

line operation, there will be no pumping of water off the site or anywhere else on the property. It was stated that the DEQ will send us a report.

Superior provided details on the well guarantee. It was stated that the Township engineer would make the determination on whether Superior impacted the wells and the guarantee would be implemented.

Sara Ness stated that she will be managing the site and if there are any concerns she can be contacted. She next stated that she requested information from ICRC on accident reports the last 5 years on Kent Street between the expressway south to Emery Road. During that period, there have been 13 accidents and none involving commercial vehicles and/or pedestrians. Paul Spitzley from ICRC states that he was the individual who compiled information for the accident report/history.

Concerns were expressed about entering expressway going west off from Kent Street. It was stated that the State has been contacted about concerns regarding the on ramp and they are going to do an inspection to see if it is safe. Concern was also expressed on the upkeep of Kent Street and whether a plan is in place to keep the paved road in relatively good condition. Superior stated that it will work closely with ICRC to ensure that the roads are kept in good shape. Mr. Spitzley from the ICRC stated that the county has many gravel pits and all of the companies have worked well with the county and all have been willing to do what is necessary to keep the roads in good operation.

Mr. Spitzley also stated that a speed study will be done to determine if the current speed limit is appropriate. He stated that speed limits are set based on the speed 85% of drivers are driving. If it is determined that 85% of the drivers are driving at a speed lower than 55, then the State Police will determine whether it should be lower. The study is on actual use, not proposed use and it is not based on accidents. State law, not the ICRC, sets the criteria and must be followed.

It was stated that the residents of Pearl Barr have hired their own environmental impact engineer.

The Chair asked what Superior is looking at for a hearing date. It was stated that if the DEQ will be making a determination soon, then it makes sense to wait and present the final plan based on that determination. Superior will contact Ms. Vandersloot when they are ready to schedule the public hearing.

The final plan will be made available for public review both on our website and posted at the township hall.

Public Comment: Several questions were asked and answered regarding the special use permit application procedure.

Announcements: The next regular meeting is scheduled for August but it is anticipated that a public hearing will be scheduled before the August meeting date.

McCormack stated that all PC members will be receiving the Township Focus Magazine in addition to having access to the Michigan Townships website.

There was brief discussion on the process for a special use permit and the criteria that needs to be followed. It was decided that in light of the fact that the PC has several new members that once the final site plan was received, a special meeting would be set to allow the engineer and planner to explain a site plan and the conditions the PC need to review.

Last, Gary Austin announced that he will be resigning due to health issues. Gary was thanked for his service and dedication to both the PC and ZBA. PC members were then asked to start thinking of a resident to replace Austin.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Dated: April 19, 2014

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