

trail allowing snowmobiles to go through residential neighborhoods. He will not vote for this trail without a guarantee of it being strictly non-motorized.

Jude Catalo – Can not cross country ski on a trail that also allows snowmobiles. There are safety factors and the fumes from snowmobiles are intolerable.

Trustee Britton – The taxpayers are not paying for the upgrade or maintenance on the snowmobile trail. That is separate private funding.

Supervisor Seppanen – Chocolay Township is still working on a business spur for snowmobiles in Chocolay to alleviate the traffic in the residential neighborhood.

Brad Cory – His bedroom window is 50 feet from the snowmobile trail. A motorized trail through a residential neighborhood is outrageous.

Barb Holman – Will exact locations of Iron Ore trails in Chocolay Township be determined before the November millage election? Who will police the Iron Ore Trail and with what resources?

Randy Gentz – If the millage passes, how soon will the trail construction begin in Chocolay Township?

Trustee Britton – The Iron Ore Heritage Trail has nothing to do with the D.N.R. snowmobile trail.

PRESENTATION - RECOGNITION OF ESTELLE DEVOOGHT'S LONGEVITY ON THE CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.

Jennifer Thum, Planning Director presented a plaque to Estelle DeVooght from the Chocolay Township Board. Estelle has been on the Chocolay Township Planning Commission for 35 years. According to our research she has the most longevity as a Planning Commission member in the State of Michigan.

PRESENTATION - HEALTH INSURANCE.

Ryan Whitley, Hetrick and Associates gave a power point presentation to the board on a proposed change to the Chocolay Township Health Plan. This is a Health Reimbursement Arrangement. If the Township goes in this direction, our premiums should not increase over last year. If we continue with the current coverage as is, there will be a 10% increase. The Board will continue this discussion along with several other personnel issues at special board meeting in October.

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

1. Township Position on ORV Use – I will be writing a letter to the county restating the position of the Township Board that there are no roads designated for ORV use in our township.
2. DPW Restructuring – At our October meeting I should have a candidate ready for the board to consider for the ½ time DPW Supervisor position. This is to be a temporary two year position. At the same time the Personnel Committee should have had time to act on my proposal for the other changes to the department. Their recommendations should also be ready for your action at our next meeting.
3. Road Paving to Grinder Station- I met with several residents whose private road we share for access to one of our grinder/pump stations. There are ongoing erosion issues and we will be working with them in an effort to have the road paved. Don Britton, Brad Johnson, and I have each walked the road. We will come with the paving plan with our share of the cost for the next meeting. This expense will be paid for from the sewer fund.

PROPOSED NEW CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE.

The liquor license request for one Class C liquor license with two applicants; Royal English LLC (Chocolay Downs) and Gentz Homestead Golf Course Inc. went to the Planning Commission in September and no motion was made. A staff report by Jennifer Thum, Planning Director was presented to the board explaining each step in the request process from both applicants since October 2006.

Dennis Kargela, Chocolay Downs spoke on the proposed expansion planned by Chocolay Downs to the Clubhouse/restaurant and lot expansion for new condos and homes. Chocolay Downs works with many community groups.

Neil Jandron, Chocolay Downs business manager and has 40 years experience in running a business. The back taxes will be paid by Friday of this week.

Randy Gentz – The Gentz family has been on this property and in business for four generations. The Gentz Golf Course has been located on this property for 13 years. They also have worked with many community groups throughout the years.

Trustee Trudeau – If Chocolay Downs had worked toward getting their liquor license in 2006 after the Board gave approval; we would not be discussing this tonight at the Board meeting.

