrastructure repairs (lift station slide bar & pumps??) or towards the purchase of a new First Responder Vehicle (????). These were my thoughts; the Council may have other ideas which may benefit the Village in other ways.

4/19 Meeting with Ken Lind (our Insurance agent) – Mr. Lind took a tour at Flights for ADA Compliance, the areas owned by the IDC for public use pathways, and the maintenance garage. He only found 3 items that needed attention, and they have been addressed by Warren & Dale.

He did not see any major problems with entering into an agreement with the IDC for the paths. We cannot keep anyone from suing the IDC. However, we can name them in our insurance policy, in the event we enter into a lease agreement for the pathways. There are some options for the parcel that we were looking at for the mountain bike trail. Due to the terrain, it is very unlikely that this parcel will ever be used to build a building on. Ideas that came out of the meeting were: (1) apply to the DNR for a grant to purchase the property from the IDC for recreational use. (2) Have the IDC donate it to the Village for recreational use. (3) Have the DDA purchase the property from the IDC, then donate it back to the Village for recreational use. (4) The Village could enter into a lease agreement with the IDC for recreational use. These were all suggestions. The Council, DDA & IDC need to meet and discuss the options and what direction we should move towards.

Flight's needed some minor modifications to the entrance to become ADA Compliant. I instructed Warren and Dale to go ahead and make the changes, as all members of the public should be able to use the facility. As for the mulch, we cannot use the regular fuzzy mulch. The mulch needs to be fibar. It does not need to have the rubber in it, however the wood would need to be cut a specific way to qualify.

Citizen Concerns:

Approved request by Jami Reichert for use of the park (near Flights) on Saturday, May 22 from 11AM-7PM for a family wake. Approx. 50 people, she was advised they will need to follow the Health Department Guidelines for the event.

4/19 received a request from Brad Cole for a building variance request. I have referred it to Troy.

4/29 received a phone call from Mr. Leo Swank. The lot behind his home appears to have sewer water coming out of the ground (corner of Alger & 1<sup>st</sup> Street). There is a 6-8" circle of water with black dead grass just beyond it. I contacted Warren and he is addressing it.

**NOTE:**

**Don't forget that Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-2 is the County Wide Clean-up.**

**Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Bill Thompson @ 724-5077.**

**Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6AM until Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8AM the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brownlee Lake Association "Carp" Fishing Tournament will be held. Registration forms are available on line at [www.lincolnmi.com](http://www.lincolnmi.com) . For further information, call 989-736-8747.**

## Road Report

4/13 DDA Meeting – they will be paying for their share of the Traverse Bay Rd. overlay when the construction takes place.

4/23 MDOT – spent most of the day gathering data for email letter to MDOT, Senator Stamas, Representative Allor, the Council & DDA. Regarding funding for Traverse Bay Rd, which has been reduced again by another bill from MDOT for Barlow Rd. I have spoken with Nico Tucker @ the Region 9 Task Force and Becky Rivard @ Huron Engineering. Becky has submitted the Traverse Bay Rd. project to MDOT requesting they obligate the funds this year for use next year, so that we do not lose our Region 9 Task Force Grant Dollars.

4/29 Senator Stamas's Office – I spoke with Bryce Webster from Senator Stamas's office. I have some paperwork I need to email to Bryce. Senator Stamas's staff will see if they can help us with MDOT withholding funds from our grants, and causing budgeting issues for the Village. I explained that if MDOT were keeping a % for administration, that is fine. However, they need to be upfront with us, as we need to know how much money we have to complete a project. Do not tell us we have \$225,000.00 for a road project then cap it at \$195,600.00 That \$29,400.00 difference may not seem like much to MDOT, but it means a lot to our Village's Budget.

4/30 Golf Cart Community – received changes from legal council, ready for consideration, discussion and possible approval from the council.

It has been a busy month.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sheila*