



Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Spring 2020

Township update

Happy Spring

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Spring seems to finally have come. It's good to hear birds singing when everything else is shut down. It gives some comfort. It's clean-up time and it's wonderful to live in the country where we have bigger lots, but it's good to keep them clean and neat. Wish to thank everyone for doing their part in making Humboldt Township a beautiful place to live! Wishing everyone a wonderful summer.

Thomas Prophet, Supervisor

Planning Commission News

The Commission held its regular January and February meetings. Topics considered included:

- Marquette County's Master Plan update
- 2020 Capital projects
- In cooperation with Eagle Mine, sponsored a rezoning of mine owned and adjoining lands to Industrial District
- Issued a Conditional Use permit for a residence in southern Humboldt Township
- On behalf of the Zoning Administrator offered comment on a temporary fireworks sales operation at the Koski Korner's area

The Commission wishes to thank Lisa Sarvello who provided recording secretary services from October 2019 until March of this year at which time she resigned to pursue other opportunities. Thank you Lisa for a job well done!

In consideration of the health and safety of all concerned, the Commission cancelled its regular March-May meetings. We look forward to continuing our service in any creative ways we can while complying with best practices recommended by Public Health.

During this period, do not hesitate to contact the office with any planning matters.

Jim Kippola, Planning Commission Chairman

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 CANCELLED
 Township Clean-up Friday, June 12, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday June 13, 8 AM-4 PM
 Friday, September 11, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday September 12, 8 AM-4 PM
 Primary Election Tuesday, August 4, Polls open 7am—8pm
 General Election Tuesday, November 3, 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

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Thomas Prophet Supervisor
 Sarah Etelamaki Clerk
 Christopher Grund Treasurer
 Jeff Ogea Trustee
 Pete Koski Trustee
 Howard Robare Zoning
 Administrator
 Betty Grund Deputy Treasurer
 Doreen Weaver Deputy Clerk
 Jackie Solomon Assessor

SUMMER HOURS:
 8:30am-2:30pm
 Monday-Wednesday

TAX COLLECTION HOURS
 TUESDAY & THURSDAY
 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
 10:00am-2:00pm

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



Children's Fishing Derby

It is with great sadness that the township has decided to cancel the 2020 Children's Fishing Derby due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are taking the opportunity to drain and dredge the pond. We hope to see everyone next year!

Clerk's Corner

Greetings everyone! I hope everyone is staying healthy and happy. Although we are in the midst of some crazy and challenging times, work at the township is still pushing along. As you are aware, there are two more elections coming up in 2020. It has yet to be determined how it will proceed with the Covid-19 regulations changing daily. I will be sure to keep information as up to date as possible as the August primary approaches. Please note, that you can request an absentee ballot in writing at any time and for any reason. You can call or email with any questions regarding elections. And if you have any interest in becoming an election worker, please be sure to contact me. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer!

-Sarah Etelamaki-

Park Phase 2

In 2019, the township was pleased to complete Phase 1 of the park project. It included new playground equipment, parking spaces, and a bench. This summer the board hopes to finish Phase 2 of the project, which includes more new playground equipment geared to the 5-12 age group, a pavilion, and restroom facilities. We hope it will bring many years of joy and entertainment to our Humboldt families and those that may be visiting.



Tax Collection News

A few things to note as far as tax collection goes. First, please make note of the days and times the treasurer is available for in person payments. Second, the treasurer will be utilizing the window at the office for in person payments for a more sanitary exchange. Third, you can also make your payments online through BS&A with a credit card for a small convenience fee. This option eliminates the worry of whether or not your payment has been received. To make an online payment visit <https://bsaonline.com/OnlinePayment/OnlinePaymentSearch?PaymentApplicationType=4&uid=1466> That will bring you straight to the page to search for your information and make a payment. If you have any questions, please call Chris at 339-2927 and leave a message if he is not available.

Recycling Information

As many of you know, the township has had recycling trailers at the hall. The trailers will only be available until June 30th, when they will be removed by MCSWMA. At that point we encourage all residents to utilize the curbside service offered through our garbage carrier, North Country Disposal. Recycling can be left in bins of your choice and put out on Mondays by 6:00 am, just like your household garbage. There will be more information coming in the fall as far as the single stream and glass recycling.

Fire Department News



The Fire Department has recently purchased a new brush truck! The new Ford F-550 is intended to be a huge asset in the event of wild fire fighting! Humboldt's Fire Department has made many improvements over the last few years, and it is well equipped to respond to any fire issues that may arise in our area. Thanks to all of our volunteer firefighters!

Township Clean-Up Dates

Friday, June 12
4 PM to 8 PM

Friday, September 11
4PM to 8PM

Saturday, June 13
8 AM to 4 PM

Saturday, September 12
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 out side of posted hours
- Don't dispose of the following items:
Household Garbage
Lawn Clippings & Brush
Refrigerators
Microwaves
Televisions
Lead-based Paint Containers

Treasurer's News

There has been a couple of changes recently at the board level. We are saddened to relay that Paul Alto has resigned as the township treasurer. We thank Paul for his service. In his vacancy, the board appointed Christopher Grund to the position. Following is a note from Chris.

My name is Christopher Grund. I have recently been appointed to serve as the Township Treasurer. Though I am a relatively new resident to the township, I have strong family ties to this area. I look forward to the challenge of this new position as well as meeting and getting acquainted with my fellow community members. Due to other employment obligations, I will tentatively set office hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm as well as the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10:00am-2:00pm. Should there arise a need to change these hours, I will post an update on the Township's website as well as a notice at the Township hall itself. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Christopher Grund