



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 14, 2022



CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Art King, Gary Sommers, Robert Warmbein, Michelle Tackitt;
Members Absent: Wanda Green

Others Present: Robert Defreze, contractor; Tom Runkle, engineer, Abonmarche; Mike Metz,
Weesaw Township Parks Committee

Note: The following is taken from an audio recording of the July 14, 2022, Special Board Meeting. The recording was made by Mike Metz and summarized by Jack Dodds. For the sake of clarity, the topics are presented in a logical order rather than in the order in which they were actually raised at the meeting.

Elimination of turn-around apron: In the course of the parking lot design, a 20 x 60 foot apron was added to the north end to facilitate vehicle turn around. The apron has now been omitted, as there is ample room for drivers to maneuver in the 60 x 64 parking lot.

Driveway/parking lot materials: Following the contractor's recommendation and with the Abonmarche engineer's concurrence, the drive/parking lot base will be 3 inches of recycled blacktop or crushed concrete, depending on price and availability. (The preference is for recycled blacktop.) The finish coat will be a 1 ½ inch asphalt base topped by 1 ½ inches of hot asphalt. The total depth of the drive/parking lot will be 6 inches.

Project cost: The contractor estimates the cost to be approximately \$53,000, including site preparation, materials, labor, and equipment mobilization. A final bid will be made available for the upcoming Regular Weesaw Township Board meeting.

Chairman Sommers indicated that there is \$30,000 in capital outlay funds for the drive and parking lot with an additional \$6,000 available for park improvements. That leaves the project \$14,000 short.

Sommers and others noted that the General Fund and fund equity have healthy balances following the infusion of nearly \$200,000 of American Rescue money. Also, the Township has approximately \$70,000 of emergency funds allocated for tree removal, drains, roads, and inflation increases that could be drawn upon. The Board could, if it chose, move money into the park fund to make up for the \$14,000 deficiency.

ADA parking spaces: The Township's Recreation Passport Grant request included two concrete ADA parking spaces with aprons (28 x 18 feet), funded by a successful grant request. However, ADA guidelines permit the use of asphalt for parking spaces. It is now proposed to use asphalt for the ADA spaces, paid for by Weesaw Township as part

of its parking lot project. The grant money that was to be spent on ADA parking will be absorbed by other projects proposed in the grant request.

Scheduling and funding of the project: Much discussion was devoted to the timing of the project in light of the increased cost of asphalt over crushed concrete. Would it be better to do the job over two years—base course one year, surface coat the following? It was decided that the most economical approach would be to complete the whole job, base and surface coats, in one year. Money would be saved in materials costs owing to inflation, labor, and equipment mobilization.

Also included in the project bid: the contractor will dump excavated soil at Board-designated locations but will not level, pulverize, or seed the materials, thus saving the Township money. The Township will be responsible for the disposition of the materials after they are dumped.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been informed that the drive/parking lot will be installed in the summer of 2022. By providing access to the DNR-funded items in the Township's Recreation Passport Grant application, the Township-funded project indicates strong support for the application.

The contractor will be asked to confirm his schedule at the next Board meeting, Wednesday, July 20, 2022\.

Paving the upper parking lot: Near the end of the meeting, the question of the badly deteriorated upper parking lot was raised. Should the Township fund the repaving of its portion of the lot at the same time as materials, equipment, and labor were on hand for the drive/parking lot project?

The contractor indicated that the present parking lot already provides a base for repaving, and so the materials required would be less. He will prepare a cost estimate for the Township of this additional work. He noted that not only would materials costs be split with the Friends of New Troy for its part of the lot, but also equipment and labor costs would be split as well. Chairman Sommers indicated he would contact Terry Hanover to alert Friends of New Troy of this possible project.

Adjourn: Motion by Sommers to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Dodds, Weesaw Township Parks Committee