

Managers Report, December 2016

Board Transition

First, let me say, congratulations to all those who won in the recent election. I will be sending out information on the upcoming transition, dates, etc. Also, I will be having detailed conversations with each of the new board members on their roles, responsibilities, etc; my role under a council manager form of government, staff roles, etc. If it is needed, we might organize a board orientation.

With respect to the new board members taking office, each member will need to make arrangements to take the oath of office only after the election is certified, and once that is done, new appointments will go into effect on November 20th at noon. The first meeting of the new board will occur on Tuesday, December 13.

Downtown Planning Group

Now that the unveiling is complete of the park, The Downtown Planning Group will now begin diverting their attention to continuation of the planning for both the new park and a overall downtown vision. We will be working on creating presentations for the BOT, PC and DDA to update everyone on the group's results to date.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation has slowed down a bit in terms of projects. Internally, Tracy Thomas and I have been working on getting out a letter and request form to various property owners for park donations in the old summerwood homes subdivision behind township hall. Hopefully, this cuts down on the need to continue buying the properties from the Township. Also, we are still working with the School District on the lease agreement for the River Walk.


Code Enforcement officer

On the agenda today is the resignation of Bill Lenaghan as code enforcement officer. He will be missed. Bill has accepted a position with the Livingston County Sheriff's office. Moving forward, I will be interviewing for the position and will update the board on progress. Also, this is a perfect time to have a discussion with the next board on priorities of our code enforcement program, and ways to improve.

DDA

With the help of Mr. Elly, Executive at EDSS, the DDA will be investigating lighting grants in the Downtown. This is great news. Identifying grants and tax credits for these type of projects and the ability to execute construction is a core business model for EDSS. As a reminder, they are the company that completed the LED retrofit in Township Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,


Howard Fink, Township Manager