

***Dexter Township***  
***“in the loop”***  
***February 2023***

Here we go for the February 2023 “in the loop” update:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**The Townships first open chat coffee hour will be held Sunday MARCH 19, 2023 at 2pm at Townhall.** Trustee Scott will be leading this event: where you are welcome to meet your elected officials, meet other residents and share questions, comments, and concerns. If you have any questions regarding this event, feel free to email Trustee Scott at [lscott@dextertownship.org](mailto:lscott@dextertownship.org) or [info@dextertownship.org](mailto:info@dextertownship.org) -- Hope to see you there!

**Now a short review from the Planning & Zoning Department:**

**Master plan update:**

Dexter Township is in the middle of the Master Planning Process. “A Master Plan is a document and policy guide designed to help communities create a vision of what they want to look like in the future. Master Plans help guide communities in their decisions on land use development and preservation.” (<https://www.planningmi.org/introduction-mp>) The Township Planning Commission will begin to review and comment on a draft in April and will hold three Planning Commission meeting. (April, May, June) After that, the Township will hold multiple public meeting for the public to comment on the Master Plan draft between July and September. The dates and times have yet to be determined. Please visit the website for meeting updates.

**Development updates:**

The “Hillside Acres” residential housing development, located at the corner of N. Territorial and Dexter Town Hall, is slated to break ground in the spring/early summer of 2023. This development is an “Open Space Community” which preserves open space in exchange for smaller lot size and design flexibility. The overall site is 90 acres in size. The development will contain 48 homes, clustered in the northeast corner, and will preserve more than 60 acres of open space.

The spring/summer project work will entail primarily on-site road work, utility installation and site grading. Please contact the Planning and Zoning department if you have any additional questions.

**Spring Zoning Permits:**

As the spring building season approaches, please remember that most home building projects in the Township require a Zoning Permit. Please contact the Planning department and we will get you the proper permit and walk you through the permitting process.

Additionally, we have had many questions regarding two locations in the township:

- a. The NE corner of Dexter Townhall and North Territorial where trees have been cleared. This property is zoned as a residential parcel.
- b. On the SW corner of Dexter Pinckney Rd and North Territorial a large wood sign has been posted. Utilities have been working on the SE corner of that intersection and this sign serves as a posting board for County Permits, Safety Issues and other documentation required.

### **Recycling:**

The project collecting film/plastic for Chelsea High School is back in process. The high school has caught up on the backlog and equipment is repaired, so we are again accepting film in the large orange bin in the Township parking lot. You may also drop your plastic film at: Chelsea Library, Culvers or outside door #4 at Chelsea High School. As a quick reminder, please do not leave materials outside the bin.

We are seeking two additional volunteers to help empty the bin at the township parking lot and deliver it outside door #4 at Chelsea High School. **We need help on Wednesdays and Fridays, emptying and moving the film over to the high school.** It takes approximately 1 ½ hours weekly to complete the task, and you can do anytime during your assigned day. We hope you can help us keep with community project running, that orange bin fills quickly! Please send an email to [info@dextertownship.org](mailto:info@dextertownship.org) if you have any questions or can assist. Thanks!

### **Notice of Assessment and Board of Review:**

You most likely received your Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification notices this month. Please take notice on the bottom of the notice the March Board of Review Appeal Information. Basically, the Board of Review will hear assessment appeals on Monday, March 13, 2023 1:00pm to 9:00pm and Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:00am to 3:00pm at 6880 Dexter Pinckney Rd, Dexter, MI (Dexter Townhall) **Appointments are necessary and may be scheduled by calling 734-426-3767.** Letter appeals must be received in the office prior to Board public hearing adjournment. For property record information visit [www.dextertownship.org](http://www.dextertownship.org).

### **Cemetery Project:**

Thank you to Daisy Tree Trimming ([daisytreecare@gmail.com](mailto:daisytreecare@gmail.com)) who donated their time to trim the limbs at the 4 Mile Cemetery and offered deep discounts to trim up the Hudson Cemetery on Dexter Pinckney Rd. That work has been completed and when the weather permits, we will

begin the next step of cleaning headstones and repositioning stones. If you would like to help with this project or have a Boy Scout/Girl Scout group or any group who would like to assist, please send your name, number to [info@dextertownship.org](mailto:info@dextertownship.org) and we will be in touch with you.

Additionally, we are seeking volunteers for a Roadside Clean Up Day in the Spring. Individuals or High School groups, please sign up to assist removing the winter debris from the main roads in our township. Dates and times will be set in the near future, Simply drop a note of interest to [info@dextertownship.org](mailto:info@dextertownship.org) and we will be in touch. Orange safety T-shirts will be given to each volunteer.

**Notes from the February 21, 2023, Board of Trustee Meeting: (Complete Board of Trustee minutes are posted on the [dextertownship.org](http://dextertownship.org) website)**

- Special Assessment District (SAD) for Silver Lake Association – the Board approved the SAD for the Silver Lake Association this month after delaying the decision for 30 days last month. The purpose of the delay was to allow all residents time to gather information regarding the SAD. We thank Silver Lake residents for sharing their opinions with Board members via email and attending our Board meetings. The decision to approve Resolution #23-658 was based on the Silver Lake Association gathering more than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of signatures, based on the policy set last year by the Board of Trustees. This moves this SAD to the County level for the next step.
- The Clerk again asked for a resolution to reinstate compensation of \$25 per hour & 20 hours per week to her deputy. After discussion this was voted down with a vote of 6-1. Additional discussions will be had next month once additional data may be gathered. We need to stay within the budget of the Deputy Clerks office for compensation and to include hiring the accountant and/or bookkeeper to maintain an accurate General Ledger for our 2023-24 budget.
- The Clerk gave an update on the General Ledger and correcting it. Additional work this month occurred with the Clerk, the Executive Team, additional Trustees and Kim Haines (Bookkeeper) to identify and correct inaccurate entries. State revenue, property tax collection and ARPA funds still be corrected to show in the General Ledger reports. This work is underway and is expected to be complete prior to our next public budget workshop, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
- The Board approved the expenditure of \$1,800 from the Farmland and Open Space funds to complete the survey of the Monier-Van Gorder Property. Bringing us closer to the completion of conserving these 70 acres with the Township.
- A public budget workshop meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Townhall as we work to finalize our 2023-24 budget.

- The Meeting Schedule for the next year was passed in Resolution # 23-660. These schedules will be posted on the website at [dextertownship.org](http://dextertownship.org).

**Notes from MLWSA (Multi Lake Water and Sewer Authority):**

- The repairs on the Halfmoon Lake pumping station have been completed securing the operation of a main pumping station within the sewer system. For Dexter Township residents, we still have the Cooper Meadow and Silver Lake pumps on schedule to be repaired in 2023. These repairs are part of the infrastructure capital improvements utilizing Dexter Township American Rescue Plan Act funds.
- **PFAS: THE FOREVER CHEMICALS (see page attached on PFAS - Learn more to help reduce PFAS in our environment.)**
  1. **WHAT ARE PFAS?** PFAS are a large, complex group of manufactured chemicals that are used to make waterproofing, fire suppressants, non-stick coatings, and many other products.
  2. **HEALTH IMPACTS:** Negative reproductive effects
    - o Developmental delays in children
    - o Increased risk of some cancers
    - o Reduced ability of the body’s immune system to fight infections
    - o Reduced vaccine response
    - o Interference with the body’s natural hormones
      - o Increased cholesterol levels and/or risk of obesity
  3. **TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH:** Avoid takeout food packaging (e.g., microwave popcorn bags; fast-food wrappers; boxes)
    - o Avoid stain-resistance treatments
    - o Select furniture and carpets that aren’t marketed as “stain-resistant”
    - o Avoid clothing that were treated for water or stain resistance
    - o Avoid use of non-stick cookware
    - o Avoid PFAS-containing health and beauty products such as dental floss, cosmetics, sunscreen, shampoos, etc.
  4. **WHAT IS MULTI LAKE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY (MLWSA) DOING ABOUT IT?** To ensure the health and safety of our residents, MLWSA is asking the State of Michigan to fund any required testing of drinking water wells and/or wastewater for PFAS or to go after the source.
  5. **FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE RESIDENTS** Testing for PFAS is expensive and treatment of residential and commercial wastewater for PFAS is extremely costly. If the state doesn’t fund this testing it could incur a raise in customer’s O&M quarterly sewer charges.
  6. **HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Reduce the use of PFAS-containing products
    - o Talk to your legislative representatives and urge them to support PFAS reductions at the source.

Finally, the Meadow Creek Farm Homeowners Association held their annual meeting at Townhall, last week, to elect their new officers and introduce the Special Assessment District they are discussing to improve their subdivision roads. Did you know your HOA could hold their annual meetings at the Townhall? If you have any interest, please call the Office Manager (734-426-3767) to discover how to utilize and book the meeting room.

Have a great month and stay warm!