



# GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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## **Road Committee Meeting Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting – June 6, 2017, 7:30PM - Township Office**

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Mast at 7:33pm.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Committee Members –**

Present - Leann Carpenter (Arrived at 7:35), Bruce Williams, Gary Lozmack, Larry Metzger, Jerry Mast

Absent – None

Road Commission – None

Guests – None

### **Agenda**

Bruce moved to approve the agenda, supported by Gary. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017 regular meeting as presented, supported by Larry. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Nye Road Bridge Plan Status – Per the Berrien County Trial Court register (Case 17-000027-CC), there has been no action on the case with the Road Commission other than a reassignment of the judge to hear the case since our May meeting. No rescheduled date has been set at this point. As for the Administrative hearing with the DEQ, Jerry talked with Pablo Rojas at MDOT and he indicated that hearing is scheduled for June 22. He further assured Jerry that MDOT funding for the bridge will be held until the case and hearing are resolved.

Paver Patch Recommendations for 2017 – Based upon the Committee's discussion of sections of Kruger, Buffalo near Pardee, Olive Branch between Andrews and Township Line, Second St. near Gardner, Second St. west of Village limits and North lane of Hampton at the May meeting, Jerry put together a tentative list of paving patch recommendations and sent it in to Jon Greco & Don Geisler. Approximately 2,800 lineal feet was requested this year (last year about 3,600 feet was received). The Committee discussed the list and whether changes should be made to it. Gary questioned whether Hampton should be on the list since it will be reconstructed in 2019, but ultimately the consensus was to leave the list as is for now.

Olive Branch Road Reconstruction – Olive Branch between Cleveland and Nye was ground today. According to Don Geisler, gravel is to be delivered within the next 2 days to cover the exposed macadam. The 2015 paver patch was ground as it was narrower than the standard road width. Additionally, there was a resident compliant about the tree pruning in the road right of way that was done to prepare for the road widening and large construction equipment. Jerry discussed this issue with Doug Hartzler.

Committee Member Search – Jerry talked to Emil Hasse about joining the Road Committee and Emil was concerned about having time for the Committee in light of his children's activities and ultimately he declined. Jerry then asked Jim Trapp if he would have interest in serving on the Committee and he was open to the idea. Bruce indicated that we should take this suggestion to the next Township Board meeting for a vote.

### **New Business**

Spring Creek Road – Doug Hartzler informed Jerry that there is a flooding problem on Spring Creek Road west of Nye that is a result of beaver dams combined with about 1000' of drain that needs to be cleaned. Further, Doug indicated it is a safety issue since it is a dead end road. Doug is trying to work with the Drain Commissioner on this issue. Jerry indicated to Doug that we want to support the resolution of this issue, but we need to make sure we know what the cost of this is before we push for this work to be done. Gary suggested we get a clear understanding of whether this would be a cost to the Township or whether it would be absorbed by the County Drain Commission. Gary asked Jerry talk to Don Geisler about this and gather more information. Bruce agreed and indicated we should put it on the agenda for the next Township meeting.

BCRC Board Status – The Committee discussed the resignation of Commissioner Lynch and the reinstatement of Commissioner Hodge after he prevailed in his court case.

### **Public Comments**

No visitor comments.

The next meeting was set for July 11, 2017, 7:30pm at the Township Office.

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Leann. Voice vote, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by



Gerald O. Mast  
Chairperson, Galien Township Road Committee