HUMBOLDT
•TOWNSHIP•
244 County Road FAF
Champion, MI 49814

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, 6:00pm
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 . . . . . June 8th, 10:00 AM
Township Clean-up . . . . . Friday, June 14, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday June 15, 8 AM-4 PM
. . . . . .Friday, September 27, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday September 28, 8 AM-4 PM
Primary Election . . . . . Tuesday, August 06, Polls open 7am-8pm
General Election . . . . . Tuesday, November 05, 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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Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Spring 2023

Township update

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Sarah Etelamaki . . . . . Clerk
Christopher Grund . . . . . Treasurer
Betty Grund . . . . . .Trustee
Pete Koski . . . . . Trustee
Howard Robare . . . . . .Zoning Administrator
Betty Grund . . . . Deputy Treasurer
Emily Massie . . . . . Deputy Clerk
Dylan Jurasin . . . . . .Assessor

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

TAX COLLECTION HOURS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00pm-12:00pm

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

Happy Spring

Hello everyone.
It's that time of year when we start thinking of outside activities. We, at the Township, are working on the Baseball field, the disc golf, and the Forestry plan. Fishing Derby is coming soon and dumpsters are June 14 & 15. Wishing you all a safe and fun summer season. Thank you for your continued support of your Township Board.

Jeff Ogea, Supervisor

Planning Commission News

This year's Work Program is now fully underway. Focus areas are as follows:

-**Forest Management Plan**
Review and commentary on the Township Board's Forest Management Plan for the Township's land holdings was completed in April. Generally, recommendations are to salvage as much resource as possible from stands damaged by budworm and age. The Board is preparing a Request for Proposals for this harvest work.

-**Zoning Ordinance Update**
Definitions and Uses to be allowed in Zoning Districts is complete in draft form. Discussions continue on Vacation Rentals (Air B&B's) in Waterfront Districts and the use of shipping containers as storage buildings has also received much attention. We are still seeking input on these issues. General regulations like property line setbacks, minimum building size, and other specific regulations will follow, and district layout on the map are upcoming topics. With a little luck, a draft ordinance will be before the Board by fall.

-**Site Planning**
A new site plan is well underway for the Township Hall, Cemetery, and Park Complex. The prerequisite survey is about 1/3 done. Zoning requires this, prior to modifying or starting new development. Old State Highway right of ways need adjustments along County Road FNO.

-**Transportation Plan**
The Board has authorized our Planning Consultant Jason McCarthy to finish updating our 5 year Transportation Plan so we can lay out work for repairing and construction of roads and trails within the Township. More tax funds are spent on Transportation improvements than on any other Township Program/Service. Watch for announcements during the second half of 2024.

Drop an email or stop in for a meeting and let the Commission know your thoughts on these issues!

Jim Kippola, PC Chair

Clerk's Corner

We're off to the start of a beautiful summer! I hope everyone takes advantage of the short season and enjoys the outdoors.
For the remainder of the election cycle for 2024 there will be a Primary on August 6th and the General on November 5th. Since these are Federal elections, the 9 days of early voting will be available. Our early voting site is at the Tilden Township Hall. Absentee ballots are also an option. We of course will be open here at the Humboldt Hall on both election days from 7am-8pm like always for in person voting. Please call me if you have any questions. I am also always accepting applications for Election Inspectors. It requires a simple training session and is an easy way to earn some extra cash.
-Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk-

Township News

Here are a few points of interest for the Township:

-Under the guidance of The 5 Year Recreation Plan, the Township is currently working on a few of the action items. The ballfield is still undergoing construction to accommodate the Westwood Baseball team. We are hopeful that with hard work this summer, there will be home games next season!

The plans for an 18 hole Disc golf course is being mapped out, so you may see earthwork getting started shortly.

And the indoor Recreational facility is under preliminary design. So far, it includes a half-court gym that can also serve as a Pickleball court during the long winter months. It will have an exercise room with multiple machines and equipment. There will be a small locker room that will have showers for anyone who would like to workout before or after a workday. And one final feature will be an indoor walking track, again for our cold and snowy months when it is difficult to walk outside. We are still discussing accessibility/operating hours, so stay tuned. If you have any specific suggestions other than what is mentioned, please reach out and let us know your thoughts. We are excited to offer this opportunity in our resident's "backyard" instead of having to travel on possible icy roads, or even having to drive a minimum of 12 miles to the nearest activity.





-The Planning Commission has been communicating to the Township Board the desire to explore the option of joining the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority. Our involvement would bring funds and improvements to the trail in Humboldt Township. There will be an informational session planned in the near future as the initiative seeks to be on the November ballot. It is a voter approved or denied millage. You are urged to attend the session for much more details and to answer any questions you may have.
-It appears there are vandals among our township again! Physical structures as well as the park driveways/parking lots are being destroyed by ATVs. Someone is also destroying the newly excavated ball field! This is beyond acceptable and quite a disappointment. If anyone has any information regarding destruction of our property please let us know ASAP! We appreciate the neighborhood watch for our Township!

Pictures from the baseball field work being done



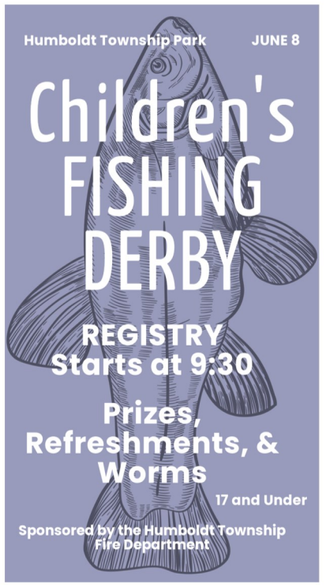


Treasurer's Thoughts

Almost time for tax season 2024 to begin. Your tax bills will be in the mail by July 1st, 2024. Please take note of all the information printed on your bills, especially the timeline for payment. Tax bills come out twice a year, Summer and Winter. If you do not receive one for either season, please call the office to inquire. Otherwise there shouldn't be any changes as far as tax collection. Wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer!!!!

-Chris Grund, Treasurer-

Fishing Derby Info



Township Happenings

-This summer's Road Improvement Projects will include the following roads: FN-N, FI, & FY

West End **Music Jam**:

We hope to continue with our monthly jam sessions throughout the summer. We are hopeful for beautiful weather and that our sessions can be held outside at the Humboldt Township Park. We will post dates and times using Facebook. Thank you to those that attended this past winter, hope you had a good time. Looking forward to seeing you this summer.
For more information, you can call or text us at: Gail Warner (906) 361-7063 or Betty Grund (906) 204-4422, or Kyle Mackey (906) 458-6563 Wishing you a great summer, and thank you!!!

-The Ishpeming Senior Center is still actively trying to get some much needed services to our seniors. If you know of anyone in need, please share their information. There are many ways they can help and all it takes is a quick phone call to hear about what they offer. They are located at 121 Greenwood St. in Ishpeming and the phone number is 906-485-5527. Please reach out to them for more information.

Township Clean-Up Dates

Friday, June 14
Friday, September 27
4PM to 8PM



Saturday, June 15
Saturday, September 28
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)

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
  Lead-based Paint Containers

2024 Scrap Tire Collection at the West End Transfer Station is set for July 17th from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Residents may bring up to 10 tires. Household Hazardous Waste Collection also takes place at the Transfer Station on June 5th, August 7th, and October 2nd from 3:00pm-7:00pm. For more information visit Recycle906.com or call 906-249-4125.

