



# Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Spring 2019

# Township update

## Welcome Spring

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2019 will be a busy year for Humboldt Township Board and Planning Commission. The fire hall addition is complete. Now the park is being worked on with improvements to play equipment and parking. Some roads will be repaved, including a long awaited County Road 478 from 601 to Black River Bridge. Improvements are also set for the Cemetery's new section. Dollar General is also planning on a store east of M-95 junction. Wishing all the residents a wonderful summer.

Thomas Prophet

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### Breaking news from your planning commission-

What a year! After some careful years of planning, the Township Board begins implementation of a number of plans conceived by the Planning Commission.

#### -Humboldt Township Park Phase I.

With DNR funding assistance secured, Contractors equipment has been staged to begin overhaul of the playlot and construction of a new parking area. Phase II planning awaits our next grant cycle application.

#### -Road Improvements.

As of today (May28), the Marquette County Road Commission indicates these projects have begun. Anticipate closure of the Black River Bridge in about a week. Co.Rd.FL (Locally the "Hengitus Polkku") will provide for an undesignated detour for East West traffic. Other road improvements are forthcoming. The Planning Commission wished to advise the Board on next year's construction plan so if you have thoughts, please get them to us or drop in for a meeting-4th Thursday of the month 7pm at the hall.

#### -Recreation Plan.

The Planning Commission wished to advise the board on which Recreation Projects identified in the Recreation Plan are ripe for implementation. The Fish Lake access site improvements is coming up in the queue. Watch for more discussion on this during the summer months.

#### Master Plan.

The Planning Commission will be finalizing the draft updated Master Plan for consideration by Township residents. A public workshop is planned for July. Hope folks can come out to discuss so we can provide some helpful benchmarks for the board to consider.

#### -Permitting.

A site plan is currently under review by the Planning Commission for a new Dollar General Store planned just East of existing development at Koski Korner.

Jim Kippola

## HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Meetings

Humboldt Township Board ..... Meets 2nd Monday of each month  
 Planning Commission ..... Meets 4th Monday of each month  
 Fire Department ..... Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at Fire Hall

### Upcoming Events

Senior Lunch ..... Potluck or donation. Held 2nd Wednesday of each month 12 PM  
 Children's Fishing Derby ..... Saturday, June 8 Registration 9:30 AM, Fishing 10:00 AM  
 Township Clean-up ..... Friday, June 14, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday June 15, 8 AM-4 PM  
 ..... Friday, September 13, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday September 14, 8 AM-4 PM  
 Primary Election ..... Tuesday, August 6, Polls open 7am—8pm  
 General Election ..... Tuesday, November 5, Polls open 7am—8pm



- All Meeting times are at 7PM unless otherwise stated
- All meetings are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976. Meetings are held at the Humboldt Township Hall 244 County Road FAF, Champion, MI 49814 unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are subject to change of date, time, and place, pending notification.
- The Fire Department meetings are held at the Humboldt Township Fire Hall 15350 US Hwy 41, Champion, MI 49814
- The Township of Humboldt will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities attending township meetings upon one week's notice to the Township of Humboldt. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township of Humboldt in writing. Please address all correspondence to: Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk—244 County Road FAF, Champion, MI 49814

Thomas Prophet .....Supervisor  
 Sarah Etelamaki ..... Clerk  
 Paul Alto ..... Treasurer  
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 Pete Koski ..... Trustee  
 Howard Robare ... Zoning Admin-  
 istrator  
 Shaylee Kangas .. Deputy Treasurer  
 Doreen Weaver ..... Deputy Clerk  
 Jackie Solomon ..... Assessor

**SUMMER HOURS:**  
 11:30pm-3:00pm  
 Monday-Thursday

**TAX COLLECTION HOURS**  
 THURSDAY 10AM—6PM

Township Offices Will Be Closed  
 for the Following Holidays  
 New Year's Day  
 Memorial Day  
 Independence Day  
 Labor Day  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 Friday Following Thanksgiving  
 Christmas Eve  
 Christmas Day  
 New Year's Eve

# What's New & Exciting?

## Fire Department News



In December, a couple members of our Fire Department were able to pick up the new Fire Truck! It will serve our Fire Department very well with all of the unique features. It will be on display for all to see at the children's Fishing Derby.

## First Responders & EMTs needed

We are in the process of scheduling training classes for anyone interested. The classes will mainly be done on-line, with the completion taking place at Bell Hospital.

Contact the office at 339-2927 to sign up or for more information.



## Road

Long awaited work is set to begin this summer on road improvements! Several of the township roads will be re-surfaced including CR FN: CR FA to US41/M28; CR FA: CR FNO to M95; CR FB: CR FH to CR FNO; CR FH: CR FB to M95; Humboldt Township Driveway. Also CR 478: From 601 to the bridge.

## Grant Funded Playground Improvements

Work is set to begin on the township park as soon as road restrictions are lifted. This summer you will see lots of improvements made to the park including new playground equipment and parking spaces. In conjunction with the park project, expansion of the cemetery is also set to be done. The completion date is expected to be by the end of September. We look forward to enjoying the final project at the park.

## Treasurer's News

After a little over a year in office, I'm honored to serve the residents of Humboldt Township. I'd like to thank all of you for your patience as I learned my position and everything it entails. This summer we have quite a few plans finally coming to fruition. From the building of the new township park, completion of the cemetery and a much needed road improvement project. Financially our township is doing quite well and should continue on this trend in the upcoming year. I've been researching a few different options for low risk, long term investment strategies to ensure that our township will continue on this path of prosperity. Lastly, tax season is again upon us. I will continue to hold office hours on Thursdays from 10:00am until 6:00pm. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the township hall.

Paul Alto



## Children's Fishing Derby

An annual fun and free family friendly event, which correlates with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources free fishing weekend. Held on June 8. Registration starts at 9:30 AM and Fishing starts at 10:00AM. Join us at the pond on Halfway Creek, on County Road FA, near the Township Hall for food, drinks, prizes and much more!

## Clerk's Corner

Happy spring everyone! It has surely been a wet one. I hope all your basements are staying dry! In addition to our spring clean-up, new this year will be a fall clean-up as well! My family always seems to have things to dispose of after a busy summer that we don't want laying around all winter. Also in the fall there will be an August primary and a general election following in November. There will be a sanitation renewal on the August ballot so get out and vote!

Sarah Etelamaki

## Township Clean-Up Dates

Friday, June 14  
4 PM to 8 PM

Saturday, June 15  
8 AM to 4 PM

✳ Friday, September 13  
4PM to 8PM

✳ Saturday, September 14  
8AM to 4PM

Do:

- Bring a tax statement or other proof of residency
- Dispose of the following types of items:  
Furniture  
Stoves  
Wood (less than 4' no nails)  
Metal  
Tires off rims (4/household)

Don't:

- Dispose of anything in the roll offs outside of posted hours
- Don't dispose of the following items:  
Household Garbage  
Lawn Clippings & Brush  
Refrigerators  
Microwaves  
Televisions  
Lead-based Paint Containers