

Oakland Township Sentinel

Monitoring your local government; reporting the facts.

Monthly Report - October 31, 2018

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Township Manager Dale Stuart to Retire March 31, 2019

In a special Board of Trustees meeting 10/29, 2 PM an agreement to modify Mr. Stuart's employment contract was reached whereby Township Manager Dale Stuart will retire 3/31/19, one year earlier than his current contract expires. Mr. Stuart began his career at Oakland Township in October 2015. See the draft new contract here:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/463194485.pdf>

Election Tuesday November 6 - Land Preservation Millage Renewal is Only Local Issue

The renewal of the Land Preservation Millage is the only local township issue on the ballot. For an explanation of the uses this millage from Director Mindy Milos-Dale, see, **Parks/Land Preservation**, page 22 below. No local candidate elections are on this ballot. The Township Clerk's office will be open Saturday 11/3/2018, 8AM-2PM to issue absentee ballots. For any election question call the Township at 248-218-6966.

Board of Trustees

The seven member Board of Trustees held these meetings in October:

- 10/9 – Special Meeting - 6:30 – 7:00 PM (consisted entirely of a closed session)(Absent were Clerk Karen Reilly and Trustee John Giannangeli)
- 10/9 – Regularly scheduled open meeting – 7:00 – 8:00 PM - (Absent were Clerk Karen Reilly and Trustee John Giannangeli)
- 10/23 – Special Meeting – 6:00 – 7:00 PM (consisted entirely of a closed session)
- 10/23 – Regularly scheduled open meeting – 7:00 – 11:00 PM (Buxar left early)
- The three Board Officers (Bailey, Reilly, Langlois) held Officer Office Hours from 3-5 each Monday in October and entertained any questions or suggestions from the public

Dangerous Animals

Legislation Prohibiting Oakland Township from Banning Pit-bulls was Passed by Michigan Senate 22-13; Now the Bill is in the House Local Government Committee

Our State Senator, Jim Marleau, voted for this bill that restricts township options.

This bill has been assigned to the State House of Representatives Local Government Committee.

Local resident Ann Marie Rogers is following this bill and I expect will testify against it if comes up for review as she did in the Senate (accompanied by Trustee Lana Mangiapane.)

See Ms. Rogers latest very impactful email on this subject in **Letters to the Editor** on page 12.

You can contact your Representative to the Michigan House of Representatives with your thoughts on this bill.

SENATE BILL No. 741

January 10, 2018, Introduced by Senators ROBERTSON, SCHMIDT and KNEZEK and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to prohibit a local unit of government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a dog based upon the breed or perceived breed of the dog; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain local governmental entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

SENATE BILL No. 741

1 Sec. 1. (1) A local unit of government shall not enact or

2 enforce an ordinance, policy, resolution, or rule that regulates a

3 dog based upon breed or perceived breed. However, this act does not

4 prohibit a local unit of government from enacting an ordinance,

5 policy, resolution, or rule that places restrictions or imposes

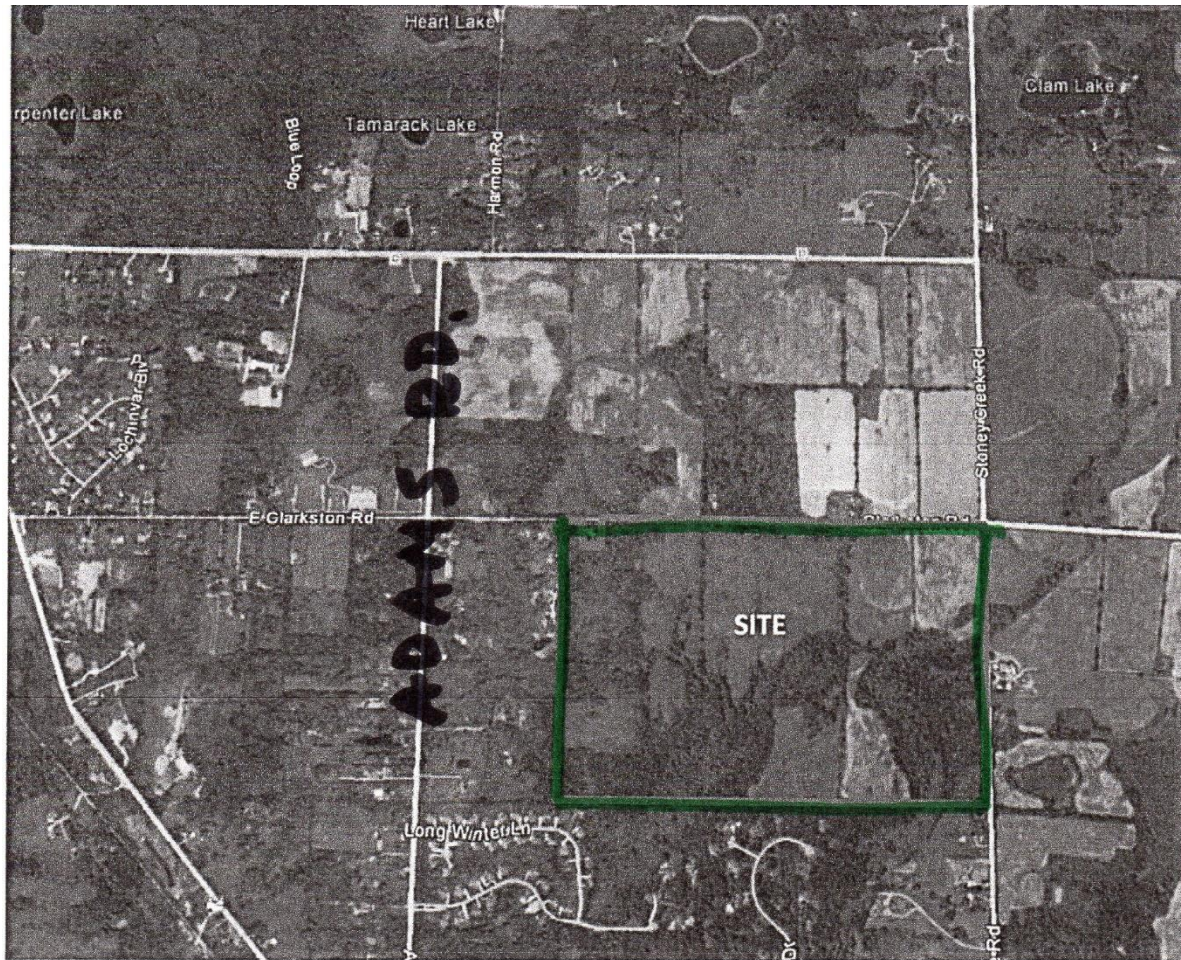
6 additional requirements on dogs or dog owners.

7 (2) As used in this act, "local unit of government" means a

8 county, city, village, or township.

Developments

Previously Rejected 247 Acre Jensam Development on Clarkston Rd. Nears Approval per Attorney's Report at 10/23 Board Meeting – 156 Lots



The Planning Commission recommended denial of this development (9/6/16), the Township Board denied it (10/11/16), and the Township Zoning Board of Appeals upheld the denial (12/20/16). All three gave substantial reasons which can be seen in their meeting minutes. The developer went to court and the court ordered mediation by attorney Tom Ryan. A subcommittee of the Board has reached a proposed agreement that would allow construction in compliance with all our ordinances except housing density. The number of approved lots (156) was not mentioned at the 10/23 review.

Township Attorney Dan Kelly reviewed the proposed consent agreement at 10/23 Board meeting (Chapter 7). The developer agrees to:

- pave Clarkston Rd. from Lake George to Adams
- install a safety path
- have a 40 foot scenic easement
- no buildings within 32 feet of the easement
- side load garages only
- no lot narrower than 120 feet
- full review by Planning Commission to meet all requirements except density

Buell Rd. Development (Buell Ventures)

The property involved in a controversial development proposal for Buell Rd. just west of Landview is for sale.



Fire Department

Full-time 14-Year Veteran Firefighter/paramedic Nick Burgess Resigns; Says “department is...grossly negligent”

Nick Resignation Letter

From: Nick Burgess
 Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 3:02 PM
 To: Paul Strelchuk
 Subject: Resignation

Chief Strelcuk,

It is with a heavy heart that after 14 years of service with the Oakland Township Fire Department that I am submitting my resignation.

At my time of hire, Oakland Township Fire Dept. was well respected and had just recently started its ALS transport program. I was honored and privileged to have been selected to serve the community of Oakland Township and I had high expectations of what was to come.

14 years later, it is so sad to have never seen those expectations come to fruition. Oakland Township residents need to be made aware of the deficiencies of this department and the Oakland Twp. Board of Trustees and the fire department administration need to be held accountable.

I can no longer in good conscience continue to serve a department that is so grossly negligent. I can only hope that the board of trustees and fire department administration realize this before somebody is hurt or killed.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Burgess

There was an exit interview where Mr. Burgess explained himself in more detail. Mr. Burgess was one of six full-time firefighter/paramedics.

Andrew Linn Rejoins OTFD Full-time After 8 Year Layoff

Andrew Linn, currently a firefighter-paramedic in the City of Fraser, and Paid-on-Call firefighter-paramedic for OTFD will be joining OTFD as a full-time firefighter/paramedic on December 10th. His career timeline:

- 2005 – Becomes Paid-on-call (POC) in OTFD
- 2008 – Becomes full-time firefighter-paramedic in OTFD
- 2010 – Laid off from full-time status in OTFD; retains POC status in OTFD; joins City of Fraser Michigan, Public Safety Organization as full-time firefighter-paramedic
- 2018 – Accepts call back to full-time status at OTFD

Andy made it to about 26% of OTFD calls in 2017 as a POC member. He was laid-off from full-time work in OTFD in 2010 after 2 years of full-time service, when the Board decided to eliminate the fire inspector position. Andy was not the fire inspector, but was lowest in seniority. He is an Oakland Township resident.

As an interesting side note City of Fraser uses the Public Safety concept. All their police are also firefighters and 21 are also EMT's.

Firefighter/EMT's needed

From the township website;

"Firefighter Recruitment

*Looking for an exciting way to give back to Oakland Township? The Oakland Township Fire Department is always in search of residents interested in becoming Paid-On-Call Firefighter/EMTs. All training and uniforms/gear is paid for by the department. Current Paid-On-Call Firefighter/EMTs range from automotive workers, carpenters, lawyers, and doctors. POC Firefighter/EMTs can be called upon any time of day or night to aid the township, and are required to make bi-weekly trainings. Residents that have previous Fire/EMS experience or work night shift/have daytime availability are **HIGHLY** encouraged to apply. If you are interested in applying, applications can be picked up at Township Hall located at 4393 Collins Road. Have questions, or maybe want to serve the Fire Department in another way? Contact Fire Chief Paul Strelchuk at (586) 752-5013 Extension: 101 or by email: pstrelchuk@oaklandtownship.org"*

Hiring Firefighters is a Problem in Other Communities

This from Township Manager Dale Stuart's report to the Board of Trustees 10/23.

□ **WXYZ) - The city of Wayne has 14 firefighters and they're looking to hire a handful more, but the only problem is they're not getting people in the door. It's also not a problem unique to the city, it's happening across metro Detroit. Andrew Stager is a captain in the city of Wayne Fire Department, and he has been a firefighter for more than 20 years. He said the job isn't about just fighting fires now, the job duties have changed. "We're doing fire prevention, fire inspections, going out to schools, teaching kids fire safety," Stager said. Other duties include EMS, but recently, Stager said it's been hard getting people to apply. "There are openings out there," he said. Wayne has four open positions. Other cities have more. Southgate has five positions open, Hamtramck has four, Redford Township**

has four, and Farmington Hills has nine. The reason? Fire chiefs say the training is rigorous and getting a paramedic license takes well over a year, and that doesn't include the firefighter academy. "All cities are struggling with hiring," Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. Other departments have had to adjust. West Bloomfield Township is now hiring people who have their paramedic license and are willing to go through the fire academy. In Wayne, they've lowered their hiring standards. Now, they're taking people who have fire training along with a basic EMS license instead of a paramedic. "We actually see more fires than we see more EMS runs," Stager said. "It's not getting lower, it's getting higher and we have to respond."

Chief Strelchuk's Monthly Review Raises Questions from Board of Trustees.

Chief Paul Strelchuk gave a 15 slide Powerpoint presentation titled "Year to date update – October 22, 2018" at the 10/23 Board Meeting. The complete 32 minute presentation, including Board comments and question can be seen at chapter 11 of the videotape. The slides he used can be seen in the board packet pages 61-75.

The Board's response could be best summarized in Trustee Robin Buxar's opening comment, ***"This isn't exactly what I was looking for in a fire department report."*** She and other Board members went on to detail problems that the fire department has brought up repeatedly without offering much of a status report on what actions they are taking. They also cited questions they have asked repeatedly with no answer. Trustee Mangiapane was complimentary about skill and good equipment she saw when volunteering to be a rescue guinea pig at the Blossom Ridge training.

Fire on Becker Drive Causes Firefighter Lost-work Injury.

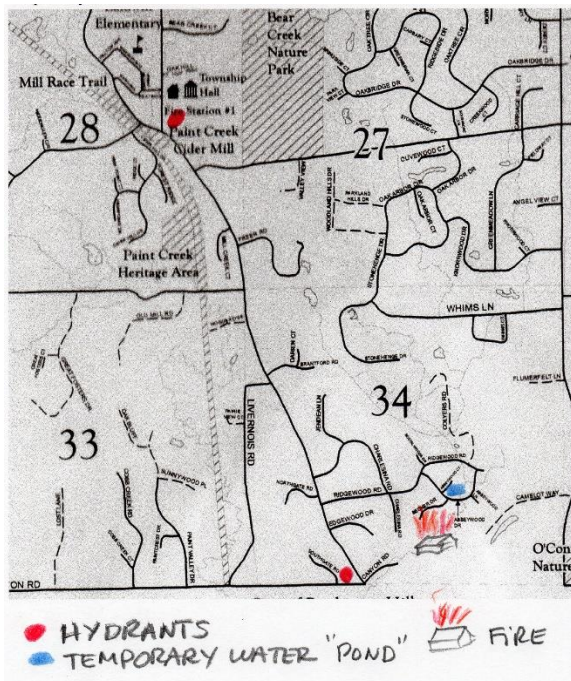
Fulltime firefighter/paramedic Scott Rosati suffered a hip joint injury that will require surgery and have him out of work for about 6-8 months. After entering the house alone to search for a missing resident he pulled 800 feet of very heavy hose back down Becker Drive to reach the water tank (think above-ground swimming pool) that was to be set up at corner of Becker and Abbeywood Drive. He lost footing and twisted his hip. Due to no hydrants in the neighborhood, 250,000 gallons of water had to be shuttled via nine tankers from hydrants at Collins and Orion to this water tank. When this hydrant, supplied by a well, proved to have inadequate flow,

Assistant Chief Lou Danek switched the water source to Rochester City Water at southwest corner of Dutton and Orion (See map below)

According to a resident retired firefighter, if adequate manpower is on the scene, the firefighters stop and tie the hose to a tree or similar item and drive forward to play out the hose. Scott entered the burning house to look for a missing woman without the required (MIOSHA 74 and 29CFR1910.134(g)4.) partner to accompany him inside or two person rescue team outside as back-up. The woman was later found safe outside. Scott worked on the fire for 4 more hours after the August 2, 1:58 AM alarm.

The house, last sold in 2002 for \$865,000, was a total loss. None of the 6 residents were injured. Firefighters from 8 other communities eventually assisted. A problem with the county-owned pager system meant that OTFD paid-on-call volunteers (they are not actually On-Call) and other OTFD personnel were not alerted by this system. Our Chief did not arrive until 56 minutes after the alarm. Shannon from Paint Creek Market brought food and drinks to the site.

Map of hydrant locations, water “pond”, and fire



5785 Becker Drive after the 8/2 fire



The cause is classified as undetermined and accidental. However Chief Strelchuk suspects squirrels chewing wires in the attic. Residents told police they smelled smoke around 11PM, investigated and concluded it was a neighbor barbecuing. Smoke alarms awakened them at about 1:45AM and they evacuated and called 911. First on the scene was a Sheriff's Deputy.

We solicited comments from Chief Strelchuk and Firefighter / Paramedic Scot Rosati on this article. Comments received were:

Chief Strelchuk: *“NFPA also allows us to make entries without 2 outside on standby if we think we can make a rescue of a person or if we think it's possible to extinguish the fire*

Fire Department Practices Blossom Ridge Rescues



(Photo by Trustee Frank Ferriolo)

On Wednesday, October 10, Oakland Township Fire Department practiced rescue of residents from balconies in daytime and nighttime. Blossom Ridge is the first multistory assisted living facility in Oakland Township. Trustee Lana Mangiapane volunteered to be a “guinea pig” for a practice rescue using the sling shown in this photo during the evening (8:30 PM) practice session. To see more photos of the daytime event by Trustee Ferriolo use this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/p35fmd4dmFQEhfXG7>

Chief Strelchuk made this comment via email *“...we are getting our department ready for the open of Blossom Ridge. We have already had our neighboring departments in and did a walk through the main building. We are working on policies and hands on training because Blossom Ridge brings some special demands on our department.*

Fire Department Open House

A fire department open house was held on October 6, 2018 at Station 2. This is an annual event held the first week in October

The Township Board approves Truck and Snowplows for OTFD

Supervisor Bailey, former automotive suspension engineer, questioned whether Z-Bart might extend the life of the truck. Chief Strelchuk said he thought outside storage was the main problem.

1. 2019 GMC Sierra 3500 HD four-wheel-drive crew cab with plow. This unit will replace our utility 2 that has 69,700 miles and is rusted out very badly. This unit is budgeted for the amount of 45,000.00 and would come out of account 206-901-981.338 price for this pickup is from the Oakland County bid, the total is \$34,698.00.

2. V snowplows. These are also budgeted for this year. 1 plow for this new utility and a second to be installed on the maintenance pickup that Lou uses. The plows are \$5,435.00 ea for a total of \$10,870.00.

Historic District Commission

The Outhouse Grand Opening was a Success!



HDC Chairman David Phillips, HDC Secretary John Sanderson, OTHS Director Tom Asmus, HDC Commissioner Bob Bowen grand opening of the CLF outhouse. October 2018

“Down on the Farm” was held October 6th 11AM -2 PM at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District on Predmore Road. Rain marred the first two hours. Photos of this event can be seen in the HDC 10/17/18 meeting packet pages 17-20

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/461282795.pdf>

At the HDC 10/17/18 meeting commissioners made a plan to individually rank next year’s possible projects list for review at the November meeting. The total list can be seen in the board packet, pages 21-25

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/461282795.pdf>

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to yagerra@comcast.net

Pit Bull Dangers

Dear Elected Officials and others:

I am forwarding a media release from the "National Pit Bull Victim Awareness" regarding

(Editors note, link to release:

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/media-release-national-pit-bull-victim-awareness-2018.pdf>)

National Pit Bull Victim Awareness Day, October 27, 2018. Please look over the information provided in the attachment. It includes facts about pit bull attacks as well as links to peer reviewed medical studies regarding pit bull attacks. I hope you acknowledge this important Victims Awareness Day.

You should be aware that pit bull attacks have been escalating in Michigan and across the nation.

As a pet owner, dog lover, retired animal control officer and founder of a non-profit animal rescue, I am very concerned about public safety and the pandemic of attacks that have caused devastating physical and emotional trauma to countless pets and people. I know people whose children have been fatally mauled and who were traumatized by a severe pit bull attack requiring years of reconstructive surgeries. It is horrific and traumatizing for these families. I know people whose beloved pets were attacked by pit bulls and some whose pets were mauled to death by a neighbor's pit bull. The victims and their families experience profound PTSD. I want to shed light on how often these attacks occur and hope that you will recognize National Pit Bull VICTIMS Awareness Day this October 27, 2018.

I am concerned that taxpayer funded animal shelters as well as unregulated animal rescues are adopting out dangerous pit bulls and compromising public safety. People need to know facts and what the data proves about pit bulls propensity for unpredictable, explosive aggression. Shelters and rescues are promoting misinformation about pit bulls, i.e., that they are "nanny dogs" that are gentle with children or that "it's how you raise/train them" that predicts pit bulls behavior as opposed to explaining the science of selective breeding and genetics, (i.e., border collies were bred to herd, labradors to retrieve game in water, bloodhounds to scent/track...pit bulls were bred to fight other dogs to death in a pit). No one can rehabilitate, train or love genetics out of any dog. Misinformation about pit bulls is getting children mauled and some fatally. The truth is that Pit Bulls are the #1 canine killer of people, pet and livestock every year and by a wide margin. As an example of a potentially dangerous dog for adoption, see "Winnie", a dog which was returned to taxpayer funded Oakland County Animal Shelter for biting her owner as well as being territorial and animal aggressive. "Bob" bit his owner and KILLED a cat. Several other bite case dogs were also available at OCAC when I toured the new \$15M shelter. **The top priority of a public shelter funded through taxpayer dollars should be ensuring the safety of the public, not ensuring the adoption of dangerous dogs.**

Below are just a few of the pit bull attacks in Michigan. There are many others. This is a very serious issue that gets little coverage. The fad seems to be to promote dangerous pit bull dogs as "safe, family pets". I am disturbed by the misinformation being spread and seeing the carnage that follows. Please help by spreading this information.

Thank you for your attention to this serious issue and for your coverage of National Pit Bull Victims Awareness Day.

Respectfully,
Ann Marie Rogers
4125 Collins
Rochester, MI 48306
248-535-6753



DogsBite.org
@dogsbite

Detroit police chief is fed up with vicious pit bulls. Zings media for polarizing coverage & irrelevant questions [facebook.com/wxyzdetroit/vi...](https://www.facebook.com/wxyzdetroit/vi...)

"Enough is enough. You talk about police officers shooting vicious animals. But we say nothing about these vicious animals who attack children and adults.

When is this going to stop?"

—Detroit Police Chief James Craig

3:41 PM · 17 Jun 17



With regards Sentinel notice of 10/16 water meeting

Thank you Mr. Yager for the notice of the meeting.

I find it very disheartening the board members chose to hold the meeting at an inconvenient time and a day when meetings are usually not scheduled.

If it was not for your notice this may of escaped my attention.

Thank you again,
(name withheld)

With regards Sentinel notice of 10/16 water meeting cancellation

Hello Bob:

Any idea when the meeting about the water storage facilities will be? Obviously, it is not tonight.

(name withheld)

Library Board

Township Board of Trustees Takes No Action on Library Board Request for Help.

The Board of Trustees took no action at their 10/23 meeting on a request from our elected, unpaid, Oakland Township Library Board (OTLB) to support them by sending a resolution to our Michigan State Legislators. The detailed proposed draft resolution was approved by OTLB by a 6/1 vote at their last meeting. OTLB Board member Andrew Parker voted NO, saying it essentially was too trivial to bother legislators with. The draft requests revision of a quirk in the 1980-amended Act 164 of 1877 state library law that denies OTLB the legal right to a voting seat or seats on the Rochester Hills Public Library Board (RHPLB).

OTLB contracts with Rochester Public Hills Public Library to provide services to us. Our 2017 taxes of \$780,000 provided about 20% of the total budget for RHPL. OTLB president Michael Tyler expressed the view that it is right to take preventive action and have a seat on the RHPLB, in case of future problems. For example, the OTLB member on RHPLB could participate in closed session evaluations of the Library Manager. He also made a comparison to OPC, where we do have a voting seat on the Board. OTLB member Dr. Henry Carels said RHPLB welcomed the idea.

Trustee Frank Ferriolo felt it was not necessary and objected to the phrase “taxation without representation” in the proposed resolution. He also said as contract holders if we are ever dissatisfied we have other options. Tyler said, in effect, the “Nuclear Option” of quitting RHPL was not tenable. Treasurer Langlois felt it was proper for the elected Library Board to pursue this and the Board of Trustees should not get involved. She also asked if the seated member would require OTLB approval to vote and how that would work, logistically. Dr. Henry Carels, said he was unable to get any of the legislators he contacted to answer emails or phone calls on this issue. Trustee Mangiapane supported OTLB’s resolution but made no motion to that effect. Residents Reg Brown and John Markel supported the OTLB request during public comment.

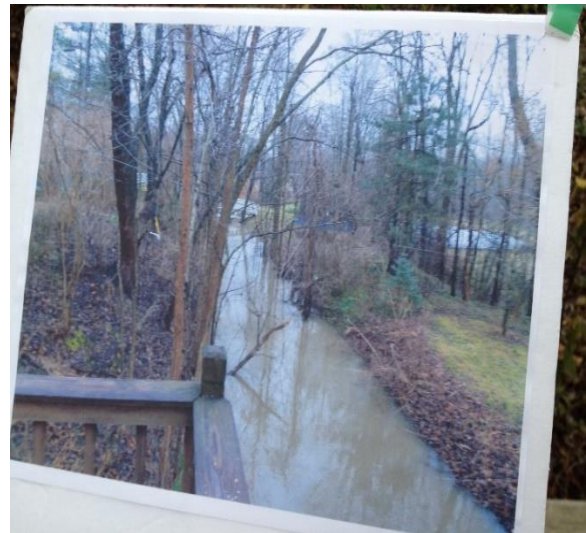
Information about our unpaid township library board can be seen at this link:
http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/library_board/index.php

Millrace

At the 10/9/2018 Board of Trustees meeting, resident Greg Olson (who with wife Jan, lives on Orion Road along the millrace) expressed hope that the Board would move forward with spending \$1800 to hear the PEA plan to restore water to the millrace. He was supported by comments from resident John Markel. Their complete comments can be seen at Chapter 4 of the 10/9/2018 meeting video on the Township Website



The former dam, removed in 2011



**View of millrace from Olson's back deck
when dam was in place**

Paint Creek Mill

Plantings & Stone Benches Approved & Installed

By a 3/2 vote, The Township Board of Trustees at the 10/9/2018 meeting approved an up to \$12,000 proposal from Sherwood Forest Nursery for plantings and stone benches near the new sidewalk. The proposal was presented by Lou Danek who has a split Facilities Technician (75%) / Assistant Fire Chief (25%) assignment. Voting NO were Ferriolo and Mangiapane, who questioned the plant prices and suggested we should wait until spring and solicit bids. Reilly and Giannangeli were absent. Ferriolo said he checked plant prices and found them high. Danek and Langlois checked prices and found them reasonable. They also cited past very good performance with this local supplier.

Resident John Markel expressed the opinion that a bidding process should be used. He also questioned if the boulders planned were safely outside the road right-of-way; and if not, they could cause a hazard and liability. He suggested consulting with the Township Attorney. The entire 22 minute discussion can be seen at Chapter 6 of the 10/8/2018 meeting video.

The plantings were completed later that week. Below are photos taken 10/23/18. Resident Greg Olson, who along with wife Jan, owns the little yellow house diagonally across from the Mill, commented at 10/23 Board meeting about how nice a job this was.



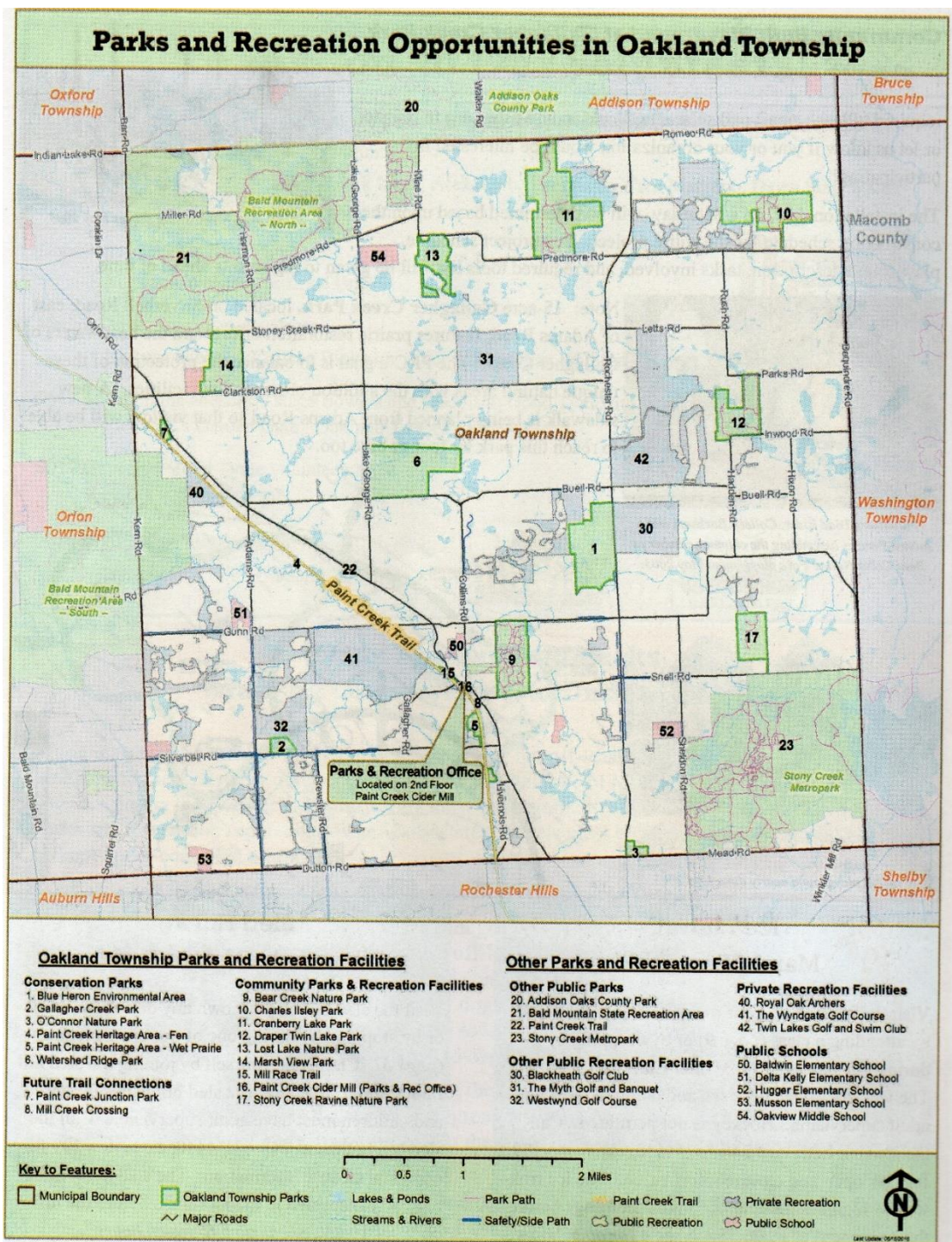
One of two stone benches



Walk to rear deck

Parks and Recreation

(See map below for location of parks.)

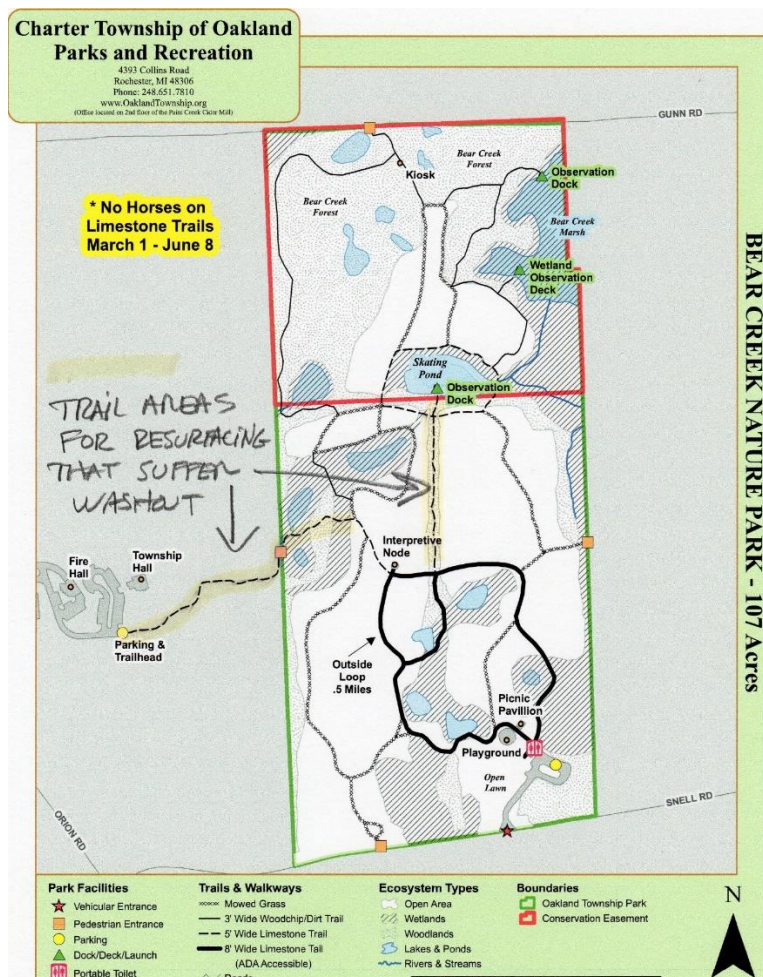


Bear Creek Nature Park (Snell Rd. – #9 on map)

Trail Resurfacing Discussion

At 10/10/2018 PRC meeting there was discussion to consider resurfacing and possible drainage improvements to the two steep trails. Consultants (Mannik-Smith Group) provided a rough estimate of \$20,000 for survey, design and construction engineering and an \$180,000 estimate for construction. Both trails suffer frequent wash-outs of limestone due to rain which requires frequent maintenance labor to refill. Parks Director Milos-Dale will consider various lower cost options and return to PRC. Parks Foreman Doug Caruso thought he could handle construction and provide considerable savings. Some Commissioners with farm experience thought the drainage should not need expensive professional engineering design. See the full 33 minute discussion at Chapter 13 of the meeting video.

<http://www.manniksmithgroup.com/services/all-services>



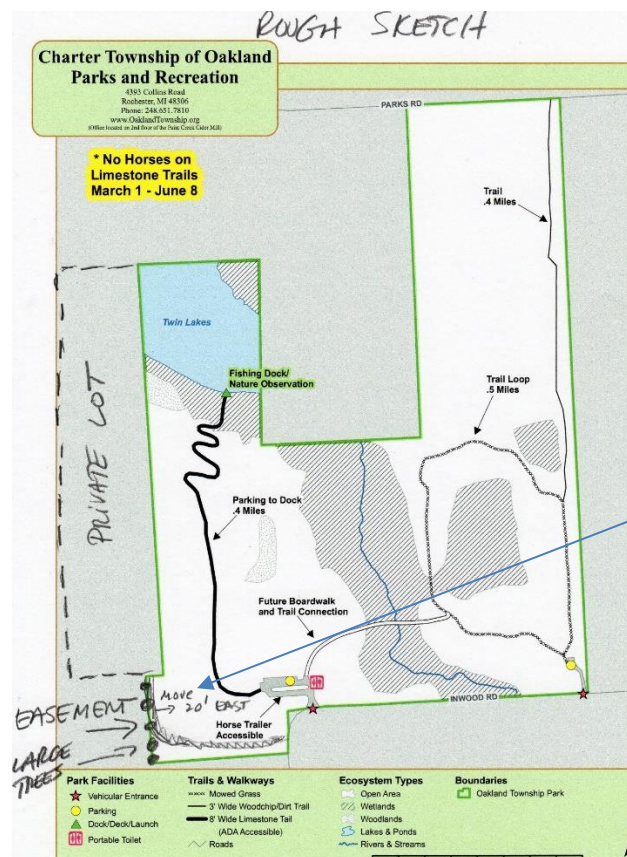
Draper Twin Lake Park (Inwood Road - #12 on map)

Easement Relocation

On 10/23/2018 the Board of Trustees approved the PRC Commissioners recommendation to move an existing legal easement 20 feet east to allow better access

to a landlocked property along the west side of the park. This would allow the property owner better access by large construction vehicles for his new home construction.

Oakland Township benefits, as this will protect large walnut trees on the park property line that might suffer root damage under the current easement arrangement. The 1971 easement existed before the township owned the park property. See map and photo



Gallagher Creek Park (Silverbell Rd. - #2 on map)

People seem to like the new play equipment; one questions sidewalk safety

Playground equipment has been installed at this park. PRC members and Director Mindy Milos Dale have talked to park users in the park and received positive comments. People with children from the local area like the park play equipment with dual features (for example, slide down the slide next to your toddler). Unsolicited positive comments were also made to Commissioner Van Agen about

Gallagher Creek as he manned the zip line at Goodison Good Tyme on 9/15.

The Safety Path and Trails Committee provided a sidewalk from northeast corner of the Adams/Silverbell intersection to this park. To avoid the expense of a boardwalk/bridge across Gallagher Creek

and adjacent wetlands the sidewalk was placed very close to Silverbell Road (Speed limit 50 MPH) at one point. At a recent Monday Officer Office Hours session a resident expressed concern that the sidewalk was unsafely close to Silverbell and suggested a barricade. (See photo below showing proximity to Silverbell.)



Sidewalk leading from Adams / Silverbell to Gallagher Creek Park, where it crosses Gallagher Creek. Car is on Silverbell heading towards Adams.

Land Preservation

Ballot issue 11/6 Election

The information below is from Parks Director Mindy Milos Dale

“The information below concerns the Oakland Township Land Preservation Millage Renewal Proposal that is on the November 6, 2018 Ballot.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation and Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs have created the attached informational documents: (1) Millage Renewal Questions and Answers, (2) Timeline of Land Preservation Millage Accomplishments, and (3) Map of Recreational Land in Oakland Township.

https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/otnewsletter_fa112018centerpullout.pdf

https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/ot_landpreservationtimeline.pdf

https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/recreationlandacreage_8_5x11.pdf

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation has also created a story map, which is an engaging way to learn more about the Land Preservation Millage while enjoying beautiful pictures of Oakland Township park natural areas. You can even compare 1940s aerial photographs with today in an interactive map! Click this link to view the story map: <http://bit.ly/2ybHcVs>

What is the purpose of the proposed Land Preservation Millage renewal?

To continue to finance the acquisition and preservation of open green spaces within Oakland Township. The green spaces acquired with millage monies are representative of the natural and rural history of our Township and are permanently protected from residential or commercial development.

How will the Land Preservation ballot question be worded?

“Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew a levy of up to 0.6310 of one mill for a period of ten (10) years starting with the December 2021 levy for the purpose of continuing to provide funds and financing for the timely acquisition of land, the protection of natural habitat, and the preservation of green spaces within the Township? Approval of this proposal would renew the previously authorized tax limitation increase of

approximately 63 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. Revenue from the levy renewal shall be disbursed to the Charter Township of Oakland. Based upon the projected 2021 Township wide taxable value, it is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect up to \$924,318 of revenue in the first year (2021) if this millage renewal is authorized and levied."

Will voting 'yes' on this millage renewal increase taxes?

A 'yes' vote will NOT increase the tax rate of Township property owners beyond its current level. A 'yes' vote will extend the time period of the authorized millage. The annual roll-back required by the Headlee Amendment would continue after the approval of this millage renewal. For example, this millage was initially approved in 2001 at .75 of one mill, renewed in 2006 at .6916 of one mill and the current proposal is for .6310 of one mill.

If approved, what would be the estimated cost to property owners of the millage renewal, starting in 2021?

\$100,000 home: Taxable Value \$50,000 = \$31.55/year or \$2.63/month

\$250,000 home: Taxable Value \$125,000 = \$78.88/year or \$6.57/month

\$500,000 home: Taxable Value \$250,000 = \$157.75/year or \$13.15/month

What amount of public parkland is there in Oakland Township?

As shown on the attached map from Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs:

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/recreationland-acreage-8-5x11.pdf>

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation System: 16 parks totaling 1104.4 acres or 4.7% of Oakland Township Lands

Other public parkland: 4 parks totaling 3078.6 acres or 13.1 % of Oakland Township Lands

Natural Areas Notebook

*Here is the latest post on Dr. Ben's **Natural Areas Notebook** website:*

<https://oaklandnaturalareas.com/2018/10/26/hunters-of-the-sky-program-with-live-raptors-november-2/>

Parks and Recreation Background info

- See the current (Fall 2018) newsletter for recreational activities you and/or kids can sign up for
http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/parks_and_recreation/docs/Oakland%20Township%20Parks%20and%20Recreation%202018%20Fall%20Newsletter.pdf
- Browse the Parks and Recreation website for much info on each park, including detailed trail maps, etc.
http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/parks_and_recreation/index.php
- See the Master Plans for details of purposes of each park and long term views of use and facilities. (These open slowly!)
 - Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan February 2010.
 - <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/213956369.pdf>
 - Parks and Recreation Land Preservation Master Plan 2015-2019
 - <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/344892757.pdf>

Planning Commission

The regular meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday 10/2/2018, 7 PM was cancelled.

Veterans

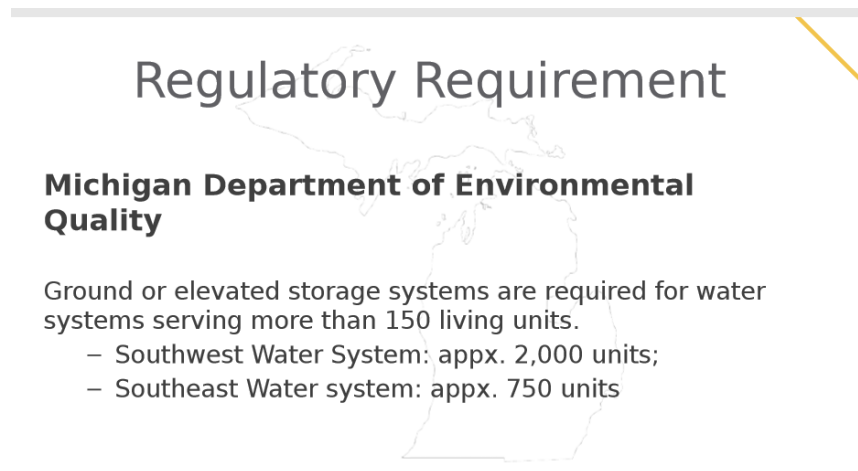
Veteran's Day Ceremony in Oakland Township

The following message from Township Manager Dale Stuart in his report to the Board 10/23.

“The Veterans Tribute of Oakland Township will hold a Veteran’s Day Open House and ceremony on Sunday, November 11th, 2018. The Open House runs from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. A short ceremony will begin at 10:55am. The ceremony will include a blessing, a guest

speaker, patriotic music/singing, and a Moment of Silence at 11:00 am sharp to mark the month-date-hour that the 'guns fell silent on the Western Front' at 11:00 am on November 11th, 1918. Hotdogs & light refreshments will be served; donations are welcome. The VTOT Board Members and local Veterans will be there to provide guided tours of the site as well as some history of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are honored at the site. Come out to see the site and see the names of the 108 new engraved pavers that will be installed prior to Veterans Day. Join your neighbors in honoring our Veterans, and learn how you can order a paver to honor a Veteran or to support the Tribute!" □

Water (for Drinking)



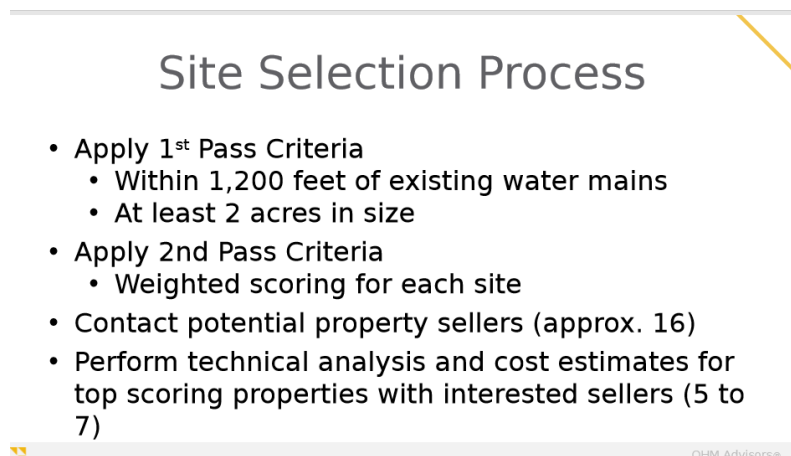
Regulatory Requirement

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Ground or elevated storage systems are required for water systems serving more than 150 living units.

- Southwest Water System: appx. 2,000 units;
- Southeast Water system: appx. 750 units

OHM representative Matt Kennedy reviewed the decision analysis process that his firm used to identify 50 possible sites for EPA required water storage tanks and reduce the list to 7 top properties. His slides tell the story best. Using their first pass criteria or “musts” the list was reduced from 50 to 14.



Site Selection Process

- Apply 1st Pass Criteria
 - Within 1,200 feet of existing water mains
 - At least 2 acres in size
- Apply 2nd Pass Criteria
 - Weighted scoring for each site
- Contact potential property sellers (approx. 16)
- Perform technical analysis and cost estimates for top scoring properties with interested sellers (5 to 7)

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Scoring against eight weighted 2nd pass criteria (wants) gave a ranking for the 14. Total scores were from 27 to 12.

2nd Pass Criteria

- Ownership Type: Public/Private
- Parcel Size
- Compatibility with future treatment
- Visibility
- Proximity to Homes
- Environmental Factors
- Wetland / Hydric soils
- Constructability

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Next Steps

- Negotiate terms with property owners that have expressed interest in working with the Township
- Finalize technical analysis and cost-benefit analysis
- Present recommendations to Board of Trustees for decision

Water – Stormwater and Wastewater

SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater) Grant Plan Moving Forward

Explanation of SAW grants From WRC website: <https://www.oakgov.com/water/Pages/SAW-Grants.aspx>

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has established a Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater Grant (SAW Grant) program. The SAW Grant program is designed to help communities develop an asset management program for stormwater and wastewater collection systems. An asset management program will allow a community to plan for future capital improvement projects, identify critical assets and recognize problem areas before they become emergencies. Full reports are available for viewing in person upon request. If you have any questions please contact Carrie Cox at 1-248-858-0958.

The Township has a grant of about \$193,500 and will provide about \$21,500 in 10% matching funds. As the result of an 82 minute discussion the board decided to modify the previously determined (July 24, 2018) scope of work to include recently identified study subjects and subtract others as seen on this slide presented by Paul Renschler of ASTI Environmental.

Stormwater SAW Grant

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK

Add

- Focused flooding/water quality plans for Canyon Road & Bear Creek (PEA)
- Reimburse previous Mill Race sediment sampling but no added sampling
- Rely upon Oakland County inspections of Chapter 18 detention systems

Reduce

- Limit grant detention inspections to older non-Ch. 18 drains (OHM)
- Reduce green infrastructure concepts to Twp Hall & Cider Mill/Mill Race (ASTI)
- Reduce budget allocation for project management & MDEQ reporting (ASTI)



Bear Creek (PEA) on the above slide means flooding of Collins Rd. and Paint Creek Mill in Goodison. It does not mean to study flooding of Bear Creek Court, which has been prevented by Bear Creek Homeowners Association preventive clean-up of Bear Creek.

Several residents told the Board of actions taken in their subs to control flooding at their own initiative and expense. Bev Pears – Bear Creek Subdivision, Michael Tyler- Oak Arbor Drain Association, Rich Bosler – Crossings.

Zoning Board of Appeals

There is a vacancy on the powerful ZBA. ZBA decisions are final within the Township and can only be overturned in court. Use the application at this link on the township website to apply for this assignment

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/community_info/docs/BOARDS_AND_COMMISSION_APPLICATION.pdf

The regular monthly meeting scheduled for October 16, 2018 was cancelled.

According to draft minutes on the Township website, the last meeting of the ZBA was on April 17, 2018 to approve a variance for a deck location.

***“ZBA 18-01 - David & Shannon Sokol: Request for a 12’ rear yard variance to permit a deck.
Property Address: 3540 S. Century Oaks Cir.***

General Location: Century Oaks Subdivision – North off Gunn Rd. between Kern & Adams Rds.; Section 19”