

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS- SPEED BUMPS (July 2024 meeting)

WELCOME everyone~ Seeing that we have attendees at our meeting, I want to share a statement regarding our ongoing discussion as a board, regarding the best solution for the future use and management of speed bumps within Hay Creek township. (Our only speed bumps).

This is something that we don't take lightly, we all have experiences with traffic in our neighborhood's, and the frustration of not being able to control it. We also need to consider the overall township management, and what criteria is used to consider ONE road over others. We have had many requests over the last 4 to 5 years, and only one new road was considered during that time, as the ongoing major construction development to the north of their subdivision warranted the speed hindrance of large trucks and construction equipment.

As a township board, we have spent time researching data, other communities and the various types and uses of speed control, to get a complete picture of the best practices for OUR township. Our northern (ETA) or-extra territorial area is growing at a fast pace, and this is only going to increase the frustration... with traffic, with increased drivers, as well as trying to control speeds and create the safest streets for our communities. As the chair and head road supervisor, I have spent many hours looking at traffic safety, liability issues for residents as well as other similar townships, scenarios for speed control, gathering information from different nationwide communities, as well as gathering advice from traffic engineers in our county. The board is striving to consider the best outcome possible for our roads and residents. This is information I have continued to share with our board members.

Hay Creek Township has had recent discussions regarding the future of removable speed bumps. In light of current requests, the board will need to take some action on the subject at this meeting.

Current speed bumps in Hay Creek township, whether under written agreement or prior to the current agreements, will expire - December 2024. No new agreements can be accepted until the board makes a decision on future actions. The township board will be making a decision on renewing any new or current agreements during our July meeting.

The situation the township has experienced over the last 4 to 5 years is- when one road within the area of Hawktree golf course has speed bumps, the tendency is for the public to drive to the golf course or residences on the roads that do NOT have the speed bumps. This causes an increase in

traffic for the roads not utilizing the speed bumps, some residents have stated.

IF one road had speed bumps, the trend has been for residents on unrestricted roads to request speed bumps. The question for the township... Is it then necessary for ALL roads in this area to install speed bumps?

When the area was envisioned, there was a known public destination- Hawktree golf course. The main routes to the clubhouse are- Link Drive and Clubhouse Drive. A web of roads were designed and engineered chiefly for a golfing community that funnels traffic toward the golf course. The inclination for visitors, as well as the local golfing residents, is to drive to the golf course parking lot. The township board must weigh the need for the public to easily reach their destination on our township roads, and whether speed bumps are allowed in the future. Hay Creek township has seriously considered both the benefits and detriments to speed bumps in our township. The North Dakota Township Officers Association attorney has advised AGAINST the use of speed bumps for our township, as it could be a liability issue in a variety of situations.

Burleigh county highway department has conducted various speed data tests over the last few years to give us a better picture of the speeds of drivers on different roads within the area, and the tests have shown very few speeds registered as exceptionally high. We have also requested the Burleigh county sheriff's department to increase patrols over the last several summers, to help to show their presence as well as, to reduce speeders. Finding the best resolution to this situation has been a lengthy focused effort by the township.

Thank you- read by M Rennich

At this time, I would ask that anyone who wishes to speak on this topic, to please come forward, state your name and address please..