

# MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD - WORK SESSION - JOINT MEETING WITH MTBA

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 - 12:30 PM

## MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Solid Waste Authority Financial Audit
2. New Website:
  - a. Easier to navigate and update
  - b. Search function works a lot better
  - c. Take a look at website and let Township know if we have any comments or concerns
3. Community Room:
  - a. Will be eight years old in August 2021
  - b. New updates:
    - i. 100-inch screen
    - ii. In-ceiling projector
    - iii. 82-inch TV
    - iv. Speaker system upgrade
    - v. AV Improvements
  - c. Minor adjustments in rental fee- \$100 for four hours
  - d. Room is not yet available due to covid
  - e. Can only have one rental per day
  - f. Reservations may be booked far in advance
  - g. Alcohol is allowed
  - h. Capacity of room is 175, 50% during covid, so 85
  - i. Existing speakers from board room
  - j. Community room will have their own speakers
4. Senior Day: The board is discussing having a day for Township residents in the future
5. Tiny Homes:
  - a. Special use permits only in any residential zoning district, 400 square feet or less
  - b. 400-1,000 square feet is a single-family dwelling
  - c. The goal for this is to provide housing at all stages of life
  - d. Short term rentals require a special use permit
  - e. There is a high demand for second homes in our area- properties are selling fast
  - f. Ground swell in the UP regarding vacation rentals- legislation would remove manipulations right to regulate them
  - g. Cedar Motor Inn is looking at adding cabins in their back area
6. Water Source:
  - a. Over 50% from the City of Marquette
  - b. Additional wells after current debt is retired (4-5 years)
  - c. Paying off debt as fast as possible
  - d. Agreement with the city for perpetual water
  - e. Discount will go away in 2027 or when the money is used up
  - f. Contract to purchase will remain but discount will go away (.54/1,000 gallons)
  - g. Lynn spoke to Mike Angeli about getting together- will bring up with new city manager

7. Dark Stores: Issue was brought up again and discussed. For more information please contact the MTBA or Marquette Township
8. Road Construction:
  - a. Moving side to side
  - b. Removing curbs on outside lanes
  - c. Progress meeting has not happened
  - d. Weekly meeting is tomorrow, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the Township Hall in person
    - i. Lenny, Jon, and Jason will attend if available
    - ii. Intention- MDOT to get updates from contractor
    - iii. One lane in each direction
    - iv. Turn off lanes are very short
9. Corridor Enhancements:
  - a. MDOT will not allow anything in the median
  - b. 2021 TAP Grant going out to tie-in non-motorized
  - c. DDA's intent is to move East
  - d. Federal lighting cannot be paid for with the State funds
  - e. Maintenance strip cannot be used as non-motorized pathways
  - f. DDA- Commerce to Pizza Hut is the next priority in their master plan (this will allow the ability to get grants)
10. Committee Members: Looking for volunteers
11. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Car show on Father's Day weekend, Community Days, and Christmas Tree Lighting as all a go!
  - b. A lot more openings available in the next year
12. Library: \$223,000
13. Business Update:
  - a. New Township businesses: Discount Tire, Dunham's, \$5 Express Tan, Dunkin' Donuts, North Iron Church (zero taxes), Fish and Wildlife, Restaurant (site plan), and Financial Institution
  - b. Lost Township businesses: American Name Plate and Best Buy