

Dexter Township “in the loop” July 2022

Whether you can believe it or not, July is here already and much has been happening in our Township. Below are some quick highlights. Should you have any additional questions, feel free to reach out and the Trustee’s will be glad to assist.

LOCAL ROAD COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Dexter Township’s Local Roads Committee held its first meeting in July. The committee is planning a town hall style education event where the community can learn about local roads maintenance and repair and the Road Commission’s services. We’ll also answer frequently asked questions, like how can we get speed limits changed (hint: we can’t), and how can residents get their roads fixed.

The Dexter Township Board of Trustees approved road repair and improvements for the five highest priority local roads this construction season: Fleming Road, Huron River Drive, McKinley Road, Riker Road, and Wylie Road. Priorities were set based on road condition, accident rates, and number of daily users. The construction schedule for the work is determined only a week or two in advance, according to the Road Commission, because the schedule is very weather dependent.

Local road maintenance and repair is the financial responsibility of townships. Only about 2% of property taxes go to the township, and we are mandated to use those funds to run elections, collect and disburse property taxes, and establish and enforce land use policy. Anything left is available for non-mandated purposes like local road maintenance and repair. The Board of Trustees provided generous support for local road repair for the past couple years, but this level of support is not sustainable for the long-term. One of the topics the Local Roads Committee will consider is the best ongoing funding mechanisms to keep our local roads in good condition into the future. The committee will also consider practices and policies to reduce wear and tear on the roads, like single hauler trash and recycling collection.

TOWNSHIP SURVEY TO ASSIST UPDATING COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN:

Work proceeds on updating our Master Plan for Dexter Township. Included in the summer tax bill mailing was a leaflet requesting your input to help plan for our Township’s future. It would be greatly appreciated if you can take a moment and log into the survey to share your opinion on how you envision Dexter Township in the future. Simply type www.bit.ly/DTwpMP into your browser to complete the survey. Or printed copies are available at Township Hall for your use. All responses must be completed by August 31, 2022, to be included in the final tabulation of results. Please share your opinions with us via this survey.

RECYCLING UPDATE – SEEKING FUTURE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the June Board of Trustee meeting the Trustee's approved a recycling pilot program to be guided by a committee to enhance the recycle of film and styrofoam. Once the charge of the committee has been approved by the Board of Trustees, we will be recruiting four committee members to serve and assist in building our recycling efforts. If you are interested in serving on the recycling committee, please forward your letter of interest to the Supervisor, Diane Ratokovich at her email address: supervisor@dextertownship.org or mail or drop off at the township hall (6880 Dexter Pinckney Rd). This committee is open to Dexter Township residents. Additionally, thank you to Trash Star for donating the orange bin(s) in the Township parking lot for film collection. As a quick reminder, please keep your donations contained to the bins and please do not leave debris in the parking lot. Thank you.

NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON AUGUST 2, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION?

Any qualified elector of Dexter Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com. **The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, July 18, 2022** - we encourage all qualified electors to exercise your right to vote.

UPCOMING PRIMARY ELECTION:

Dexter Twp will hold the election on August 2, 2022. This will be the primary election to vote for candidates seeking nominations to offices and Dexter Community Schools Recreation Millage Proposition. More information is available on the Dexter Township website (DexterTownship.org) for your review or the proposals can also be found on Washtenaw County's web site <https://www.washtenaw.org/304/Elections>.

Absentee ballots are available, registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application. Contact the clerk, Michelle Stamboullis, at clerk@dextertownship.org or call the township offices at 734-426-3767 with any questions.

MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP JULY TAX BOARD OF REVIEW:

The Board of Review will hear and rule on petitions pertaining to clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact and situations involving hardship exemptions, veteran exemptions, principal residence exemptions and qualified agricultural exemptions. Wednesday, July 20, 2022 Time: 9:30 AM Location: Dexter Township Hall 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road Dexter, MI 48130 Christopher Renius, MAAO Dexter Township Assessor

6900 DEXTER PINCKNEY RENTAL HOUSE:

You may be unaware that Dexter Township owns the house at 6900 Dexter Pinckney Rd and has been renting it out over the past few years. The renter gave notice and vacated the property earlier this year. The property was purchased years ago with the intent of having land to expand onto if necessary since it sits adjacent to our Townhall. After months of exploration and discussion by the Board, it was decided to sell this property. The long-term growth projections of our township do not support the need of the property and the Board identified it was not a core responsibility and outside of its purview

to own rental property. Additionally, feelings that this was not prudent use of Township funds and violated the intergenerational equity rule. Efforts to sell the property will be made soon.

Well, that is a bit of information for a quick “in the loop”. We will follow up with additional information on the Open Space Land Preservation committee, information from MLWSA (Multi Lakes Water and Sewer Authority), broadband updates and more soon. As always, should you have any questions, please send an email to info@dextertownship.org or a specific Trustee (emails addresses are on the website at dextertownship.org)

Enjoy your summer!