

## Managers Report, February 2016

### Parks and Recreation

There is a lot going on with Parks and Recreation. First, we are in the final stages of completing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Once complete, that will be submitted to DNR and if approved, we are planning on applying for a land acquisition grant through the Natural Resources Trust fund for the development of the Seven Mile Preserve. As the Parks and Recreation Commission does not have any funds, there will need to be a board approval of a grant application, as there is a match required. Also, the board would need to approve a contract with OHM, who would be assisting us with the grant application and required site planning / engineering associated. I am just providing an outline of what I am working on, and any of the grant proposals / contracts will be vetted through the Parks and Recreation Commission as well.

### Whitmore Lake SAD

On the agenda tonight is the awarding of the bids and construction contracts for the Whitmore Lake SAD. We are one step closer to construction.

### Board Room Construction

As you can see, construction has begun upstairs. Once the doors are installed, we will then be working on some of the HVAC improvements, followed by painting, lighting and carpeting; in that order. I will keep you all updated on the progress.

### Downtown Planning Group

Barb Griffith and I met recently to discuss the formation of the Downtown Planning Group. We are working on getting this group up and running by next month. I will keep you updated of our progress.

### DDA

I have been working quite extensively with the DDA to capitalize on a section of the DDA statute that allows for additional liquor licenses. The DDA believes, and I concur, that liquor licenses that can be distributed at below market rates can be a valuable incentive for Downtown Redevelopment. Another area that I am currently investigating on the Redevelopment front is the use of Crowd funding platforms for downtown revitalization efforts. I will keep everyone posted if this becomes a viable model.

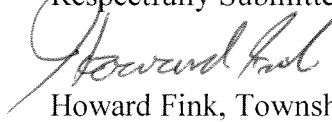
### Arvin Sango

We continue to work diligently to ensure that Arvin Sango has all the necessary information to complete their analysis on locating a facility in Northfield Township. We have received word that they are planning on moving forward, but in the nature of site location decisions, that can turn on a dime. Essentially, whatever they need; information, process, etc; we will get it to them as fast as possible. While we are pleased they are still moving forward with the site, it is not a done deal until I see a shovel in the ground.

### Emails

Many of you have expressed great frustration with the Counties email service, and I share in that frustration. Well, it will soon be resolved, as the county will be requiring us to go out on our own. Microsoft is requiring that each email address be registered, and as such, the county would then have to pay for each of our email addresses. We are the largest user of emails (outside of the counties own emails), that they support, and obviously are unwilling to pay for each user. I have done a good deal of research and will be making a switch soon. As you may remember, we were going to make the switch 6 or so months ago, but the county made it an all or nothing proposition (either migrate everyone – or no one). Due to cost, we chose to stay put. Now, we will need to absorb the cost, regardless.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard Fink".

Howard Fink, Township Manager