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CHIPPEWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

SEASONAL ROADS POLICY

The Chippewa County Road Commission has adopted a system of seasonal roads pursuant to Public Act 51 of 1951. Roads on the seasonal road system are not required to be maintained and open for public travel from November 1 through April 30.

The Road Commission is sometimes requested to temporarily open seasonal roads during the winter months for specific purposes or to permanently remove the seasonal designation to facilitate development in a particular location.

Requests for temporary openings shall be in writing and clearly describe the reason for the requested opening and the duration of the need for the opening. Any necessary improvements to the road to allow adequate and safe winter maintenance will be a condition of any approval decision. A cost estimate will be prepared by the Road Commission and the requesting party will be required to pay in advance for the necessary work.

Decisions concerning any temporary openings shall be at the discretion of the Road Commission manager considering any factors deemed pertinent.

Requests for removal of the seasonal designation from any seasonal road shall be in writing, include a justification statement, and include a written expression of support from the township in which the road is located.

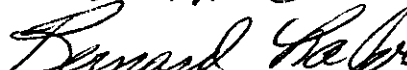
The Board's review will consider such factors as the cost and nature of any necessary improvements, township support, economic benefit, projected road usage, maintenance considerations, and impacts on staff, equipment, and funding resources. The Road Commission Board shall have complete discretion concerning any change from seasonal road status.

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Date of Adoption - 1-7-10

 Chairman

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 Member

Reviewed & affirmed - 5-26-11

SEASONAL ROAD SNOWPLOWING REQUESTS

REVIEW CHECKLIST

This review checklist is to be prepared under direction of the Road Commission's Superintendent/Manager and made available for Board consideration as part of the Board's decision process.

1. A written request with justification statement has been submitted by the applicant(s). Yes _____ No _____
2. A written expression of support has been received from the Township. Yes _____ No _____
3. The condition of the road and roadside is suitable for safe snow removal operations. Yes _____ No _____
4. A reasonable "turnaround" area is currently available. Yes _____ No _____
5. The applicant (and/or the Township) is agreeable to paying the cost of any work necessary to bring the road in question to a safe condition for snowplowing. Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____
6. Number of dwelling units on the road in question with full year occupancy. _____
7. Commercial electric power is currently available to adjacent properties. Yes _____ No _____
8. Current staff and equipment resources are able to handle the additional work without adverse impacts. (Discussion with CCRC Board required.)

Comments (if any):
