

July 07, 2020

1. Meeting with residents of 147th, Glenn Drive, and Bayview Court in regards to maintenance of 147th following sewer project.
2. Members present: Deer, Nieuwenhuis, Bultsma
3. Members absent: Bonnema, Hooker, Roels, Post
4. Also present: Brandon Mieras, Steve Wolbrink
5. Mieras showed a video that he took prior to the start of the sewer project on Glenn Drive and said that there are 7 areas that need patching. He gave some cost estimates for patching. He felt that 2 of the areas were worsened by the sewer project and that the township might need to do some repair there.
6. The following were comments made by those in attendance:
 - a. Scooters could ride the road before and now they can't.
 - b. Big trucks drove into yard as they met oncoming traffic.
 - c. Feels road is destroyed and should be repaved.
 - d. They have never spent more than 2 thousand dollars per year on maintenance
 - e. 147th should be called a driveway, not a road
 - f. It is not made as a road for big trucks.
 - g. 2 new homes have been built there in last 14 years.
 - h. Don't think the frost laws were off when project was going on this spring.
 - i. Need more bids and opinions.
 - j. Eric VanderKam wanted the minutes to reflect that there had been no consideration or permission from the residents on 147th when the sewer project was being planned.
 - k. Judge Beach said years ago that no one had title to the road and could not stop people from using the road.
 - l. When asked if it is an issue for Glenn Drive residents to use 147th, the answer was no.
 - m. The road is now in about year 21 of a 20-year road life expectancy.
 - n. The road is probably a 3 or 4 on the passer scale.
7. Jeremy Mertz, Barb and Randy Haagsman and Jack Scheffler volunteered to serve on a sub committee to look at options for repair/replace of the road and what would be a fair amount for all parties involved to contribute. They will meet and report back within 3 weeks.
8. Some of the issues are:
 - a. The approximate cost to patch 7 areas is 14K\$
 - b. Repave all of it at a cost of 55K – 70K
 - c. Rebuild and repave all of it at a cost of 104K – 110K
 - d. The south 18 inches of 147th were reportedly cracked the entire length of it.
 - e. The group spends 1K to 2K per year to patch 147th
 - f. The residents want to repair 147th before winter.
 - g. The road was last repaved about 21 years ago.
 - h. More damage was reportedly done to the road in the spring of 2020
9. Action items include:
 - a. Mieras will provide a link to his pre-construction videos.

- b. Mieras will determine when heavy equipment was first brought in on 147th in 2020. Before or after road weight limits?
- c. Subsequent to the meeting, it was requested that Mieras mark the areas that he thought needed to be repaired.

10. Meeting adjourned.

Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis

Leighton Twp. Clerk

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