

Road Plan Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2009  
5:00 PM  
5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690

Call to Order by Chairman Miller at 5:01 PM.

Members Present: Zakrajsek, Miller, Schafer, Halstead, Stites, Harshfield

Members Absent: Savage

Also attending: Meyers

General Discussion:

- Miller stated that he had asked November 5, 2009 for traffic counts from GTCRC on as many roads within the Township as possible. On November 6, 2009 the GTCRC installed counters on Angell, Williamsburg, Cook, Skegemog Point, and Elk Lake Roads. The information was provided to the Township this afternoon and would be distributed to members prior to their next meeting.
- John Rogers of GTCRC has asked Miller to consider the committee addressing the issue of maintenance of Baggs Road north of M-72. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed in January.
- Miller also stated that he has requested that a presentation be made to the committee by Mary Gillis, Manager of GTCRC regarding exactly how roads are funded throughout the Township and County. It was agreed that the topic would be a priority for early January.

Business:

1. Review of County Road Millage Proposal –Township List of Road Priorities:

Meyers reviewed her memo dated November 4, 2009, which provided an overview of millage information and clarification of local road distinction. Highlights as follows:

- 1 Mill for Whitewater Township generates approximately \$180,000 (therefore, 1 mill for four years would generate approximately \$720,000).
- The total estimated cost for all roads rated in the Township is \$1,204,920 for the primary roads and \$2,321,347 for the local roads for a grand total of \$3,526,267.
- The allocation of funds calls for 75% delegated to local roads and 25% to primary roads.
- The County utilizes the term “local” road very generically. For the purposes of the sub-committee’s review of priorities, “local” has been further subdivided –
- Collectors: Collectors serve to assemble traffic from subdivisions and other types of residential neighborhoods and deliver the traffic to primary (a.k.a. arterials) roads.
- Local Streets: Local streets provide access between land and the adjacent street system.

After discussion of the information and internal re-classification of local roads, the committee proposes the following to the Township Board:

### **Primary Roads**

- 1) Williamsburg Road from M-72 to Wheeler Pines
- 2) Elk Lake Road from Park Road to Townline Road
- 3) Williamsburg road from Wheeler Pines to Supply Road

### **Local Roads**

- 1) Park Road (the request also includes that Park be upgraded to a paved surface)
  - 2) Cook Road
  - 3) Old M-72 from Elk Lake road to M-72
  - 4) Ayres Road
  - 5) Skegemog Point Road
2. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2009: Motion by Harshfield, supported by Schafer to approve the minutes of October 27, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
  3. Set Next Meeting Date – The meeting date will be set by Miller for early January 2010 after discussions with Mary Gillis for her presentation on road funding.
  4. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM