

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF NECESSITY
Silver Lake Corridor Special Assessment
April 15, 2009
7:00 P.M
GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL-MINUTES

Meeting Called to order by Donald Walsworth, Golden Township Supervisor, 7:00pm.

Present: Fuehring, Cargill, Walsworth, Wiegand. Ackley Absent.

Supervisor Walsworth introduced Golden Township Board Members and Project Engineers, Robert Bruggink and Timothy Hoffert.

Robert Bruggink summarized project.

Timothy Hoffert described the project in detail.

- Project originally was one mile. In order for MDOT to help, they requested the Trail be lengthened to two miles so it could be connected to the existing bike trail.
- Reviewed details of project map and properties that would be included. (See Attached)
- Reviewed Project Costs Detail. (See Attached). Total Project Cost is: \$2,010,000.
- Project will begin after Labor Day.
- They will allow access from at least one direction into Silver Lake at all times.

Robert Bruggink described funding for the Project.

- Reviewed \$165,000 Special Assessment Allocation and how it will be divided among Corridor Businesses. (See Attached). \$3000 base assessment for a business and \$1000 base assessment for a vacant lot. Add-on Assessments will be adjusted using the attached Criteria Sheet. Assessments can be paid over a period of twenty years.
- Golden Township to fund additional \$165,000 for Project.
- Remaining costs will be covered by OCRC and grants through MDOT. (See Attached.)
- Introduction of Tom Pelars from Land Matters. Tom will be contacting property owners regarding easements that are necessary for the project.

Public Comment

- Resident questioned whether non-profits would be assessed for the project. Stated that this would be a Board decision, but it was unlikely they would be assessed. Treasurer Cargill stated that the assessment for the requested property would be strictly voluntary.
- Bob Henry, 7990 W. Hazel Rd, Mears spoke in favor of the project.
- Gary Robinson, Co-Chair of Committee to procure park at Silver Lake, spoke in favor of project. Stated it would fit well with the park project his group is working on.
- Pat Brown, property owner spoke against the project. She has concerns regarding how the round-a-bout will work downtown Silver Lake. She also voiced concerns related to spending money on this project when other township roads and county roads are just as bad, or worse. In addition, she questioned what would happen to the ditches near the curve in Silver Lake. Engineers stated they would work around the ditches and not block any of them off.

-Leo Terryn questioned which side of the road the trail would go on in the downtown Silver Lake area. Parking for his business may be affected if the trail is on the south side of the road. Timothy stated it shouldn't affect his parking, but they would like to meet with him to get his input. Also expressed concerns regarding round-a-bout and trucks with trailers being able to maneuver through Silver Lake.

-Alan Matcheske, Lot 37, Adelia Beach, questioned whether his residence would be assessed because his property was in the described area. Treasurer Cargill stated he would not be assessed.

-Susan Sunchasers questioned whether road project and sewer project could go together. Robert stated this would not be possible at this time because of funding.

Robert recommended referring specific questions regarding the road project to Timothy after the meeting.

Board Decision

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SILVER LAKE ROAD CORRIDOR TRAIL

The Township Board, having scheduled a hearing on this the Fifteenth day of April, 2009 at 7:00pm in the offices of the Township of Golden at 5527 W Fox Road in Mears, Michigan, after having given published notice and delivered notice via first-class mail as required by Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, to hear all interested parties, whether record owners or parties with interest in property to be assessed, to review all evidence, and to hear and consider all objections to the Petition for the improvement of the Silver Lake Road Corridor Trail (the "Project"), received and accepted by the Board on March 10, 2009, which initiated these proceedings:

NOW, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Board finds that the proposed improvements set forth as the Silver Lake Road Corridor Trail Project are necessary and in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Golden Township, and that the completion of the proposed improvements are approved.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the plans and estimates of cost of the Project as originally presented or as revised, corrected, amended or changed are hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition which initiated this Silver Lake Road Corridor Trail Project is determined to be sufficient, including, but not limited to, all requirements, including the fifty percent requirement, contained in Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that existence of the Silver Lake Road Corridor Trail Special Assessment District is approved, and that the boundaries of the District are adopted as set forth on the map attached hereto and are described more particularly as follows:

Commercial property, vacant property, and property containing advertised business which abuts on the trail and more particularly described as all those parcels fronting on Silver Lake Road from the State Park boundary to Hazel Road; and also on Hazel Road from Silver Lake shoreline to 34th Avenue; and also on 34th Avenue from Hazel Road to a point approximately 1320 feet north of Taylor Road as represented on the district map.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of the existence of the District shall continue for a period of 20 years.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that cost of the project may be re-determined at such dates and times as the Township Board may set in the future.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is directed to make the special assessment roll.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to accept the Resolution Regarding the Silver Lake Corridor Trail. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-absent.

Robert recommended talking to the Golden Township Treasurer's office regarding inaccurate assessments before the project begins. Recommended contacting the Township soon and that there will be a meeting to review their apportionment to make necessary corrections before the project begins.

Supervisor Walsworth adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Township Clerk