

Managers Report, July 2016

Van Curler Property

On the agenda for Tuesdays meeting is a series of discussions on The Van Curler Property. We are nearing the time period where we should be looking at scheduling a closing. The only item we are waiting on is the ALTA survey. That should be completed shortly.

Downtown Planning Group

The Downtown Planning Group has met three times. The group is starting to coalesce to a vision for the Downtown and the major implementation themes to make it happen. We are moving in the right direction.

Parks and Recreation

The Community Garden is in full bloom. I am excited that this took off and that I was a part of its creation. Hopefully in future years, we can expand the garden, offer more plots, and develop the space for a community gathering point. Next project on the Parks and Recreation Agenda is the start of the River Walk. I would like to again acknowledge how effective Parks and Recreation has been with Low Cost / High Value improvements.

Board Room Construction

The board room is complete, with the exception of doors, which will be installed shortly. Attached with this report is a final breakdown of the expenditures for the cost of construction.

FEMA

Over a year ago, we submitted letters to FEMA to be included in the Community Rating System. We had our community assistance visit and are now waiting on a report / letter from FEMA letting us know if we are granted admission to the program or need to improve on our processes.

Arvin Sango

On the agenda today is the final tax abatement application and agreement between Northfield Township and Arvin Sango. I recommend approval for this tax abatement. One thing I want you all to be aware of is how rare these type of development wins are in small communities. We will continue efforts to attract such business and at the same time celebrate our success with Arvin Sango.

Non Motorized Path

We are working on obtaining the temporary construction easement for the Non Motorized Path. Once I get word on that, I will update the board with final numbers.

Main Street Path

The main street path is moving along. Bids will be opened in late July and construction will happen this year. Please let me know if you have any questions / concerns / comments on the process or timeline.

Township Forum

The Township Forum online has been a huge success. We have received a number of suggestions for the Van Curler Property, and a summarization of those votes is attached. The vast majority wants a lake front Park, Band Shell, Gazebo and place for Fishing / Swimming / Congregating. Feel free to take a look at the results and monitor the website. It's a great tool for gathering community feedback. We should consider using it on other "issue" areas as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Fink, Township Manager