

Public Hearing of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, at the St. Joseph County Road Commission office at 20914 M-86, Centreville, MI at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Rodney Chupp, Commissioner Vince Mifsud,
Commissioner Jack Coleman, Commissioner David Miars, Clerk Julie
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Staff Members Present: John Lindsey, Managing Director
Garrett Myland, Assistant Manager/Engineer
Don Preston, Safety Technician

Guests:

Andy Goldberger, President Sauganash CC, 432 Bush Blvd., Three Rivers 269-251-5900,
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Steve Rohrer, 61269 Lutz R.

Dale Lynn Troyer, 60771 Lutz Road, Three Rivers 269-858-5051

Glenn Lovejoy, 16044 Dickinson Road, White Pigeon, 269-358-0036

Jeremiah Christensen, 61484 Lutz Road, Three Rivers, 269-254-7595

John Nelson, 68241 Edgewater Beach, White Pigeon, 269-599-3483

Henry Miller

On Polycom: John Heinline, Lutz Road

Vice Chairman Chupp called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.
Everyone introduced themselves.

Garrett Myland gave a presentation on what the project entailed...cost, why, impact and then would
take questions and comments.

(see attached presentation with details)

Garrett said the reason the project is happening is because it was under designed for the amount of
traffic that is on it. The traffic is very similar to Shimmel Road. The project will make Lutz very similar
to Shimmel when finished. He is attempting to obtain a Grant for the next mile also. There are
Federal funds available in 2026 if we don't receive the Grant. There is 2+ miles left to pave to get to
Featherstone Road. Long term plan is to finish widening Lutz from Featherstone to US12. Guardrails
need to be relaced as ends of current guardrails are noncompliant. We will need to go as far back in
the ROW as possible.

There will be a large amount of trees that need removed to widen the road. Garrett will go over the
tree removal if necessary. The area has already gone through wetland mitigation. Total project will
be a little ove\$1.1M.

Andy Goldberg asked about having to change their greens? Will the sand trap at hole #2 be
impacted?

Garrett said no it won't need to be moved.

Andy Goldberg said the trees along the road actually protects the golfers.

Garrett said the slope with the trees will need to be removed. We are trying to stay within 33'. Tree removal must happen before April due to bats being protected. When the contractor does tree removal they will need to close the road then reopen it. The residents will still have access to their homes.

Henry Miller asked if this will start this winter? YES

Garrett Myland the contractor will be responsible for the clean up. The trees do belong to the property owners. If you have trees that are marketable we can indicate to the contractor so that they can keep the logs large enough. Stumps will be removed.

Henry Miller will the road commission need to ditch it or will it stay the same?

Garrett Myland don't think we need to ditch it, our intention is to minimize the project impacts and be as least intrusive as possible.

Andy Goldberg asked what the estimated timeframe was as the golf course opens April 1. Will traffic be accessible to golf course and Sam's Bar?

Garrett Myland the road will be milled off with deep holes on the side, might be intermittent closures. Depends on which contractor gets the job, but there will always be access for golfers to get to the course.

John Lindsey we went intentionally today after all the rain and don't see any issues with water there.

Lori Crocker asked about drifting once the trees are removed.

John Lindsey said it shouldn't be an issue.

Jeremiah Christensen asked what 6' trenching means?

Garrett Myland said 6' wide and remove 8" of material next to the road, compact it and then put 6" of gravel directly next to existing pavement. Gas company will need to move one line.

Ricardo Miller asked what is going to happen to the material that is cut back

Garrett told him the contractor generally takes it but if you contact the contractor and you want it close to the project they will generally dump it there for you.

John Heinline has a place across the road from Sam's Place and asked how close to his place this would come? He has a bunch of trees/bushes close to the road.

Garrett said we plan to not remove any trees on top of the hill line. The main thing is the large trees that are close to the road. Garrett and John will stop out and meet with him to look things over before the project begins.

Anyone is welcome to meet with Garrett and John about the project either in the office or at their places. Just call the office to set up a time.

Jeremiah Christensen planted 3 new trees about 20' back on Woodland Drive. There's a big tree 6-9' from the road, they don't see any issues with Jeremiha's tree.

Dale Troyer said he has about 50 pine trees that are 10' from ROW, he lives north of Limberlost just past the RR tracks.

Garrett said there are 3 trees by Woodside Lane that will be removed. There are no trees to be removed between the tracks and Limberlost.

Rodney Chupp said there may be trees that are impacted.

Jeremiah Christensen asked if we looked and something had to be removed, what type of reimbursement for new trees?

Garrett Myland said there will be no reimbursement. We have 33' ROW, trying to do the least amount of impact as possible. But there is no compensation.

There is a special type of guardrail that will be embedded into the hill. Don't believe we will need to remove his pine trees but we will look closer when we get the project going.

All mailboxes will be removed and moved back 3' by the contractor.

Garrett said anyone can call with questions.

Jack Coleman asked how Sam's Place would be affected?

Garrett Myland they will be losing 3' of parking lot but the white line will technically still be there but we are not paving the entire parking lot.

Public Hearing closed at 5:40 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Rodney D. Chupp, Vice Chairman

Julie Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board
