

Scheduled road work in Bedford Township appreciated

Congratulations and thank you goes out to the Bedford Township Board and the Monroe County Road Commission officials. Because of their efforts, Bedford Township residents will see more of their local roads improved and upgraded this summer. Their prudent decision to share the cost by applying for federal, state and county funds has not gone unnoticed by me and other township residents. I am excited to see that improvements will be made to Rauch Rd., Erie Rd. and Lewis Ave. this summer.

As they prioritize future road projects I would like to suggest that strong consideration be given to improving and upgrading Crabb Rd., especially between Temperance and Erie Rds. Numerous reoccurring potholes make the road dangerous for drivers to navigate. Many sections of this road have been patched so many times that the road is starting to resemble some of the worst sections of Rauch. Since this section of Crabb is a major artery used by residents to get to Vienna Park, I would think it may qualify for some federal, state or county road funds. What can we citizens do to secure additional road funding to improve this section of Crabb or other roads?

I remember that several years ago Monroe County government officials created a program called the "Monroe County Self-Help Road and Bridge Program" which allocated millions of dollars to improve local roads and bridges. The program was jointly operated by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, the

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county road commissioners and officials from townships, villages, and cities acting as partners. I believe that this program was funded from county revenue sources other than property tax revenue — such as funds received from the state revenue-sharing program. These county funds were matched by the local townships, villages and cities to make improvements to their roads and bridges. When those revenue sources declined at the county level, the self-help program was terminated. I know that Bedford Township participated in this program to improve many of our roads and I look forward to the day when this program can be put in place again.

Again, thanks and keep up the good work of improving our roads in Bedford Township and Monroe County.

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