Charter Township of Marquette
Roads Committee
Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

Meeting Called to Order at 5:32p.m.

Members Present: Pete LaRue, Mike Springer, Dianna Truscott

Members Absent: Peg VanOverloop, Ron DeMarse (excused)

Ad Hoc Road Committee Members Present: Bill Truscott.

Township Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planner/ZA.

Special Guests: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: September 6, 2011
Motion – Truscott
Second – Springer
Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

OLD BUSINESS:

Werner Street Update
Overall the project is going as planned. There have been some issues with water valves on the West end of the project. Drainage issues were corrected on the East end of the reconstruction. Anticipated completion date is first week of November.

County Road 595 Update
The Marquette County Road Commission (MCRC) is moving forward with the proposed project and will be submitting the plan for environmental review from the DEQ soon.

Complete Streets Ordinance
Springer (along with the Recreation Committee) is working on a draft Complete Streets Ordinance for consideration by the Road Committee, Planning Commission; and eventually the Township Board. The current draft is being constructed based on the City of Houghton's ordinance. Springer and staff will continue to review and revise until we have a solid working draft to consider for adoption. Springer asked that the Road Committee review the draft and provide input at the next meeting. He also mentioned that the Road Facilities Plan will be due for an update in 2012 and that Complete Streets should be an included item in the revision of that plan. Springer also discussed the potential need for Motorized and Non-Motorized Plans. Discussion ensued about the potential economic benefit of allowing snowmobiles and ATV's in designated areas of the Township.

Street Lighting
LaRue explained that money would be budgeted for additional street lighting in needed areas of the Township. The committee will continue to work on the suggested list of areas where these lights are most needed. LaRue also explained his discussions with the Board of Light & Power regarding how they can be of assistance to the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget 2012 Road Committee Request(s)
LaRue asked for items to be included in the budget for next year regarding roads. Street lighting, continued road maintenance and snow plowing were added to the list LaRue has been accruing.

P.A.S.E.R. Road Study
LaRue passed out a copy of the Marquette County Road Commission's PASER ratings. He asked that the committee look at the list and begin to rank maintenance of roads in the Township based on the report.

Lions Field (Erie Street) Proposal
LaRue explained a handout map showing a proposed right-of-way vacation of Erie Street in between Summit and Cherry Streets. This proposal is still in the works and no decisions have been made to move forward. The item was discussed as informational.

Citizen Survey Results
Springer went through the Survey Results as an informational item for the Road Committee. Specifically, because road maintenance, snow plowing and non-motorized trail connections were all expressed by citizens as being paramount.

INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Motion – LaRue
Second – Springer
Carried

Next meeting will be November 8, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pete LaRue, Chairman