

Synopsis

Milton Township

Special Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2019

Members present: L. Bargy, B. Pharo, S. Ball and L. Atkinson.

Also present: C. Weinzapfel, D. Kopkau, G. Payne and Brad Muma from Performance Engineering.

The board asked Brad to provide an estimated cost for the proposed sewer project from Birch Lake Rd., to the corner of Cairn Hwy., and Cherry Ave.

On December 18, 2018 there was a letter sent to property owners along the proposed route. This letter gave an explanation of the project with an estimated cost to the average property owner. In the letter, the property owner was asked to respond in writing to the Township whether or not to proceed with the project.

Out of (40) letters sent, there have been seven letters in response. Five in favor of the project and two apposed.

The board discussed finances to cover the project cost and options for repayment. The Elk Lake Mkt., and the Oasis are both interested in hooking into the system. The cost of a new septic system for the Waterfront Park and the Old Town Hall would come at a considerably higher cost than tapping into the sewer line.

Estimated total cost of the project \$216,929.00.

Cost Breakdown:

- Total Cost for the Main \$150,275.00
- Potential **REU's** (45)
(Residential Equivalent Unite)
- Township Fee Per REU \$3,339.00
- Total Cost for Service to **R.O.W.** \$66,654.00
(Right Of Way)
- Potential Number of Physical Services (30)
- Township Fee for Service to R.O.W \$2,222.00
- Treatment Plant Benefit Fee \$1,000.00
- Total Township Fees to Connect \$6,561.00

These numbers are projected numbers. Muma stated that this would have to go out for bid. This is close to what I provided last fall. I did try and incorporate a small percentage for inflation.

Atkinson asked if there is anything we can postpone doing, to get the cost down. Brad stated that this is pretty much the cost. The only thing you could do is not pre-install all the services. The downside would be the cost to come back later.

The idea is the incentive to tie in now. The cost will only increase later.

Atkinson asked on the timeline. Brad estimated mid-summer. We have to put this out for bid. Surveys and permits have to be done, as well.

Out of the \$216,929 you would need to cover some of the upfront cost. Traffic control and mobilization. After that, we could do a monthly process. By the completion of the project, you would need to make the final payment.

Bargy spoke in favor of moving forward with the project. We are looking at 20K to 30K for a septic field for the park and old town hall. We would have at least \$70K we can recoup from those interested in hooking in now.

Pharo spoke in favor of allowing a time frame to hook in. Atkinson was not in favor of leaving that time frame open ended. There should be a five to seven year window, so people can plan for this.

Bargy thought that most projects like this, there is a deadline. He is in favor of the five to seven years as well.

Brad stated that the intergovernmental agreement will show the breakdown of the monthly fee. I would suggest that the Milton Twp., residents be the same as Elk Rapids. Their cost I believe is around \$52 per month. There are associated cost with the project. System maintenance and monitoring fees, etc. This can all be worked out with Matt Zimmerman.

Motion by Pharo/Atkinson to proceed with the project that would require property owners along the proposed sewer line to hook in within seven years. Motion carried. 4-0 Absent Cole.

Atkinson introduced a management plan for the Maplehurst property. The GTRLC Trust Fund would like to see a management plan for Maplehurst. This is something that we agreed to in the grant process. The Park and Rec committee has put together a list for consideration.

Pharo would like to see a road that goes down to the water. The majority of the board was not in favor of a putting in a road to the lake.

Cherry Capital Cycle Club would like to do a grant for two bike racks for Maplehurst. Motion by Atkinson/Pharo to approve the bike racks. Motion carried. 4-0 Absent-Cole

The following suggestions have been approved by the Board.

1. Kids fishing only. This will be a designated area for kids fishing only. Up to the age of 16.
2. The use of non-motorized watercraft only. This will prohibit the use of motorized water crafts on the lake. Signage will be posted.
3. No snowmobiles, ATV's or motorcycles. Signage will be posted.

4. Trail use. Pedestrians and bicycles. Horses will be allowed on the property but prohibited on the trail system.
5. Dogs will be allowed. Will be required to be on a leash.
6. Swimming will be allowed at the individual's own risk. No lifeguard on duty.
7. No picnic tables or trash cans will be provided.
8. Cross country skiing and snowshoeing. No groomed trails.
9. No special events allowed.
10. No sledding hill will be provided.
11. No installation of dockage.
12. No bathroom facility provided at this time.

Motion by Brett/Lon to approve the proposed 2.8 mile trail system provided by the GTRLC to be tied in with the current .7 existing trail for 2019. Motion carried. 4-0 Absent-Cole

The trail project will be paid for with GTRLC Trust Fund endowment moneys and a grant for \$15,000 awarded by the Health Dept. of Northwest Mich.

Motion by Brett/Lon to approve the installation of eight foot high fence along the portion of Maplehurst property that abuts T. Paradis property line. Motion carried. 4-0. Absent-Cole

An email has been sent to the GTRLC Trust Fund Coordinator to in regards to hunting at Maplehurst. We are waiting to hear back from them.

Improvements to the entrance for the property. ATRC has mentioned there are some erosion issues with the entrance to the property. The board agreed to review options for a solution.

Atkinson would also like to add to the Management Plan the option for future consideration on restrooms and maybe a pavilion. Board agreed.

These minutes are subject to approval at the March 2019 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Ball, Clerk