

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE*
ST JAMES TOWNSHIP, BEAVER ISLAND, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2017 @ 5:30PM @ GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

Present: Committee Members K McNamara, J Powers, T Martin. Community member Bobbi Welke

Minutes: Approved Minutes of October 4, 2017 Meeting

S Curve Donegal Bay Road:

The committee review CCRC engineer documents (Attached) and discussed straightening of the 'S' Curve on Donegal Bay Road.

Concerns:

- Further clearing of the shoulder on the east side of DBR between the Campground road and the bend would improve visibility at S Curve
- Rerouting Indian Point Road on attached document was more involved than anticipated
- Public Input has been received supporting and opposing the change in roadway
- Concern about sharp turns on other township roadways, specifically Carlisle Road, was mentioned

Consensus:

- Before a final decision about straightening the road is made, McNamara will clarify with Gillespie Enterprises their offer to remove trees and cut the path for nothing.
- McNamara to request that CCRC engineer Vanek seek a road safety audit by Gaylord MDOT traffic engineer to better inform the committee of potential safety issues with township roads.
- Township should also request a culvert inventory.
- McNamara to request the CCRC put up signs on Carlisle Road identifying steep grade and curve
- McNamara to contact property owner about trimming pines at NW corner of Forrest Drive (Donegal Bay Road) and King's Highway for better visibility

Other business as may come before the committee:

McNamara shared Draft Policy – Seasonal Dock Slip Availability; for decision-making at the December 6, 2017 meeting.

Next Regular Meeting Time: December 6, 2017 @ 5:00

*Public Works Committee established by Township Board on 12.7.2016 with following board members appointed: Supervisor McNamara, Trustee Powers and Trustee Martin.