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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2017

A very unusual February gave us only one real storm event on the 9th that dumped a little over 7 inches of snow. A few other minor events that needed some salting rounded out the winter weather. The rest of the month was very mild with a few days in the mid 70's. This warm weather allowed our crew to get a lot of roadside trees trimmed that we did not have time for the last few years. When residents do not trim the street trees in front of their house this creates many problems for the township. When left to grow the trees make snow plowing a hazard where low tress branches break mirrors and rip off other parts of trucks that get struck by the limbs. The branches make it impossible to sweep the streets properly forcing the street sweeper to drive in and out from the curb so as not to hit the trees. Firetrucks and other emergency vehicles can also be damaged on not have proper access due to trees that are not trimmed. In addition we continued to patch potholes, and clean debris form storm drains after storms. After the storm on the 9th with the warm weather that followed we were able to repair sod ripped up during plowing the usually has to wait for spring. Continued replacing traffic signs in the College View and Gradwhal sections of the township to comply with PADOT standards.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 362 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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