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REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023, 9:00AM

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Christy Maier at 9:05 AM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Lois Beerbaum, Christy Maier, Karen Sikkenga, Pat Casady.
Tom Zatkovich (by phone)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve: By acclamation, the members approved the agenda.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES: The July 11, 2023, minutes were approved by acclamation.

1st CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No members of the public were in attendance.

ORAL REPORTS: There were no oral reports available for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Updates from Committee members regarding intersection safety.

1. Tom Z reported on Island Lake & Donner as well as Colby & Riker as okay. Donner & Colby is affected by the height of the corn. Riker and Island Lake is affected by the sweep of the road.
2. Pat C shared photos of the intersections intersecting with Fleming Road. All are associated with trees and brush obstructing the view of the road when turning, especially left.
3. Lois B shared photos by email of Fleming at Dexter-Townhall and demonstrated that stopping at the white line cannot give appropriate visibility for left turns. One must pull up into the intersection or severely to the right for proper evaluation of safely making a left turn. The same observation was made at Quigley and Madden no matter whether the turn was right or left. Island Lake at Dexter-Townhall will be shared later.

The major conclusion is that all these intersections have obstructed vision due to forestry issues, i.e., tree trimming, and brush maintenance are major issues. There are funds available in the township budget for forestry management. WCRC funds may be available for this activity as well. Also suggested were caution signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Group email activity. A test email was sent to all members. It did function as it should. Christy M. acknowledged receipt of a question from a resident regarding dust control on dirt roads. A brief discussion ensued, and Christy M. will respond to the resident.
2. Master Plan is out for public comment. The committee members should become familiar with the document. One pillar of the plan is ‘Management of Our Traffic.’
3. The community outreach event planned for August 19, 2023, was discussed. Christy M and Lois B will have a table for the Local Roads Committee.
4. Budget for roads management will be discussed at a later meeting.

RESOLUTION DISCUSSION: None at this meeting.

2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No members of the public were in attendance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion of the New Dexter Township Master Plan – any impact on local road issues? What input was received on August 19th?
2. The next meeting of the committee will be Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 9:00 AM. If okayed by the Township Board, this is a change in meeting day and time to occur on a regular basis.

ADJOURNMENT: By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Beerbaum, Secretary
Dexter Township Local Roads Committee

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, LOIS BEERBAUM, THE DULY APPOINTED SECRETARY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER LOCAL ROAD COMMITTEE, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS TAKEN BY THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH OF AUGUST 2023 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

LOIS BEERBAUM – SECRETARY FOR THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE