

SEASONAL ROADS

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In accordance with Section 5a of Act No.51 of the Public Acts of 1951 (MCL 247.655a) as amended by Act 184 of 1981. Seasonal roads are under the Road Commission's jurisdiction and not maintained between the months of November through April. Seasonal roads have signs designating them as such.

In order to receive winter maintenance, seasonal roads must be upgraded to the current Road Commission's standards at other's expense.

Private adjoining landowners on a designated seasonal road have the year round right of ingress and egress. The use may be lawful, consistent with the rights of others, and does not cause damage to the road.

Seasonal roads are county roads and permits to do work within the road right-of-way are required.

The Newaygo County Road Commission may include or exclude roads in the seasonal county road system upon adoption of a proper resolution but only after holding a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing shall contain the date, time and place of the hearing and shall describe in general terms the action proposed to be taken by the board and the roads to be affected. The notice shall be published twice in the local paper, the first notice to be not less than 30 days before the hearing and the second notice not less than 7 days before the hearing. Notice shall also be mailed to the clerk of the county and each city, village or township in which the roads are situated.

If at the hearing an objection is made to the designation of a road as part of the seasonal county road system by a person occupying a structure located upon or along the road as the person's principal residence, the commissioners shall not designate that road as part of the seasonal county road system unless the commissioners provide that person with immediate access to a road which is not a part of the seasonal county road system.