

# **Village of Grand Beach** 48200 Perkins Blvd. Grand Beach, MI 49117

# AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **AUGUST 17, 2022** 6:00 P.M. CST - 7:00 P.M. EST

# MASKS ARE SUGGESTED FOR EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve Village Council Minutes:
    - Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 20, 2022
    - ii. Special Council Meeting Minutes August 3, 2022
  - b. Hall Rental Requests
    - i. Matthew Denny
    - ii. Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce (Grand Beach Sponsor Jim Bracewell)
    - iii. Dimitrios Tianus (Grand Beach Sponsor Renee Pappas)
    - iv. Mary Kenny
  - c. Pay Bills with Written Additions
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items
  - 5. Public Hearing
  - 6. Presentations/Recognition
    - a. Marcy Hamilton Marquette Greenway
  - 7. Commission Reports
    - a. Building & Zoning James Bracewell
    - b. Parks & Beaches Peter Doerr
    - c. Streets & Water Paul Leonard Jr.
    - d. Police
- Deborah Lindley
- e. Pro Shop & Course Blake O'Halloran
- f. ServiScape Report Clay Putnam

# AGENDA (CONTINUED) REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 17, 2022

# 8. Personnel Reports

- a. Superintendent
- Bob Dabbs
- b. Police Chief
- Ryan Layman
- c. Building Inspector
- Bill Lambert

# 9. Unfinished Business

- a. Beach Access License Agreement
- b. Beach Access Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

# 10. New Business

- a. Marquette Greenway
- b. Wildwood/Ely Water Lines Easement Proposal
- c. Plaque Grand Beach Nature Preserve Ribbon Cutting
- d. Post Damage and Replacement Cost
- e. Harbor Country Hikers Parking Request
- f. Direct TV Annual Video Report
- g. Reappoint James Bracewell as ex-officio member to the Planning Commission with Term ending August 31, 2023
- h. Reappoint Frank Giglio to the Planning Commission with Term Ending August 31, 2025

# 11. Public Comments - General

# 12. Correspondence

- a. Ed & Yvette Brandes Tree Clean Up Thank You
- b. Clem & Barbara McDonald Trees on Beach Access
- c. Molly Trafas Construction at 46029 Lake View
- d. Ed Trainor New Buffalo Township Special Assessment District
- e. Harry Walder Building Inspector & Reporting
- f. Harry Walder Special Meetings

# 13. Adjournment

# NOTICE VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 6:00 P.M. (CST) – 7:00 P.M. (EST)

# GRAND BEACH VILLAGE HALL 48200 PERKINS BLVD. GRAND BEACH, MI 49117

# MASKS ARE SUGGESTED AT THIS MEETING FOR EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE

This meeting will be held in person. It is a hybrid meeting with an option for the public to attend via Zoom by using the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668599691?pwd=WHU5emNIcTBpdGNJeU5MNC9EZWcxQT09

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Public participation is allowed at the beginning of the agenda to speak on agenda items only, and near the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda.

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MARY J. ROBERTSON CLERK – TREASURER (269) 469-3141

# VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 20, 2022

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President James Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Peter Doerr, Deborah Lindley and Blake O'Halloran. Paul Leonard Jr. was not in attendance.

Bracewell told those in attendance that the Village lost two longtime residents recently. He said that Gene Kucharski passed away and a luncheon was held at the hall after his funeral and Eleanor Juby passed away after living in Grand Beach for many years and being very involved in Village activities. He said these losses change the fabric of the Village.

#### ADOPT AGENDA

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to adopt the July 20, 2022 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

#### ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Village Council Minutes:
  - i. Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 15, 2022
  - ii. Special Council Meeting Minutes June 28, 2022
- b. Hall Rental Requests
  - Barbara Kucharski
  - ii. North Grand Beach Homeowner's Association
- c. Pay Bills with Written Additions

Lindley moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve the consent agenda for July 20, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

# PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

# **COMMISSION REPORTS**

**BUILDING & ZONING**: Bracewell said there is a lot of building activity taking place in the Village. He said that he and Bill Lambert had another preliminary meeting with the owners of the property on SkyHi where a new home is proposed to be built and the owners were very willing to make any necessary changes to the plans. Bracewell said the plans have not been turned in yet.

# **PARKS & BEACHES:** Doerr spoke about the following:

- There were cautionary signs put up at the pier and the jetties to warn people not to jump or dive from them.
- Metal pilings were removed at the Royal Avenue beach, although now there are broken off pieces of the metal left in the water from the process. Doerr asked that if you find any pieces to throw them away.
- The rocks were installed at the pumphouse.
- Sand has been put in at the Lake Beach access, but when it rains, it gets washed away and they will have to add more.

# Regular Council Meeting – July 20, 2022

- Doerr and Debbie Lindley met with representatives of Chikaming Open Lands in regards to the agreement the Village has with them for the Grand Beach Nature Preserve for help with maintenance. He said they are very willing to help and this will be part of the Master Plan.
- He spoke with the owners of 47001 Lake View, which is adjacent to the Pine Street Beach access, regarding the beach access and said that they had a slip and slide set up on the access for their personal use.
- He said that on June 27, the owners of 50015 Calla were in the process of installing an irrigation system, sod and
  a driveway on Village property. The Village has had a title search done which shows the Village is the owner of
  the property and is in the process of having the property surveyed. He said some of the survey stakes have
  disappeared, but Merritt Midwest has record of them.

STREETS & WATER: Leonard was not in attendance.

**POLICE:** Lindley reminded everyone to keep their doors locked and to be aware of scammers. She announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Grand Beach Nature Preserve will be held on Friday, July 22.

**PRO SHOP & COURSE:** O'Halloran said even though the rounds of golf are down, the revenue is up due to sales of food, accessories, clothing and golf cart rental. He said ServiScape continues to repair the irrigation system which needs to be replaced.

Lindley said that she was concerned with the cost of the lease of the golf carts, but sees that the revenue is up with the rental carts. She said that Pro Shop Manager Don Butler told her that there are a lot of golf cart stickers that haven't been paid for yet. She will have the office send out reminders to those that haven't paid.

## SERVISCAPE REPORT

Clay Putnam said seasonal maintenance is ongoing. They repaired three irrigation leaks and replaced the components in five sprinkler heads last month. They have experienced power outages and when that happens, there is no way to get water up to the holding tank and down to the irrigation system. They will be having the booster pump repaired and serviced at an estimated cost of \$8,000 which will come out of ServiScape's budget.

### **PERSONNEL REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT:** In addition to his written report, Superintendent Bob Dabbs said that they have been very busy. He said they sprayed a chemical on the arch to remove the algae, but the paint is fine. He said after a couple of rains, it should look nice.

**POLICE CHIEF:** In addition to his written report, Chief Ryan Layman said there were 82 complaints in June. He updated the Council on the lady who recently drove her car across the golf course. She didn't show up for court, so there is a felony warrant out for her. Layman told the Council that Michiana Police Commissioner Rusty Bruesch passed away suddenly.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**: Bill Lambert was not in attendance.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Bracewell said that Planning Commissioner Chair Laurie Roche submitted an email, and said that the Planning Commission has agreed to review and update the Master Plan. Bracewell said that we need to get costs for a Master Plan. Doerr said that he will look into available grants for the Master Plan.

## **RESOLUTION TO REQUEST MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INVOLVEMENT**

Bracewell said there may be funds and support available from the Michigan Municipal League for the appeal in the lawsuit that was filed against New Buffalo Township for the special assessment district that the Village of Grand Beach and the Village of Michiana are appealing. He said the Village is contesting one-third of the cost since the Village has its own police department, but does need ambulance and fire coverage.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to approve and sign resolution #2022-05 as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Doerr stated that New Buffalo Township will have a millage request for the parks department on the August 2, 2022 ballot.

# **NEW BUFFALO SHORELINE ALLIANCE JOINT PROSECUTION & RETENTION AGREEMENTS**

Bracewell explained that the Village is currently involved in two lawsuits, one is with New Buffalo Township regarding the special assessment and the second is with New Buffalo Shoreline Alliance (NBSA) in a taking's lawsuit that has been filed. He said Grand Beach residents and the Village have spent a tremendous amount of money protecting property and beach accesses. Bracewell said that Paul Leonard, who has been very involved with the New Buffalo Shoreline Alliance, feels that if the suit is successful, Grand Beach will be protected.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Doerr to approve and sign the Joint Prosecution Agreement and Retention Agreement to be included in the lawsuit filed by New Buffalo Shoreline Alliance. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

# **BEACH ACCESS LICENSE AGREEMENT**

Bracewell said that Doerr did a lot of work and communicated with the Village Attorney regarding three documents. Doerr said that there is a letter included in the packet to be sent to the homeowners who are adjacent to the beach accesses to let them know what is going on. He said there is also a license agreement which basically says the Village needs indemnification for any encroachment on Village property.

Doerr moved, seconded by Lindley to agree to send a letter to property owners next to the beach accesses regarding property encroachments, and the license agreement which puts down on paper what is and isn't allowed, if they happen to have encroachments now or in the future. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. O'Halloran said that some of the wording might need to be changed in the letter to be more direct to state that you need to sign the agreement. Doerr will work with Village Attorney Sara Senica to add language to the letter.

#### BEACH ACCESS RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Doerr said that the Beach Access Release and Hold Harmless agreement is to be used when people use the Village access for work on a home or property, and will go to the contractor who has equipment on the access. There was discussion among Council members regarding the amount of the fee to be charged when using an access.

Doerr moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve the new Release and Hold Harmless agreement for contractors who are using Village land and to charge a \$100 fee. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

#### SAND DONATIONS

Doerr said there is a simple letter to be added to the building permit application packets to let people know that the Village would like to keep their sand that is removed while doing construction. He said that the Village would like to get as much sand as possible, and that typically, the contractor will tell the property owner that they will haul the sand away and then end up selling it for a high price.

The letter says that Superintendent Bob Dabbs should be contacted to see if he is interested in the sand. Clerk-Treasurer Mary Robertson said that she will add the sand donation letter to the building permit application packets.

# MERS ACTUARY VALUATION REPORT 12/31/21

Bracewell said that the Village has received the MERS Actuary Valuation report for December 31, 2021 and the contributions and payments are in excellent shape. He said the Village paid an additional \$11,500 in to MERS last year and the pension plan is now funded at 105%, with plans to make another \$11,500 contribution this year. Lindley questioned why the Council would make another \$11,500 contribution when the plan is already funded at 105%, adding that the Council should evaluate the plan before making the additional contribution.

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to continue to contribute 6.72% of the payroll to MERS effective November 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

# LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD ACTUAL SPECIFIC COSTS

Bracewell explained that according to the compact with the Pokagon Band of Indians who operate the Four Winds Casino and the State of Michigan, if the Village has any specific actual costs related to the casino, we submit a request for reimbursement. He said the Village has never submitted a request because we haven't had any actual specific costs.

# WILDWOOD/ELY WATER LINE RELOCATION PROPOSALS

Bracewell said that bids were opened last week for the water line relocation. He said the Village received two bids, with the lowest bid in the amount of \$69,410 to move water lines that were installed on private property. The completion date of the project is August 1, 2023 due to the difficulty in getting the necessary materials for the project.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to accept the bid recommended by Merritt Midwest from Paul Oselka of Pajay, Inc. in the amount of \$69,410 with a completion date of August 1, 2023 or sooner. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS - GENERAL**

The Council heard comments from Village residents Lance Rezny and Michael Barton Jr. regarding the need for speed bumps in his neighborhood.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### MICHAEL BARTON JR. - SPEED BUMPS

Bracewell said the Council received letters from Michael Barton Jr., Bill Callaghan Jr., Michael Moore and Lance Rezny requesting speed bumps in their neighborhood. Doerr was concerned that there will be calls every month for speed bumps if approved. Lindley said that there was a request turned down last month, and the Village gets complaints about the speed bumps often. When asked what his opinion on the speed bumps requested for this area was, Police Chief Ryan Layman said he likes the idea of speed bumps in this area. He said they've had a lot of calls about this and they can't be there at all times to watch for speeders. He added that he could not find a safe location to place the speed bumps that were requested and denied last month for Station Road.

# Regular Council Meeting – July 20, 2022

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to put speed bumps in at two locations on Robin Lane with the residents paying for them. Motion carried 3-1 with Bracewell, Doerr and O'Halloran voting aye and Lindley voting nay. The Council mentioned that the speed bumps will be removed for the season when they are removed in front of the park.

# **BILL CALLAGHAN JR. – SPEED BUMPS/STOP SIGN**

# PAT JOYCE - SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

Bracewell said the Council received a detailed letter from Patricia Joyce about short-term rentals. He said he will turn the letter over to Police Chief Ryan Layman who will be the compliance officer for the short-term rentals. Layman is the compliance officer in the Village of Michiana.

# MICHAEL MOORE - SPEED BUMPS/STOP SIGN

#### **LANCE REZNY - SPEED BUMPS**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary of Roberts

Mary J. Robertson

Clerk-Treasurer

# VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 3, 2022

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President James Bracewell called the special council meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Peter Doerr and Blake O'Halloran. Paul Leonard Jr. and Deborah Lindley were not in attendance.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to adopt the August 3, 2022 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Village resident Harry Walder said that he looked at the Robin Lane beach access and he believes there are two large trees that will need to be removed if the access is used.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **DONKERSLOOT & SONS – REQUEST USE OF ROBIN LANE BEACH ACCESS**

Bracewell said he had a conversation with Arie Donkersloot to identify a staging area for them to do revetment work in Forest Beach. He said the best available area was the Robin Lane access. He said Donkersloot offered to pay the Village \$20,000 for the use of the access with work beginning after Labor Day and ending close to Thanksgiving. Donkersloot also agreed to restore the access back to its original condition upon completion.

O'Halloran asked Donkersloot if he could put mulch on the access after he is finished, and Donkersloot said that he can put down sand, mulch or gravel. Doerr asked why Donkersloot couldn't use the Lake Avenue access instead and Donkersloot said it is tight for semis to get in and there with the rock and there are usually cars parked there.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Doerr to accept the proposal from Donkersloot & Sons to use the Robin Lane beach access for a staging area for revetment work beginning after Labor Day through approximately Thanksgiving. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - GENERAL**

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Bracewell moved, seconded by Doerr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 3-0. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson Clerk-Treasurer

# Village of Grand Beach-General Fund OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Туре	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Open Balan
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	ALF'S PETRO				2,376.85
Bill	RO SERVICES 07/23/2022	128808	PLUMBING - LADIE'S ROOM	265.818 · Contractual Ser	751.00
Total A	ALL PRO SERV	/ICES			751.00
<b>ARAM</b> Bill	<b>ARK UNIFOR!</b> 07/22/2022	M SERVICE: 6310037		265.956 Miscellaneous	29.02
Total A	RAMARK UNII	FORM SER	/ICES		29.02
Bill	<b>IMAGE</b> 07/08/2022	3664	NO JUMPING FROM PIER SIGN	724.778 · Repair & Maint	380.00
	RT & IMAGE				380.00
<b>COWL</b> Bill	. <b>ES ENVIRONI</b> 08/01/2022	MENTAL 356	STORM WATER ASSISTANCE	446.818 · Contractual Ser	180.00
Total C	OWLES ENVI	RONMENTA	AL .		180.00
<b>DALE</b> I Bill	<b>POWELL</b> 08/09/2022		TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE	266.850 · Telephone & Int	50.00
Total D	ALE POWELL				50.00
FASTE Bill	NAL COMPAN 07/26/2022	IV INMIC2	HARDWARE FOR BENCHES - N	691.956 · Miscellaneous	68.75
Total F	ASTENAL CO	MPANY			68.75
<b>GORD</b> Bill	ON FOOD SEF 07/29/2022		HAND TOWELS & TOILET TISSUE	266.778 · Repairs & Maint	121.98
Total G	ORDON FOOI	O SERVICE			121.98
<b>JAYSO</b> Bill	ON POWELL 08/09/2022		TELEPHONE REIMBURSEMENT	266.850 Telephone & Int	50.00
Total J	AYSON POWE	LL			50.00
Bill Bill	08/02/2022 08/02/2022 08/02/2022 08/02/2022		AIR CONDITIONER UNIT SPEED BUMPS HARDWARE & CONCRETE - BE HARDWARE - BENCHES	-SPLIT- -SPLIT- -SPLIT- -SPLIT-	512.05 27.97 232.86 74.34
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# Village of Grand Beach-General Fund OPEN INVOICE REPORT

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			110		605.80
Bill	08/03/2022	6819206	7/1/22-7/1/23 #2	871.871 · Workers Comp	6,469.00
Total N	/II MUNICIPAL	LEAGUE W	//C		6,469.00
<b>NAPA</b> Bill	<b>AUTO PARTS</b> 07/25/2022	<b>3</b> 455074	OIL & FILTERS	266.778 · Repairs & Maint	305.37
Total N	IAPA AUTO P	ARTS			305.37
NEW E	BUFFALO HA 08/09/2022	RDWARE a257542	MOSQUITO SPRAY	266.778 · Repairs & Maint	13.98
Total N	IEW BUFFALO	O HARDWAI	RE		13.98
NEW E Bill	BUFFALO TIN 08/01/2022	I <b>ES</b> 10268	CLERK AD, GRASS, STR & TRA	-SPLIT-	780.00
Total N	IEW BUFFALO	O TIMES			780.00
PRIOR	ITY HEALTH				700.00
Bill	08/09/2022		GROUP ID 795207	852.852 · Hospitalization	9,143.76
Total P	RIORITY HEA	ALTH			9,143.76
<b>QUILL</b> Bill	07/16/2022	26401717	MEMBERSHIP - PAPER SAVINGS	215.727 · Office Supply	69.99
Total Q	UILL				69.99
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Bill	07/31/2022	0715-00	3-0715-1003848 AUGUST	520.818 · Contractual Ser	4,637.60
Total R	EPUBLIC SER	RVICES			4,637.60
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Bill	07/27/2022	007185	TIRES-QUAD RUNNER	266.778 · Repairs & Maint	597.00
Total Si	HAFFNER TIF	RE SERVICE	INC		597.00
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Total S	TAR UNIFORI	М		·	252.00
VILLAG	SE OF GRAND	BEACH W	ATER DEPT.		
Bill	08/04/2022	·	GARAGE	266.920 · Utilities	84.50
	08/04/2022		HALL	265.920 · Utilities	128.25
Total VI	LLAGE OF GI	RAND BEAC	H WATER DEPT.		212.75

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# Village of Grand Beach-General Fund OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Туре	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Open Balan
VILLA	GE OF MICHIA	ANA			
Bill	08/09/2022		POLICE SERVICES FEBRUARY	300.818 · Contractual Ser	2,500.00
Total \	/ILLAGE OF M	ICHIANA			2,500.00
VSP IN	NSURANCE CO	O. (CT)			
Bill	08/09/2022	. ,	30092372 VISION	852.852 · Hospitalization	163.01
Total V	/SP INSURAN	CE CO. (CT			163.01
WAYN	E HEATING &	AIR COND	TIONING, INC.		
Bill	07/20/2022	220714	REPLACE 2 THERMOSTATS & T	265.818 · Contractual Ser	1,113.87
Total V	VAYNE HEATI	NG & AIR C	ONDITIONING, INC.		1,113.87
TOTAL					31,718.95

# Village of Grand Beach-Golf Fund OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Туре	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Open Balan
ARAM	ARK UNIFOR	M SERVICES	3		
Bill	07/22/2022	6310037	792008368 Mats	000.956 · Miscellan	73.18
Total A	ARAMARK UN	IFORM SERV	'ICES		73.18
CEDA	R CREST DAI	RY			
Bill	07/28/2022	2573884	ICE CREAM	000.948 · Food & G	257.90
Bill	08/04/2022	2576305	ICE CREAM	000.948 · Food & G	105.20
Total 0	CEDAR CRES	T DAIRY			363.10
GORD	ON FOOD SE	RVICE			
Bill	07/20/2022	821275044		000.948 · Food & G	214.25
Bill	08/02/2022	821275941		000.948 · Food & G	150.87
Bill	08/10/2022	821276517	FOOD	000.948 · Food & G	186.69
Total (	GORDON FOO	DD SERVICE			551.81
GRAN	D BEACH BR	EEZE			
Bill	08/08/2022		ADVERTISING 2022	000.901 · Marketing	275.00
Total 0	GRAND BEAC	H BREEZE			275.00
GREA	T LAKES CO	CA-COLA DIS	TRIBUTION		
Credit	07/20/2022	2360620		000.948 · Food & G	-24.00
Bill	07/20/2022	2360620		000.948 · Food & G	261.63
Total C	GREAT LAKES	COCA-COLA	A DISTRIBUTION		237.63
PNC E	QUIPMENT F	INANCE			
Bill	08/09/2022		CONTRACT #98996389-1	000.986 · Equipmen	3,431.00
Total F	PNC EQUIPME	ENT FINANCE	Ē		3,431.00
scho	LL DAIRY CO				
Bill	07/20/2022	146314	ICE CREAM	000.948 · Food & G	348.50
Total S	SCHOLL DAIR	Y CO.			348.50
SERVI	ISCAPE				
Bill	07/31/2022		JULY	-SPLIT-	19,379.35
Total S	SERVISCAPE				19,379.35
STITC					
Bill	07/25/2022	4214	T-SHIRTS	000,949 · Clothing	441.00
Total S	STITCHES			•	441.00
TOTAL					25,100.57
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# Village of Grand Beach - Water Fund OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Туре	Date	Num	Memo Split		Open Balan
CITY	OF NEW BUFF	ALO			
Bill	07/28/2022	1689	WATER SAMPLING	801.000 · Professi	150.00
Total (	CITY OF NEW	BUFFALO		•	150.00
FIFTH	THIRD BANK	į			
Bill	07/24/2022		McAfee Antivirus	727.000 · Office S	137.79
Total F	FIFTH THIRD E	BANK'			137.79
MICH	ANA WATER A	AUTHORITY	1		
Bill	07/01/2022		7/1/22 Reading	927.000 · Water P	28,600.10
Bill	08/01/2022		8/1/22 Reading	927.000 · Water P	34,227.80
Total I	MICHIANA WA	TER AUTHO	ORITY		62,827.90
TOTAL					63,115.69

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# Village of Grand Beach - Building Inspection Fund OPEN INVOICE REPORT

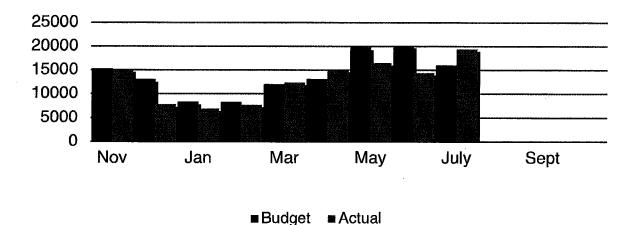
Type	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Open Balance
STATE C	OF MICHIGAN 07/28/2022	22-017	ELECTRICAL INSPECTIO	000.510 · Electrical Inspection Fe	355.96
Total STA	ATE OF MICHIG	SAN			355.96
<b>WILLIAN</b> Bill	08/10/2022		INSPECTIONS	000.500 · Building Inspection Fees	4,960.86
Total WIL	LLIAM H. LAMBI	ERT			4,960.86
TOTAL					5,316.82

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# Village of Grand Beach - Major Street Fund OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Туре	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Open Balan
SERVISCA Bill	<b>APE</b> 06/30/2022	063022	MULCH	463.782 · Street Supplies	366.30
Total SER	VISCAPE			· ·	366.30
TOTAL					366.30





August 17, 2022

Dear Grand Beach Council,

We are happy to provide you with the August Golf Course Maintenance Report.

# Financial

Year to date we are \$10,636 under budget.

# **Course News & Conditions**

- Seasonal maintenance is ongoing.
- We have replaced several sprinkler head components.
- Began pruning behind the hall patio. We will complete pruning and add mulch within the next week.
- We removed a large limb that come down from an oak tree on the left side of 5 fairway. The remainder of the tree will be removed due to rot.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clay Putnam ServíScape, LLC

# Grand Beach Golf Course Rounds of Golf Report

# **JULY**

Type
Non-Residen
Weekday
Non-Residen
Weekend
Resident
Weekday
Resident
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Pass
Total

	2022	2021	2020
t			
	491	461	486
t			
	315	286	206
	806	806	813
	614	730	523
	603	916	984
	2829	3199	3012

# **Financial Data**

Golf
Food
Accessories
Clothing
Cart Rental
Gam/Hdcp
Subtotal
Cart Reg
Total

2022	2021	2020
\$ 37,343.00	\$ 37,832.00	\$ 34,507.50
\$ 10,149.07	\$ 7,895.04	\$ 5,985.26
\$ 3,012.30	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 2,238.50
\$ 4,426.40	\$ 5,476.40	\$ 2,144.50
\$ 16,331.00	\$ 11,424.00	\$ 9,850.00
\$ 71,261.77	\$ 65,202.44	\$ 54,725.76
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# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

# **August 12, 2022**

# HALL - GROUNDS - MAINTENANCE GARAGE

Cleaned Maintenance garage.

# STREETS - PARKS - BEACHES

Weekly Brush and Bag Pickup. Cleaned out drywell's and storm drains. Mow and trim Streets, Parks and Beach Easements. Cleaned beaches at White Wood and Walnut.

# WATER DEPARTMENT

Sampled water July 29, 2022 and took to New Buffalo water treatment plant for analysis. Submitted monthly reports for July readings to State of Michigan on August 9, 2022. Residential water meters were read for June and July billing. Installed new water service at 46029 Lake View.

# **EQUIPMENT**

Service, Oil and grease equipment.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Dabbs Superintendent

# **Grand Beach/Michiana Police Offense Summary Occurred 7/1/2022 - 7/31/2022**

Offense	Total Offenses
1313 - 13001 - Assault and Battery/Simple Assault	1
2902 - 29000 - Damage to Property - Private Property	1
2903 - 29000 - Damage to Property - Public Property	1
2998 - 29000 - Damage to Property - Destroy, Injure Property of Police or Fire Departments	1
4104 - 41002 - Liquor Violation - Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in a Motor Vehicle	1
4196 - 41002 - Liquor Violation - Minor in Possession - Consume or Purchase Attempts	1
5282 - 52002 - Fireworks - Possession, Sale, Use, or Furnish	1
5707 - 57001 - Trespass (Other)	2
73001 - 7300 - Ordinance Violation	11
8072 - 54003 - Traffic - Careless Driving	1
8281 - 54003 - Traffic - No Operators/Chauffers License on Person	2
8293 - 54003 - Traffic - Parking/Standing/Stopping on Roadway	1
9910 - 93001 - Traffic, Non-Criminal - Accident	3
9943 - 98007 - Inspections/Investigations - Suspicious Situations	10
9944 - 98008 - Inspections/Investigations - Lost and Found Prop	2
9953 - 99008 - Miscellaneous - General Assistance	10
9954 - 99008 - Miscellaneous - Assist to Fire Department	4
9954 - 99009 - Miscellaneous - Non-Criminal	3
9955 - 99008 - Miscellaneous - Assist to EMS	3
9956 - 99008 - Miscellaneous - Assist to Other Police Agency	. 2
9957 - 99008 - Miscellaneous - Residential/Business/Bank Alarm - False	11
Total	72

We had a typical 4th of July, but nothing out of the ordinary to report.

We are seeing petty vandalism in Grand Beach. Our speed trailer was tipped over and the stabalizing legs were damaged. If anyone knows who may have done this, please let us know.

Respectfully Submitted

Ryan Layman Chief of Police

# VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH

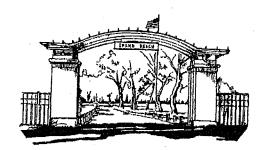
# MONTHLY BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT

# AUGUST 17, 2022

PERMIT#	NAME/ADRESS	WORK TO BE DONE	COST	START
2021-21	GOLDSTEIN	NEW HOME	\$1,879,429.00	05/21
	52015 LAKE PARK			
2021-22	ALLEGERETTI	NEW HOME	\$1,000,000.00	06/21
	52106 LAKE PARK			
2021-30	DWARAKANATHAN	NEW HOME	\$900,000.00	11/21
	51308 ROBIN LN			
2021-43	MEARSHEIMER	NEW POOL	\$80,253.00	11/21
	52204 MAIN			
2021-47	BROWN	NEW HOME	\$640,080.00	12/21
	45322 FAIRWAY			
2021-48	BURKE	NEW HOME	\$819,800.00	12/21
	45320 FAIRWAY			
2021-50	ARMSTRONG	NEW HOME	\$289,789.00	12/21
	58107 WALNUT			
2021-54	TOLE	DECK REWORK	\$150,000.00	12/21
	47001 LAKEVIEW			
2021-59	GABA	NEW HOME	\$3,200,000.00	12/21
	51315 E ARNOLD			
2021-68	BLAUW	NEW GARAGE	\$125,000.00	12/21
	46029 LAKEVIEW			
2021-69	MORRIS	NEW HOME	\$500,000.00	01/22
	50262 GOLFVIEW			
2022-02	ZALANSKAS	NEW HOME	\$550,000.00	01/22
	46221 CRESCENT			

2022-07	ALBERT	REHAB INTERIOR	\$300,000.00	03/22
	45302 PUTTERS LN			
2022-12	PUSKUNIGIS	NEW HOME	\$480,000.00	03/22
	45318 FAIRWAY DR.			
2022/15	PUSKUNIGIS	NEW HOME	\$410,000.00	04/22
	45316 FAIRWAY DR.			
2022/16	ELLIOTT	SHED	\$8000.00	03/22
	52304 E ARNOLD			
2022/18	PLILLIPPI	NEW HOME	\$1,170,000.00	05/22
	51220 MAIN DR			
2022/19	NELLANS	ROOF,SIDING,WDO	\$126,099.31	05/22
	49019 SKYHI DR			
2022/20	DISABATO	NEW HOME	\$960,000.00	05/22
	51220 MAIN DR			
2022/22	KERN	NEW POOL	\$50,000.00	06/22
	<b>51216 E ARNOLD</b>			
2022/23	McFADDEN	NEW DECK	\$22,000.00	06/22
	49016 E McKEAN			
2022/24	SMITH AND SONS	NEW POOL	\$100,000.00	06/22
	52106 LAKE PARK			
2022/26	KARAZIM	NEW HOME	\$600,000.00	06/22
	45312 FAIRWAY DR			
2022/27	BLACKBURN	NEW POOL	\$50,000.00	06/22
	<b>46115 PINE AVE</b>			
2022/28	PUSKUNGIS	NEW HOME	\$280,000.00	06/22
	45321 FAIRWAY DR			
2022/32	PUSKUNGIS	NEW HOME	\$300,000.00	07/22
	45325 FAIRWAY DR			

2022/33	JENNINGS	NEW POOL	\$125,894.00	07/22
	52114 LAKE PARK DR			
2022/34	DYSON	SHED	\$12,000.00	07/22
	51001 LAKE PARK DR			
2022/35	MUCNTZER	NEW HOME	\$800,000.00	08/22
	51224 MAIN DR			
2022/36	MEARSHIMER	NEW POOL FENCE	\$10,873.00	08/22
	52204 MAIN DR			
2022/37	NICOLAI	NEW HOME	\$884,840.00	08/22
	45314 FAIRWAY DR			
2022/38	STANCZAK	NEW ROOF	\$14,600.00	08/22
	46217 CRESCENT			
2022/39	ВАВУ	NEW ROOF	\$3,825.00	08/22
	50213 CALLA AVE			
2022/40	BLAUW	ROOF ON GARAGE	\$2,100.00	08/22
	46029 LAKEVIEW AVE			



# VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, MI 49117 (269) 469-3141 Fax (269) 469-0146

Date:	,
Dear Homeowner,	
general public. In an effort to encourage any personal use of the right-of-way by i	s a Village right-of-way that is dedicated and open to use by the citizens to use this public right-of-way, the Village does not allow individual landowners. In short, as property owned by the Village, or pedestrian foot traffic and golf cart parking.
is prohibited, and the Village may take in that encroaches on the Village right-of	llage right-or-way other than for foot traffic and golf cart parking mmediate action to remove personal uses, including landscaping, f-way. Furthermore, no use (including, but not limited to new traffic and golf cart parking, shall occur without the prior written
landowners who have landscaping on the way for personal landscaping will be a	cense Agreement that is requested between the Village and le Village right-of-way. Landowners who use the Village right-of-sked to indemnify the Village for any damages to persons or of Village property, and homeowners are thus required to insure ches on public land.
Village right-of-way. Please do not hesi	
if you hav	e any questions with the contents of this letter.

# LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this	_ day of, 2022, between the Village of
Grand Beach, 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beac	h, MI 49117, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, herein
"Grantor", and	of , Grand Beach, MI
49117, herein "Grantee", for and in consideration	on of less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) paid to
Grantor by Grantee, and subject to all of the following	owing terms and conditions.
WHEREAS, Grantee owns parcel(s)	
hereinafter referred to as "Grantee's Property",	
WHEREAS, Grantee's Property border	s, a platted public
right-of-way/beach access in the Village of Gran	,
WHEREAS, Grantee has installed land landscaping encroaches onto the Grantor's property.	scaping on a portion of Grantor's right-of-way, which erty, and
	he Grantee's landscaping placement on the Grantor's blic access, or the public's right to use the Grantor's
WHEREAS, the Village, as Grantor, agencroachment area, subject to the terms and con-	grees to allow Grantee to use and maintain the ditions contained herein.
Now therefore, in consideration of the n follows:	nutual promises herein contained, the parties agree as

# SECTION 1 Grant of License; Description of Premises

Grantor hereby grants to Grantee a revocable License over the land where Grantee has encroached on Grantor's property, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the "License" or "License Agreement", which License Grantee shall use solely for the purpose of allowing easily moveable and relocatable plants and flowers as approved by the Village Building Inspector, and to maintain the License area according to the ordinances of the Village of Grand Beach, including mowing, trimming, and weeding as required, but not less than bi-weekly, and to keep the area sightly and clean. The landscaping plants and flowers herein described shall be owned by Grantee, and the land which comprises the License area shall remain under the sole ownership of the Village of Grand Beach as Grantor.

# SECTION 2 Limitation to Described Purpose

The License may only be used by Grantee for the purpose of property maintenance, trimming, watering, weeding, and keeping the area clean and sightly. No expansion of the License shall be allowed in or around the License area without written permission from the Grantor. Grantee's right to use the License for these limited purposes shall continue unless terminated under the provisions of Section 5.

# SECTION 3 Mutual Benefit and Consideration

In addition to the financial consideration for this Agreement stated on page one, the parties acknowledge that there is an additional mutual benefit created by Grantee's care and maintenance of the License area by Grantee. Grantee also agrees to fully insure the License area against any claims or damages of any nature or sort through a comprehensive liability insurance policy, on which the Village of Grand Beach shall be named as an additional insured. A copy of such policy and proof of insurance shall be provided to the Grantor within ten (10) days of the Village Council's approval of this Agreement, and thereafter within five (5) business days upon request of the Grantor.

# SECTION 4 Indemnification and Payment

Grantee agrees to hold Grantor harmless and shall fully indemnify Grantor against any and all injuries, damages, liabilities, costs or claims, including attorney fees, arising from any claim or cause of action, whether in law or equity, or sounding in contract, tort or otherwise, which may be asserted against Grantor, its employees, agents, and elected officials by any person or entity, including any person or entity that is not a party to this Agreement, resulting or arising by virtue of the location of the License, the grant of this License, and/or attributable to Grantee's use of the Grantor's property or the License, property damage done to the License area by vehicles, acts of God, vandalism, pedestrians, or the general public using the Grantor's adjacent public access, and/or use of the License property by anyone permitted by Grantee, including Grantee's invitees, contractors, and agents.

# **SECTION 5 Termination**

This License and all of its terms shall run with the land and inure to the benefit of Grantee's heirs, successors and assigns in title unless and until terminated by this Section. The parties may terminate this Agreement two ways: 1.) by mutual written agreement, specifying the date of termination, or alternatively, 2.) The Grantor may terminate this Agreement by sixty (60) days written notice to Grantee. If Grantor elects to terminate this Agreement, the Agreement shall terminate upon sixty (60) days written notice of termination by the Grantor sent to the Grantee, with notice being sent by first class mail to Grantee at

Upon receipt of notice of termination, Grantee shall, if requested in writing, remove the landscaping from the License area at Grantee's sole cost within sixty (60) days, and return the property in the same condition as it was in at the time that this License was granted, with reasonable wear and tear expected given the nature of the Grantee's use.

If the Grantee refuses or fails to remove the landscaping within sixty (60) days from receipt of written notice under this section, the parties agree that the Grantor will have the absolute right to enter onto the property and remove the landscaping upon five (5) days written notice to Grantee at the above address, and that Grantor shall place the costs of such removal and any repairs on the Grantee's tax bill as a special assessment against the property.

# SECTION 6 Grantor's Reserved Rights

Grantor reserves all right, title, and interest to the right-of-way of the License area as a public right of way, along with reserving the right to the full use and benefit thereof which is not inconsistent with Grantee's use of the property for landscaping.

# SECTION 7 No Permanent Interest in Real Estate

Grantee agrees that Grantee, and Grantee's heirs, successors, assigns, tenants, and anyone using the License claiming under Grantee or with Grantee's permission acknowledges that the land that comprises the License area is a platted public land, dedicated to the use of the public, and Grantee, its heirs, successors, assigns, tenants, and anyone using the land claiming under Grantee or with Grantee's permission, shall not at any time claim any interest of permanent estate of any nature or sort whatsoever in the above described premises other than through this Agreement, either by virtue of this License or their non-exclusive use of a portion thereof of the License area.

This License shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Michigan, and the parties agree that any dispute hereunder will be heard by the courts in Berrien County, Michigan. This License Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties. No amendments or modifications to this License shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both parties. Time shall be of the essence in performing the actions required under this Agreement, and the Agreement shall become effective upon the date of the last signature. All of the terms and conditions of this License Agreement shall be binding on Grantee, its successors, heirs, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement the day and date first written.

WITNESS:		VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH	
Date:		Ву:	
	_	JAMES BRACEWELL	
		Its: President	
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	•		
STATE OF MICHIGAN	) ^		
	) SS		
COUNTY OF BERRIEN	)		

personally appeared JAMES BRACEWEL affirm that he is the President of the Village said instrument was signed on behalf of said	A.D. 2022, before me a Notary Public in and for said County L, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, die of Grand Beach, named in the forgoing instrument, and that d Municipal Corporation by authority of its Village Council, and said President acknowledged this instrument to be poration.
	, Notary Public
	Berrien County, Michigan My Commission expires:
GRANTEE	
Date:	
•	Name
STATE OF MICHIGAN ) SS	
COUNTY OF BERRIEN )	
On this day of County, personally appeared_ to be his free act and deed.	, A.D. 2022, before me a Notary Public in and for said, to me known to me, and who has acknowledged the same
	, Notary Public Berrien County, Michigan
PREPARED BY: Sara A. Senica (P66004) 12 Longmeadow Village Drive Niles, MI 49120 (269) 684-1500	My Commission expires:

# RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This Hold Harmless Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into this	day of
, 2022, by and between the Village of Grand Beach ("Vil	lage") and
, with an address of	
("Undersigned Contractor").	<del></del> ,
WHEREAS, the Undersigned Contractor desires to use a Village right-of-way	y to reach
private property in order to perform construction work on such property, being pro	operty tax
identification number, located at	, Grand
Th	and
WHEREAS, the Village agrees that in exchange for a fee of \$ whice	h shall be
set by the Village Council, and the promises contained herein, Undersigned Contracto	
the Village right-of-way located at (hereinafter	
Property") in the Village for the purpose of providing construction services to the	ne private
property listed above, and as consideration, the Village wishes to be indemnified ag	
claims of third parties as a result of acts or omissions of Undersigned Contractor with	
any damages or claims that arise out of the Undersigned Contractor use of the Village's	property
for access to a construction site, and	•

WHEREAS, the Undersigned Contractor agrees that in exchange for being allowed to utilize the Village Property to perform construction services on private property, Undersigned Contractor shall hold the Village harmless and indemnify the Village for damages to the Village Property as detailed herein.

THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above recitals, which are hereby made a part of this Agreement, and for and in consideration of the mutual agreement, promises, and covenants set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows;

- 1. Indemnity. Undersigned Contractor shall release the Village, and indemnify and hold the Village, its officers, employees, agents, representatives and Council members harmless of, and from any claim, demand, action, cause of action, damages, or claims for damages asserted against it arising from or related to the activities of Undersigned Contractor in connection with the use of the Village Property and construction activities on any property adjoining the Village Property, including but not limited to payment and indemnification of all reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses reasonably incurred by the Village in responding to or defending such a claim, demand, action, cause of action, damages, or claims for damages of any nature or sort asserted against the Village.
- 2. Agreement to Repair Damage. Undersigned Contractor agrees to take great care and caution in using the Village Property so as not to cause any damage to the right-of-way or the surrounding area. In the event Undersigned Contractor, its agents,

employees, or persons using the Village Property on Undersigned Contractor's behalf cause any damage to the Village Property or surrounding area during the Undersigned Contractor's use of the Village Property area under this Agreement, Undersigned Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of being notified in writing of such damage by the Village, pay all of the costs to repair and restore the easement to the condition it was in prior to the damage. Further, if Undersigned Contractor refuses to pay to return the easement area to its original condition prior to the damage caused by Undersigned Contractor, and the Village is required to enforce this paragraph in a court of law, the Village shall be entitled to its actual attorney fees.

3. **Miscellaneous.** This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with regard to the matters described herein, and it supersedes any and all prior and/or contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, between said Parties regarding such matters. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, and the sole venue for any cause of action initiated pursuant to this Agreement shall be brought in the Circuit Court of Berrien County, MI.

# THE VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH

Date:	
	By: Its: President
Name of Company	
Date:	
Date.	By: Its:

# Joseph Farwell

To:

- Paul A. Leonard
- clerk grandbeach.org

Fri 8/12/2022 11:26 AM

Hi Paul, Mary and Bob,

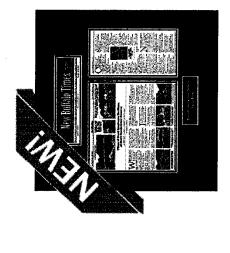
As you know, we have been working together for over ten years on moving the water main. When we started, we all thought the price would be around \$25,000-\$30,000. However, the estimated cost to move the water line is more than twice that amount: \$69,000. That cost does not include moving a telephone pole or any other unforeseen issues with moving the line. Also, the cost does not include any inflation related overages since the work cannot be completed until the supplies arrive approximately 44 weeks from now. Given these additions, we believe the cost would be closer to \$75,000, not to mention the 100's of hours of village time to oversee the project.

With that in mind, we propose the following: Leave the line in place. We will give you a similar easement we just worked on over the existing line in exchange for \$60,000.

This plan allows us to recoup some of the value of the land, the Village spends much less money, and the water line remains undisturbed. In addition to the payment, the Village would be responsible for the costs of the legal paperwork and any filing fees to establish the Village's rights to the area around the water line. We believe this approach is far less intrusive and will save the village both time and money.

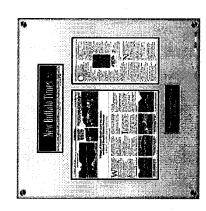
Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely, Joe Farwell



New Buffalo Times 😪

# **HD Metal Black**



# Lucinda Premium

# Wood

APPROXIMATE SIZE 22" x 22"

**G** Guarantee: 1 Year

O Color: Clear

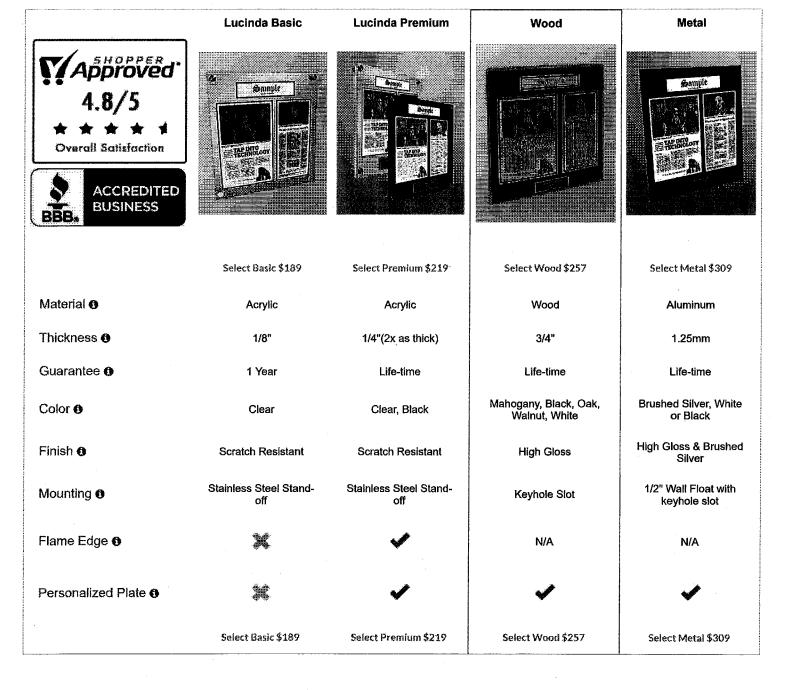
O Finish: Scratch Resistant

Mounting: Stainless Steel Stand-off



• Personalized Plate:

Select Basic \$189



# A pond located on the preserve



Owen (front) and Hudson Boehm and Ollvia Polzin pose by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources sign at the preserve's entrance



Cutting the ribbon on the preserve are Rita and Sidney Mathias, James Bracewell, Pete Doerr, Kimberlee Wendt, Deborah Lindley, Frank Giglio, Blake O'Halloran, and Ellen, Stephanie and Jaime Frankle



# Village of Grand Beach cuts the ribbon

# on Grand Beach Nature Preserve A BRIGHT, SUNNY GRAND BEACH DAY

By Francesca Sagala

that, as former president, Lindley had the ten front and center to the many twists the ten front and center to the many twists

and turns of the acquisitional journey.

"I'd much rather you all hear it from Debbie, who was in the front lines helping raise the money working on the tremendous grant we received from the state of Michigan," he said.

Grand Beach acquiring the 45.88 acres that's

hile the long, "arduous" journey of the Village of

now Grand Beach

In 2014, a group of residents approached the council about purchasing a parcel of land on Whitewood in Grand Beach; however, due to the cust and time restraints with the sellers, this never came to fruition.

Nature Preserve has ended, Deborah Lindley, a member and former president of the Grand Beach Village Council, said the journey to reaping the benefits of owning the land has just begun.

journey and the continued journey of

"It's the end of the acquisitional

Councilmember Blake O'Halloran attended a grant writing seminar and found out about the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program. To

enjoyment and preservation," she said during a ribbon-cutting held at the path trailhead at Rohde Field, off of Golfview Avenue just past the intersection of Perkins Boulevard, Friday, July 22.

Council president James Bracewell said

obtain the grant, the village went through the process with McKenna Engineering to write a parks and recreation master plan, which included surveys, public input and "hard work" for the Parks and Recreation Committee

t was around that time that Ellen Frankle, on behalf of the Grand Beach Land Development (GBLD), approached the village with the opportunity to purchase the 45.88

"She was familiar with the Michigan Trust Fund grant," Lindley said, adding that, over the years, GBLD had leased the property to the village for \$1 "to use for the enjoyment of nature trails" as well as

the driving range.

With the parks and recreation master plan done, the village could concentrate on the grant-writing process with McKenna.

Lindley said achieving the grant was very competitive and based on a point system. Due to the village's first-time application and the land's unusual east coast marsh plain environment (with plants that breed mostly in east coast marshes) and it being home to numerous types of flora and fauna, the village received value points.

They also received points because of the Friends of Grand Beach Nature Preserve, which "started the ball rolling" in terms of raising funds.



Members of the public view the ceremony while standing and on golf carts

Grand Beach Village Council President James Bracewell addresses the crowd



Councilmember and former council president Deborah Undley addresses the crowd



One of the naature trails on the property

hikaming Open Lands natural resources for the next donation in fees for their offered the \$20,000 services in managing the

state," Lindley said. us a 75% grant (\$2.4 million) from the 20 years and contributed to the points. "This and other points earned gave

the other 25% (or The village then had to raise

asking price. property's \$3.2 million \$800,000) of the "So, Grand Beach

for us to raise." offered the 10% match that "that left the rest to 12.6% in the end," Lindley said, adding Land Development had Since the Friends of that match grew

Development President Sidney Mathias addresses Grand Beach Land the crowd

a \$58,000 grant from for – and be awarded raised pledges, the Grand Beach Nature village was able to apply Preserve had already

donor offered to match up to \$60,000, with many families doing a second monetary goal. donation so the village could meet its "stalled," Lindley said an anonymous When the funding drive had

The Pokagon Fund.

village.

Beach Marsh, which it donated to the

get an "agreeable value." worked with the state and was able to extra appraisal with an appraiser who being sold. GBLD agreed to pay for an up and bigger comparable parcels were nowever, the market values soon went like the property that were being sold; ow, as there were very few parcels Lindley said the first appraisals were 'Many times, in the process things

perseverance of our villagers and about came to an end - but the Land Development won out," Lindley donators, the council and Grand Beach

collaborator and record keeper' Robertson was the main "coordinator, hroughout the process and she continues to wrap up final details." Lindley said village clerk Mary

> father, Ernest, and Erich Hamburger said the organization began when his formed it 63 years ago. **GBLD President Sidney Mathias**

the village council would be proud of but all members that are living, all the would they be proud of what they did parcel of Grand Beach so that not only homeowners that are living here and "It was their goal to develop a large

also," he said.

property." also came true for this sure Larry's dream onboard "to make a new group, which away in 1973 and Ellen, his wife, jumpec passed away in 2009, the original one, was included relatives of Hamburger in 1991, formed. When member awrence Frankle After Earnest passed

parcel the corporation took on was the Grand believes the first large Sidney said he

think our biggest drive is in these 45for Grand Beach, but I we've accomplished Nature Preserve. ext was the Grand Beach "I'm so proud of what

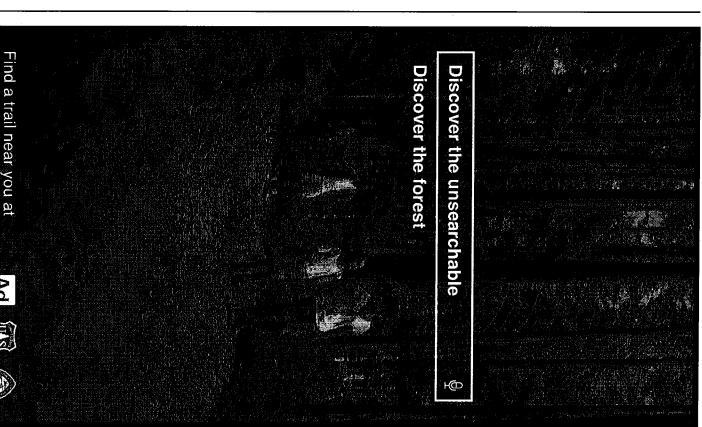
that future generations could enjoy it. dreams have come true," Sidney said acquiring the property was to ensure involved from the beginning...Their Lindley said one of the main goals of

plus acres and I think all the people

property while the village was trying to granddaughter of Dorothy and Jim Polzin, said she found out about the Olivia Polzin, the young

something that everybody can enjoy," they changed this into homes or how many animals would have lost apartments...It's so beautiful and it's their homes and would've died if "I just immediately thought about

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# FEE SCHEDULE POLICY - POST DAMAGE

# EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 22, 2015

All drivers of cars who hit and knock down or break the white cement posts in the Village of Grand Beach will be billed at the following rate per post damaged or broken:

\$50.00 PER POST THAT HAS BEEN KNOCKED DOWN AND HAS TO BE SET BACK UP \$75.00 PER BROKEN POST THAT HAS TO BE REBUILT

The Village council approved the motion made by Paul Leonard, seconded by Blake O'Halloran to set the above fee schedule unanimously 4-0 on October 21, 2015.

Council Members Present: Frank Giglio, Paul Leonard Jr., Deborah Lindley and Frank Giglio.

Council Members Absent: James Bracewell

Ayes: All Present

Mary J. Robertson Clerk-Treasurer



# **Explore the Natural Beauty of Harbor Country**

July 29, 2022

Village Council 48200 Perkins Boulevard Grand Beach, MI 49117

Dear Council Members:

The Harbor Country Hikers would like to hike Chikaming Open Lands' Grand Beach Marsh Preserve and the new Grand Beach Preserve. We are considering a Saturday in September, November or December.

When we last hiked the Grand Beach Marsh Preserve in 2017, there was some concern about parking on Deer Park Drive. The issue was settled by Ellen Frankle, who allowed us to park on property she owned on the corner of Grand Beach Road and Deer Park.

Ellen no longer owns that property, and we are looking for the Council's blessing on and recommendation for an alternative at your next meeting. The closest parking—and our preference—would be on the shoulder of Grand Beach Road and/or Deer Park Drive. Mary Robertson has suggested we could also use the golf course parking lot and begin our hike near the driving range.

Attendance at our hikes averages around 30 people. We might reasonably expect around 20 cars for a Grand Beach hike in the fall.

The Harbor Country Hikers is a Michigan non-profit corporation with a little over 200 members, including some Grand Beach residents like myself. Most of our hikes last two hours and include a variety of hike leaders and a strong educational component. We hike parks and preserves throughout Southwest Michigan and Northwest Indiana.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Mueller

Sincerely.

Treasurer, Harbor Country Hikers

# DIRECTV

July 07, 2022

Dear Clerk of Municipality,

Re: DIRECTV, LLC Annual Video Report for U-verse Video Service in Michigan

DIRECTV, LLC ("DIRECTV") submits this Annual Video Report to the Michigan Public Service Commission and franchising entities in the State of Michigan as required by Michigan's Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act (2006 Public Act 480, as amended or "Video Act").

On or about August 11, 2021, each of the municipalities served by Michigan Bell Telephone Company ("AT&T Michigan") were notified that their Uniform Video Local Franchise Agreement ("Agreement") was transferred to DIRECTV and that AT&T retains a majority economic interest in DIRECTV, with TPG Capital holding a minority economic interest. DIRECTV is a separate, affiliate company and operates independently of AT&T. As required by the transfer process established by the Video Act, each local entity was provided with an Attachment 2 form to their Agreement.

DIRECTV will continue to meet the terms of those Agreements and of the Video Act, as it relates to the continued provision of the U-verse IP-enabled video service. As required under Sec. 9 (1) of the Video Act, DIRECTV does not deny access to service to any group of potential residential subscribers because of the race or income of the residents in the local area in which the group resides. Existing customers can continue to enjoy the same high-quality U-verse video service without the need for any additional action on their part.

#### U-verse TV includes:

- Access to live video programming and on-demand and interactive content
- Ability to access more than 242 IPTV National HD channel
- Ability to record up to 4 shows at once with Total Home DVR
- Ability to view programs via a subscriber's smartphone or tablet
- Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) channels for communities who are providing or request to provide PEG programming
- Customer service via call centers
- Online 24/7 customer service and technical support is available at https://www.att.com/support/topic/u-verse-tv/

Questions regarding this report can be referred to me.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Alexander

Senior Director - External Affairs

**DIRECTV** 

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August 8, 2022

Grand Beach Village Council (via G-Mail) c/o Mary Robertson, Clerk

To All:

On behalf of myself and my wife Yvette, I wanted to acknowledge and thank the Village personnel who quickly responded to our call for assistance last week when a violent thunderstorm arose in midafternoon on August 10<sup>th</sup> and brought a heavy tree trunk down on some power lines that run across our driveway on Oak Street.

The Police responded immediately to inspect the situation and block the road with plastic cones. Someone also notified the Fire Department who immediately contacted Indiana Michigan Power. Thankfully, we did not lose power, but because the storm resulted in over 90 incidents in the region of compromised power lines and poles, the power company and their tree service could not get to the lines on our property for 30 hours.

While we waited for our lines to be repaired, the Village Police and Bob Dabbs and his maintenance team stopped by several times to monitor the situation, file an accident report for a damaged vehicle, and update us on the power company's progress on other local priority projects ahead of us in the queue. The power company finally showed up late Thursday afternoon to safely trim the fallen tree and free up the compromised power lines. By early Monday morning, Bob Dabbs and his crew arrived to clean up and remove all the tree debris on the street and parkway.

As residents, we understand the Village has a hard, often thankless job with limited resources and many competing priorities. This was an emergency situation very personal to us that the Village responded to immediately and laid the groundwork for a safe, timely resolution. Well done and much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ed and Yvette Brandes 47118 Oak Ave

### Letter from the village council about cuttting down any trees on the easments

McDonald, Clem (NIH/NLM/LHC) [E] 1

Fri 7/29/2022 1:35 PM

To: clerk grandbeach.org <clerk@grandbeach.org>

Cc: Barbara McDonald

My name is Clem McDonald, and my family has owned a cottage ad 46023 Lakeview, Grand Beach since 1952.

We recently received a letter from the village counsel telling us to cut down any trees or bushes on the common property , between our home and the next home which belongs to the Wades.

The letter instructed us to cut down any trees or planting on this property or the village would do it at our expense. We have planted three 12 foot columnar gingko trees on this property. The leaves on theses trees turn to a glorious gold in the fall and we thought they would be an enhancement to the beauty of Grand Beach. Furthermore, we spent \$1,725 to obtain these trees from Chicago and have them planted. It was a disappointment to get your letter after we purchased them.

These trees would not obstruct the golf carts or interfere with any use of the walkway or common space in any way. . We invite you to come and take a look. We also would like to remind you that we have taken care of this common property since 1952, including the placement of sod, fertilizer and mowing tas well as installing a sea wall at considerable expense in the 1980s and re-enforcing it with boulders more recently with an expense of more than \$75,000ls. Is there no way to get an exemption from this rule.? We have taken good care of it as if we were the owners with little help from the village. We think that counts for something, and we did not receive notice of the rule until after the fact.

In case we can't get an exemption, then we respectfully plead for a delay in the execution of his order until November or December of 20222 when the trees will have become dormant, and we could safely transplant them to a location on our property y. Such a delay would cause no harm to the village because the trees do not preclude full use of the common property at present.

We look forward to your reply.

Respectfully submitted July 29, 2022.

Clement J McDonald MD Barbara H McDonald

**From:** Molly Trafas

Date: July 26, 2022 at 3:28:29 PM CDT

**To:** Jim Bracewell **Cc:** M. Minton

# **Subject: construction**

Jim Bracewell, President

Concerning the construction at 46029 Lake View – on Friday, July 22 sand was delivered to this address and built up near the left side of the house. In the process sand was put on my property damaging the tall plants providing privacy between the two properties. This sand must be removed before any more construction in that area. My lot line is two feet from the garage.

It has also been brought to my attention that the spa tub on the property does not conform to set-back regulations of 50 feet from the street.

These violations and any others must be looked into before construction is complete. Because violations in the Village have been overlooked in the past does not mean we should continue to do so.

**Molly Trafas** 

From: Ed Trainor

To: clerk grandbeach.org

Wed 8/3/2022 2:23 PM

To: Grand Beach Village Council Members

Thank you for continuing the fight against New Buffalo Township's Special Assessment District.

With all due respect, I believe that council member O'Halloran's comments in the minutes of the SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 28, 2022 misrepresent the issue and I would like to refute for the public record and so, as a Grand Beach council member, he can explain the full issue to those who "don't think it is worth it to appeal since their taxes only went up \$100" and also so he remembers that this fight is not about the fire or ambulance services.

# New Buffalo Township's Special Assessment District (SAD)...

- 1) It is to cover the cost of the NB Township police department that the casino stopped paying for and the tax is a lot more than the recent increase seen on the tax bill.
- 2) It is a 20 year Tax imposed without the approval of the electorate or taxpayers before or along the way.
- 3) It gives the New Buffalo Township Board (current and future) the ability to increase taxes further with a simple majority vote of the Township board (3 out of 5 members)
- 4) The New Buffalo Township Board never discussed the SAD at any public meetings for the year prior to enacting it under the cover of darkness in the dead of winter.
- 5) The New Buffalo Township Board is giving up \$3 million in casino funds & instead raised our taxes to make up for this because a SAD does not allow them to have the casino's \$3 million
- 6) It usurps Grand Beach & Michiana Sovereign village rights which is a slippery slope and could lead to other assessments
- 7) Over the next 20 years, it requires Grand Beach & Michiana taxpayers to pay about \$5,000,000 for a police service that does not patrol the villages.
- 8) Over the next 20 years, it requires taxpayers in unincorporated areas of the township to pay \$7,000,000 for a police service which they did not have prior to the casino and was paid for by the casino until 2017.
- 9) When the casino stopped paying for NBT's policing services, NBT instituted a millage that was approved in a May election by the vote of 118 to 82 votes (of approximately 2,000 registered voters). The only registered voters to know about the millage vote at the time seemed to be friends and family of those who benefitted from it. The millage would have to face a re-vote soon so instead they instituted this SAD that locks in this 2017 tax increase for 20 years without having to be approved by the voters.

Contrary to what the Council Member O'Halloran and the New Buffalo Township Board would like you to think, **It is not about the ambulance and fire protection** (neither are in serious jeopardy). Also, for many of us, it is not even about the new building being built on US12.

Grand Beach has many property taxpayers that are not allowed to vote. Our village council members need to protect their interests for the good of the community. Thank you for standing up for them and all of us!

Kindest Regards,

Ed

**Ed Trainor** 

August 2, 2022

Village of Grand Beach 48200 Perkins Blvd. Grand Beach, MI 49117 Attn: Village Council

#### Dear Council Members

In reviewing the Monthly Building Report, I had several questions about some of the listed construction projects and about some of what seemed to be construction projects not listed. I am not in any way being critical of the work Bill Lambert or the Council does. I think you all do a yeoman's job. Based on the number of projects, which is unbelievably high, I would like to suggest that Bill be allowed to hire an assistant to periodically tour the Village and update the Monthly report and perform whatever other duties Bill would deem appropriate and necessary. I understand Bill's payments and the payments for an assistant would come from the permit fund which can only be spent on this kind of activity and cannot be used for general Village needs. This means there are adequate moneys available to fund an assistant for Bill.

I also noticed at least two properties having trees removed in what seemed like a wholesale operation and I wonder if the Village has implemented the new rules regarding the removal of trees. If so, did the Village approved these two properties tree removal operations? While I agree that the removal of trees to accommodate the new construction is advisable, it seemed that these two cases exceeded that need. We all know we have had three instances already in the Village that far exceeded reasonable tree removal.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Walder

49033 Skyhi Road Grand Beach, MI 49117 August 3, 2022

Village of Grand Beach 48200 Perkins Blvd. Grand Beach, MI 49117 Attn: Village Council

# **Dear Council Members**

I have noticed that there have been two Special Council Meetings in the past couple of months. I only found out about them by chance. Is it possible to have all Special Council Meetings also announced in an email from our Police since they have all our email addresses? Prior to the meeting, of course.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Walder

49033 Skyhi Road Grand Beach, MI 49117