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TO: All Interested Parties

RE: 2017 Street Improvements

Dear Interested Parties:

This notice is written on behalf of the City of Crosslake for informational purposes, and may answer some of your questions about this summer's road projects. These projects will not be assessed, and will be paid for by the City of Crosslake through existing road account reserves and local road maintenance bonds.

We are aware that summer is a busy time, and we would all like to forego the inconveniences of road construction whenever possible. However, periodic resurfacing of public streets is a necessary responsibility of the City to maintain safe and reliable access to your property. The paving season in our region is short, and normally occurs from May through September.

You may have already seen wooden stakes and utility marking flags being placed along the road right-of-way. The wooden stakes with "R/W" on them are to provide property owners, utility owners, and contractors with the road corridor boundaries identified by the right-of-way plat that has been prepared. Additional wooden stakes will be placed later when needed by the contractor. Utility marking flags are necessary to avoid damaging communications, natural gas, and electrical services already in place. We understand these flags and stakes can be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect them so the construction is not delayed and utility and construction crews are protected. All stakes and flags will be removed when they are no longer needed for the construction work. Relocation of utilities is necessary in some areas prior to the road construction; you may have seen this work begin in late April. The City has received construction bids, and anticipates execution of the Contract within the next 30 days. The schedule for construction will be determined by the contractor within the construction window they have been given in the Contract. The contractor will have until September 29th to complete the project; however, it is estimated the work itself can be completed within a 30-day timeframe. At this time, the Contractor is anticipating starting the project after July 4th. This can change, as it often does, with contractor scheduling of crews and equipment. The Contract does not allow work to occur during Holidays weekends other than routine maintenance of access. In addition, no work will be allowed from noon on June 30th through July 4th, but may resume on July 5th.

The existing bituminous pavement surface will be reclaimed (ground up) in place, and will be graded to serve as the new gravel base for the new bituminous pavement. This will also serve as temporary gravel surfacing to maintain traffic and access until paving is scheduled. The contractor is required to maintain access to property owners, postal service, garbage collection, and emergency services during the construction. In addition to the pavement reclaiming operations, there will be some excavation required. In that respect, we wish to avoid damaging private utilities that may have been installed in the road right-of-way, such as: lawn irrigation lines and sprinkler heads, invisible dog fence wires, and other private utilities. If you can mark the location of these items, this will help the contractor to avoid damaging them. We will provide flags at City Hall that you can use to mark your private utilities.

Part of the project will include replacing existing mailbox supports with new swing-away supports like those you see on State, County, and some area City right-of-way. These supports minimize damage due to vehicle impacts and snowplowing operations. Your existing mailbox will be removed



from the existing post support, and re-installed on the new support. If you have a pre-molded style of mailbox, or other style that cannot be transferred to the new support, then a standard sized metal mailbox will be furnished and installed. Newspaper boxes will either be attached to the new support or installed on a separate support. In some areas during the construction, the contractor may provide a temporary mailbox for you so grading operations can take place.

The primary goal of the projects is to re-construct the base and pavement sections. The alignment of the roadways and the width of the street pavement will generally remain the same except for Anchor Point Road. A 6-foot wide extended paved shoulder is planned to be added along the north side of Anchor Point Road to allow for multi-use by pedestrians and bicyclists. When finished, the elevation of the pavement surface may be slightly higher than the existing surface is today in some areas. In these cases, the end of your driveway approach may need to be removed and replaced in kind to match into the new pavement surface.

We hope this gives you a reasonable understanding of what to anticipate for the upcoming projects. If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact us by email or phone. Thank you for your patience and assistance.

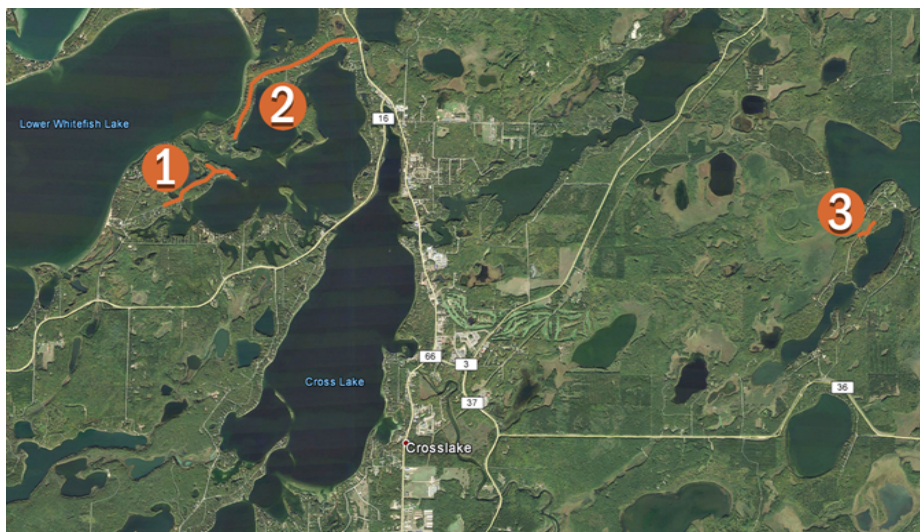
Regards,

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- 3 - Tamarack Road**