

WLLA Road Committee Report

April 17, 2021

The Road Committee met via Zoom on April 6, 2021.
Janice DiMaio, Ed Zimmermann, Bill McCarthy, and Michael DeVita in attendance.
No actionable items are in this report.

Emergency Response

- On March 26, 2021, at 4:47 pm, Michael received an email from Janice DiMaio saying the security officer reported that a tree was down on Maple Drive by Neversink Road. Michael read email and responded to investigate at 4:58 pm. A tree that was snapped off by the wind was found to be hanging over the roadway but not in the roadway. The tree which was approximately 10 inches round had to be cut up and removed before it did fall into the road. Michael contacted Mike from MCM Contracting who immediately responded to the scene to cut up the tree. This was done under the authorization of using the discretionary spending for such type emergencies.
- MCM Contracting submitted an invoice for \$50 for cutting up and removing the tree. This invoice is included in today's Treasurer's request for board approval for "**Invoices for April 2021 BOD Meeting.**"

Winter Operations

- Empire State Excavating machine swept the asphalt roads on March 27, 2021. This was done as part of the snowplow contract.

Gravel Roads

- A road inspection for this work will take place after April 15, 2021.
- Empire State Excavating will be doing the gravel road regrading. The equipment and operator cost are already built in the combined contract.
- While all gravel roads will be regraded, a list of areas on the roads where additional stone will need to be added this year will be prepared. Once known how much stone is needed the road committee will seek authorization from the board to purchase the stone.
- The road committee will be looking into the cost of using asphalt millings to resurface some of the gravel roads. Depending on costs and availability will dictate a timeline to do this type of work. As of now there is no timeline.
- Warner Paving & Excavating completed the requested ditch work along Birch on March 31, 2021. This work was from Cree to Pawnee and 180 feet up Pawnee, and between Blackfoot and Piute.
- There was no pooling or standing water between Blackfoot and Piute once the water from the last storm drained. Over the past several years pooling and standing water had been a continual problem which severely eroded a section of the asphalt road surface in this area. Also, since there was no pooling or standing water, it appears that there is no under ground spring at the location which was a possible thought.
- The committee discussed whether we needed to add stone to the ditch lines along Birch and it is felt based on the area stone is not necessary. The vast majority of ditch lines in the community are not stoned.
- The road committee discussed the water runoff situation at Seneca. It is felt that the cleaning of the ditch line will allow the ditch to take more water which will help. As part of the next improvement of moving stormwater runoff through the area a designated permanent patch road repair will made to a small section of Birch to better move the runoff to the ditch line. Once the pavement repair is completed the road committee will assess the situation and recommend other actions if necessary.
 - From the March 2021 Road Report: The road committee is looking into an inexpensive way to divert the storm water that runs from a rock ledge on Seneca. This water is part of the continual erosion problem on Seneca near Birch. Road committee will now have a recommendation for the April Board meeting.

Asphalt Roads

- A road inspection will take place after April 15, 2021.
- After the inspection, a bid request will be put out to patch all the potholes as well as do some designated permanent patch repair. The repairs on Birch by Seneca, and the area between Blackfoot and Piute will be included in the bid request.
- The road committee will assess road budget after the cost of the pothole and designated repair contract is known.
- During the May road committee meeting the committee will discuss the remaining available 2021 road budget, what priority work and where that should and can be done.
- The committee will be looking into Chip Seal process costs versus Asphalt Resurfacing costs and decide on which is more cost effective over time.
- The committee will also be looking into the hot crack sealing certain portions of the asphalt roads to extend the life of the pavement. Crack sealing prevents water from entering the subsurface of the pavement therefore preventing potholes to form easily.

Gravel Road Regrading 2020 Proposal of Neversink between Birch and Maple Woods.

- This item is a continued old business item that needs further discussion and investigation.
 - From the 3/20/21 report: This item remains on hold to the Spring of 2021 at which time we will continue to work with the two resident landowners to find an affordable solution to the continual erosion problem of this road.
 - From the 9/19/20 report: On the evening of 9/17/20, Michael held a Zoom meeting with owners of 119 and 116 Neversink and RJ from Empire State Excavating to share information and brainstorm for a possible affordable fix to end the continual erosion problem on Neversink off of Birch to the woods towards Maple). This road has needed to be repaired continually the past couple of years and once again has erosion issues since erosion repairs were made after Tropical Storm Isaias. An onsite meeting with the two homeowners along with RJ will be set up.
 - From 7/18/20 report: Michael have been communicating with the owners of 119 Neversink and 116 Neversink about repairing the portion of this road (Neversink from Birch to woods towards Maple) properly to stop the continual roadway erosion. The owners are involved because there may be a need to put culvert pipes under their driveways which they would be responsible for the cost. No final plan or decision has been made as this in the planning stages. This road continually washes out and to continue to put “band-aid” repairs is just wasting money.
 - From 6/20/2020 report: Neversink Road between Birch Road and the woods towards Maple Drive will need additional work this summer. The roadway is very narrow and the drainage is non-existent on the middle portion of the roadway. The sides of the roadway are already washing out with the few rain storms we received since June 5, 2020.

Signs at Walker Lake Entrance Points

- The date for the new sign installation is still yet to be determined. We will be looking for a few volunteers to help with this. The signs have been received and are stored at the clubhouse.
- The road committee discussed whether anti-tamper/anti-theft sign hardware should be used on these new signs. It was decided yes, and the hardware will be ordered. The Board of Directors previously approved the purchase of such hardware at the cost of up to \$100 at the July 18, 2020, board meeting.
- We will be inspecting all signs throughout the WLLA community during road inspections.

Roadside Drainage

- As part of the road inspection, we will start looking at ditch lines and notifying those landowners who ditches have been neglected to be cleaned in what appears as several or more years.
- No new updates on the Mulching Program as suggested by and discussed briefly by Bill Boehme at the November BOD meeting
 - From 02/2021: Steve DeMaio notified Bill Boehme that he located a local landscape company that does clean-up mulching of leaves.

- This will be on hold until we get closer to Spring when Bill and Michael along with Steve (if he volunteers to do so) will work out a few more details to discuss the feasibility of recommending such a program to the BOD.

Speed Humps

- Will continue to see if this is a feasible option to slow down vehicles on certain roads. But the cost might be prohibitive this year due to budget changes caused by winter operations.