

CITY OF HOBART



2020 ADA YEAR END REPORT

The City of Hobart is very fortunate that we have a Mayor, Mayor Brian Snedecor, who believes in and participates in the ADA programs, activities and construction projects.

The City, in cooperation with the Lake County Drainage Board, completely removed the 3rd Street bridge, sidewalks and roadway. The project started in early 2019 and was finally completed in October of 2020. A new bridge was built much longer than the old one to allow more water to flow thru, to help alleviate flooding of the lake front and some downtown businesses. A new 3rd Street was installed for several blocks, new ADA sidewalks, a raised pedestrian walkway across 3rd Street with flashing lights, new ADA curb ramps and new signage. The walkway along the lake front was extended under the new bridge to exit onto the Southside of 3rd Street. All walkways are ADA improved. The City had to purchase a commercial building which was demolished to complete all of this on the Southside.

In the Downtown area, the Storm Water Board had to replace a collapsed storm drain. This was a long, complicated project. Several blocks of roadway had to be removed along with the damaged storm line. Sidewalks were also removed. When the project was completed we ended up with a new drain line, new roadways, new ADA approved sidewalks, crossings and curb ramps. It was a very expensive projects.

With Community Crossings matching grant money, the City was able to pave several miles of roadways, new ADA approved sidewalks, ADA crossings and new ADA approved curb ramps.

We have updated our ADA website with information on public transportation fixed bus routes, service and comfort animals.

Because of the COVID 19 virus, we were not able to attend ADA conferences, summits, training sessions, etc. as we always have in the past. This is an area that I truly miss. I enjoyed attending ADA training. I always walked away a more knowledgeable person.

The Park Department re-did several playground parks to meet ADA requirements. They installed new ADA playground equipment, walkways and benches. The Park Department public swimming pool did not open this year due to the COVID 19 virus. The department took advantage of the situation and started remodeling the bathhouse/concession building to improve the appearance and better use of the building. The building is also being remodeled to meet ADA standards. The Park Department completed the walkway and railings along the Lake George lakefront, landscaping, planting of trees, lighting, swings, benches and ADA entrances and exits with ADA approved ramps.

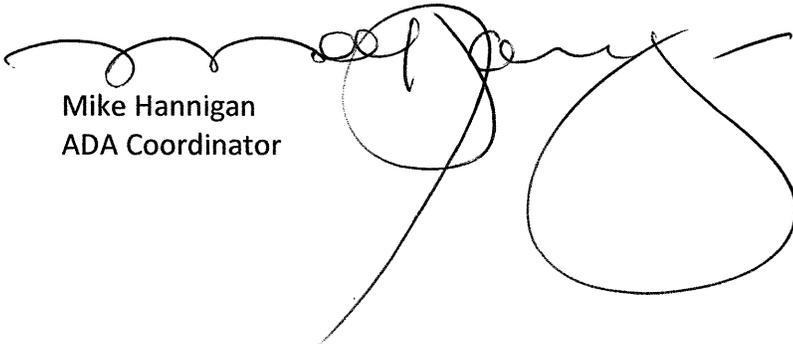
The Planning/Zoning Department, thru the Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, reviews each and every project that goes thru the planning process and requires the project to be ADA approved. This includes roadways, curbs, curb ramps, gutters, ADA crossings, correct amount of ADA parking in all parking lots, sidewalks to be ADA compliant, all landscaping and planting to meet ADA standards. All commercial buildings must be ADA compliant in regards to stairways, hallways, restrooms, ADA railings, equipment heights, signage and etc.

Some of our Public Building have been remodeled to provide ADA restrooms, some with push button automatic entrance doors and ADA hand railing.

The grounds at City Hall were redone. New sidewalks were installed to meet ADA compliance. New curb ramps were also installed. New landscaping and plantings have been installed according to ADA regulations. Additional ADA parking was created as well as new signage.

City Hall was closed from March to September 2020 due to the Covid 19 virus. Employees were working from home. However, we did accomplish quite a bit for the year. We are looking forward to 2021.

Mike Hannigan
ADA Coordinator

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