



This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of June 27, 2022.

Campbell Road Paving – Pavers mobilized this morning to start the paving process on Campbell Road. I understand the pavers left the project early and will be back on Friday to finish installing the base course of asphalt.

City Hall Tree – Several members of the community have approached City Hall about the potential removal of the tree at the southeast corner. The tree is proposed to be removed to accommodate a sidewalk project along Union Street. The sidewalk project adds an element of walkability and safety along the Union Street section between Blue Star Highway and Center Street to the downtown. I've encouraged individuals to submit written communications to the City Council in support of saving the tree. Individuals can also address the City Council by zoom or in person at the next City Council meeting on July 5, 2022, at 7:00 at City Hall.

Seven Grandfathers Sculpture – This week I spent some time working on the details of an agreement between the City and the History Center for the placement of a donated outdoor sculpture by Native American Artist Jason Quigno. The piece titled "Seven Grandfathers" is being commissioned and will be donated to the City but installed at the History Center. The relationship between the two entities requires a written agreement as a matter of good business.

Water Service Inventory – Letters have gone out to residents asking for a self-reporting inventory about their water service lines where the line enters their home before the meter. The inventory is necessary to understand the amount of lead service lines in service throughout the community. A sample of residents have been chosen to receive the first round of inventory questionnaires. The City asks for residents to be as responsive as possible to avoid unnecessary follow up door by door calls from City personnel.

Blue Star Trail over I-196 – Next week I'm meeting with the township and MDOT officials to discuss future bridge work over I-196. MDOT had previously asked the trail groups if there was interest in accommodating a bike trail over the highway if space could be accommodated following the resurfacing of the bridge overpass deck in 2024. The proposed project will not result in the bridge being widened, but slightly reconfigured to fit a trail into the available space as well as a reconfiguration of some of the travel lanes.

July Board of Review – July 19th is the Board of Review meeting for correction of clerical errors and will be held at City Hall at 3:30. The notification is posted on the board at City Hall.

August 2nd Election – Absentee ballots are going on this week for the August 2nd Election and the opportunity to register to vote is still open.

Independence Day – Have a wonderful and safe Independence Day. City offices are closed on Monday July 4th in observance of the holiday.

That is all I have for now.

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