

Ed Young Highway Commissioner

MINUTES OF THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE MARCH 6, 2024

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: The Decennial Committee meeting was called to order by Highway Commissioner Ed Young at 3:04pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL: Physically Present: Highway Commissioner Ed Young, Superintendent Marty Srail, Administrative Assistant Sharon Connell. Also present were Trustee Jean Page, Trustee Christy McGovern, Trustee Barry Robinson, Angelo Tomasello, Thomas Ngo, Bob Urgo, Marion Weglarz, and Karl Weber.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Public Comment: Attendees introduced themselves and shared their role in in township government and reasons interested in volunteering for the committee.
- 5. Motion to Approve: Sharon Connell made a motion to approve Angelo Tomasello, Thomas Ngo, Bob Urgo, Marion Weglarz, and Karl Weber to the committee and was seconded by Trustee McGovern. Motion passed by unanimously vote.
- 6. Discussion: There was discussion about asking the Morton Arboretum to inform residents of what chemicals to spray on trees as well as inquiring on how many ponds the township has. The group discussed ways to attract new employees, longevity in the job, and internship possibilities with the local high schools, colleges, U.T.I., and what the committees' objectives should be and long term goals.

Ed introduced Marty Srail who reviewed in detail the following duties of the Road District: snow and ice removal, road salting, parkway tree trimming and removal, street sweeping, culverts, ditching, road patching, mowing, sign maintenance, manholes and storm sewers, speed trailers, landscaping, leaf pick up, sidewalk program, curb replacement, vehicle maintenance, permitting, emergency response, welding, J.U.L.I.E. locates.

Ed shared the township does not have a tree replacement program for the numerous dead and dying trees the Road District has had to remove lately due to their age. Some residents are not happy with the removal. Ed said the Road District is looking into joining a tree consortium. He asked the committee if the Road District should have the responsibility to pay for tree replacement and how might the program or process work. Discussion continued about cost sharing, having conversations with Morton Arboretum, seedling programs and rules on planting.

A question was raised about battery recycling. Trustees McGovern, Page and Robinson shared information about the township's recycling program and Battery Plus recycling programs as well as a sustainable event on March 16th from 9am – noon at Benedictine University who will take in old batteries.

- 7. It was agreed to have the next Decennial Committee meeting Wednesday, March 20th at 3:00pm. Ed mentioned he will share some budget information and financial statements with the group.
- 8. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Robinson. The motion was seconded by Sharon Connell. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Connell Lisle Township Road District Administrative Assistant