**Around Our Community**

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We hope that all are well, and staying safe while living in and visiting our

beautiful township. No one could have predicted that after six months

of following stay at home, distancing and mask orders, we would still be

limited on enjoying all the amenities that we have to offer here in Helena

Township.

We have all missed several annual events, such as the Memorial Day Parade,

Alden Days, Alden Men’s Rummage Sale, Farmer’s Market, Cherry Pie Sales,

Women’s Rummage/Bake Sale, shopping in all of our stores, and of course

the always popular Evening Strolls and music. We were however, able to

enjoy the 4th of July Fireworks, thanks to some very generous donations.

Your Township Board has been hard at work to complete many projects

within our Five Year Plan, including the resurfacing of Helena Rd. and

SE Torch Lake Drive. Some projects have been on a waiting schedule

as companies catch up the back log of work they experienced due to being

closed during the stay at home orders. Hopefully many will be completed

before snow flies! Check inside to see pictures of your tax dollars at work.

***Helena Township Board Township Committees/Services Community Organizations***

***Rick Teague, Supervisor Board of Review Alden Volunteers***

***David Peterson, Clerk Parks and Rec DABA***

***Catherine Rice, Treasurer Planning Commission The Boys of Summer***

***Bonnie Robbins, Trustee Road Committee The Friends of the Library***

***Butch Bartz Sr., Trustee South Torch Fire and Rescue***

***Zoning Board of Appeal***

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**Parks/Accesses/Roads**

**Completed**

\*Removed Invasive Locust Bush from TC

\*Pickleball Court

Handicap Accessibility TC Park

\*Well/WaterFountain/Public Restroom

Repairs TC Park

\*New Post and Signage at Mary’s Beach

\*Update Coy Mtn. Trails and Signage

\*Purchase of new Downtown Street Lights with Special Flower/Signage inserts

\*Lighthouse/Repaired benches at Launch Site

\* Approved Depot/Train Sections

Blacktop Entry/Exit

\*Annual Community Trash/Cleanup Day

\*Gravel/Blacktop Entry at Ball Park

\*Preserve and Maintain Public Accesses

**Scheduled**

\*Repair of Handicap Dock at Launch

\*New Fence Section at Depot

\*New Fence Section/Signage at Ball Park

\*Prioritize/Repair/Resurface Twp. Roads



**Tennis Courts/Pickleball Courts**



**Docks/Launch/Public Access**

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**Tennis Court Playground**

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**Ball Park/Public Access**

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**Depot Park**

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**Helena Road**

**Community Center**

**Completed**

\*Resurfacing/Striping of Parking Lot

\*Energy Saving Daylight Sky Lights

\*Air Conditioning

\*Whole Building Generator

\*Pickleball Court

\*New Post and Mailbox to USPS Code

\*New Community Center/Library Sign

\*Repair of Boilers

\*Replacement of Outside Faucet

\*Painting

\*Stripping and Resealing of Floors

\*Sanitizing Products and Stations throughout Building

\*Plexiglass Walls, Gloves, Masks for Voter Stations/Safety Code

\*Handicap Accessible Doors

**Scheduled**

\*Gravel for Back Parking Lot

\*Cages for Air Conditioners

\*Complete Remodel of Kitchen

**Community Center**

***The Helena Township Board will continue to work within a balanced taxpayer’s dollars budget not only to maintain our assets, but to enhance our beautiful Village of Alden.***

**Cemetery**

**Completed**

\*Removal Dead Trees/Brush

Spring Cleanup

\*Flags Purchased and Placed for Veteran’s

\*Garbage Receptacles

\*New Flag

**Scheduled**

\*Remove old Split Rail Fence

\*Painting of Two Outbuildings

\*Removal of Additional Dead Trees

\*Fall Cleanup Brush/Leaves



**Cemetery**



**Downtown Alden**

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