Charter Township of Marquette
Roads Committee
Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Pete LaRue, Mike Springer, Dianna Truscott, Ron DeMarse

Members Absent: Peg Vanoverloop

Ad Hoc Road Committee Members Present: Bob Sims, Robert Sved and William Truscott

Township Staff: None

Special Guests: Boy Scout merit badge candidate

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
The agenda was approved as presented.
Motion – Truscott
Second – DeMarse
Passed

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: May 5, 2011
The meeting minutes of May 5, 2011 were approved.
Motion – Truscott
Second – Springer
Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Street Lighting Project
Township Board approved Road Committee suggestions and all lighting changes recommended have been completed.

Werner Street Update
Reviewed and chairman LaRue gave the committee a progress update, engineering is complete. Construction should commence in July 2011. County will also look at fixing some of the drainage issues at the Werner / Meeske intersection.

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Road Committee Duties and Responsibilities
Chairman LaRue reminded everyone that our focus is roads and we only make recommendations to the Township Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phazer Study
Chairman LaRue passed out the Phazer study and committee members reviewed the report and asked for additional time to study it. LaRue stated he will try to get a better copy of the study for next months meeting.

Brookton Road Discussion
Surface is in terrible condition and we should commit any excess funds from the Werner street project to grinding down Brookton and apply seal coat. Majority of members reaffirmed that while the road is bad we should not commit Township funds to any street solely based on complaints. We have the County Phazer study that systematically identifies road conditions through out the township. If we have road funds left over after the Werner street project then the road committee should review the Phazer study and identify which road(s) should receive the highest priority. LaRue reported that the section from Commerce to Co. Rd. 492 is due for completion in 2012

Intersection problems
General membership discussion on having county jail crew cut back foliage that creates vision problems at intersections. LaRue mentioned we must determine county right-of-way so we don't inadvertently cut on township resident's personal property

Meeting Time and Date
LaRue asked committee members to consider moving meeting to Tuesdays before the board meeting to ease the meeting commitments he has.

Motion: To consider the new meeting dates and time: July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th, 2011 at 5:30pm.

Motion – DeMarse
Second – Springer
Passed

INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS:

Noquemanon Forestville Trailhead Road access
Mike Springer shared a letter from Noquemanon trails group requesting support from Marquette Township for improvements to Co. Rd. HT that serves the Noquemanon Forestville Trailhead. They requested help from the Marquette County Road Commission to make improvements to the road and were told that the request would have to be supported by the Township before the

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county would consider the project. Springer volunteered to draft a letter of support for committee review.

Additional Information
Review of handouts provided by the chairman to the Committee Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Motion – Truscott
Second – Springer
Passed

Next meeting will be July 5, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pete LaRue, Chairman

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