

TOWNSHIP of CRETE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Will County

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ANTHONY RECUPITO Highway Commissioner

Re: ROADSIDE HAZARD

Dear Township resident,

It is against the law to place any items in the road right of way without the written approval of the Highway Commissioner. There are several areas within the Township where residents have placed large boulders in front of their property along the edge of the road. These rocks are a hazard not only to our plow truck drivers and equipment, but to the motoring public at large. During snow plow season it is impossible to know where these rocks are located and several of our plows have been damaged due to these rocks being frozen to the ground. In light of these developments we are requesting that all rocks be removed from the edge of the roads within 30 days of this notification. If you are unable to do this, please call the Highway Department at 672-7732 and we will assist you in removing them.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Tony Recupito

Crete Township Highway Commissioner

Property address

Location of rocks

Date of notification

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Mr. Anthony Recupito Crete Township Highway Commissioner Crete Township Road District 25405 S. State Street Crete, IL 60417

RE:

Obstructions on Crete Township Road Right-of-Ways

Dear Highway Commissioner Recupito:

Recently, you inquired about the legal ramifications of property owners placing large boulders in the Township owned road rights-of-way either along the shoulder of a township road in front of their property or on either side of their driveway near the road ditch culvert.

Property owners placing boulders on Township owned property have unknowingly created potential legal liability not only for themselves personally, but also for all taxpayers in the Township. I understand during this winter's heavy snowfall, Township snow plows and equipment were damaged because of these boulders. More importantly however, property owners and the Township must consider the various potential legal issues each could face if someone was injured as a result of these right-of-way obstructions.

I concur with your belief that once the affected Township residents consider all the ramifications, they will cooperate with the Township in promptly removing these boulders.

Very truly yours, MAHONEY, SILVERMAN & CROSS, LLC By: George F. Mahoney, III

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