

BBI Association Meeting August 5, 2023

Call to Order: Suzette Sanborn, BBI Association Vice President

Introduction BBIA Officers:

- President Carol Blundy (absent)
- Vice President Suzette Cooley-Sanborn
- Secretary Kathy Landschulz
- Treasurer Sally Cook (absent)

Minutes Approval: Lee Keller with a motion to accept; Joe Weber with a second to accept the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$216, 294.70. \$200,000 of that amount is going into a long term CD with 6 month window to withdraw without penalty. \$5,471.26 in savings account. Funds received for the gazebo restoration. There are some bills that have been accrued and need to be paid but we're confident that there will be funds remaining. The BBIA needs to determine which projects to potentially fund based on the available remaining reconciled number.

Expenditure requests:

- Jason Beugly/Township \$1,000-\$2,000 in tandem with grant requested for work to be done at Mary Lake
- Vault Toilets with township for North Shore \$500
- Historical Society/Museum sponsor speaker for event: not to exceed \$200
- Pavilion Survey: total amount TBD and to be paid from donation

Updates:

Recycling/Beach Clean-Up/Kids Camp/Mailboxes/Addresses/Memorial--Kathy Brown:

- Memorial Day service conducted at Veterans Park with 6 flags and plaques. Special thanks to Char and Jim McLaren for their help and work towards keeping it looking great. Received \$440 in donations.
- Recycling done 1x month, last month 25 bags of cans, tins, etc..plus cardboard. Recycling is the 2nd Thursday of the month. There is a trailer at PIE&G building by the dock. Plaunt transportation provides transportation back to the mainland. There will be recycling efforts in both September and October and the last run will be the 3rd week in November. There is a can drive spearheaded by Boy Scout Troup 260 led Lynn Henson in the Plaunt Office. Scout can effort helps the kids go to camp each summer. 75% of the funds raised goes to kids and 25 % to the troop. The effort has made over \$1000 thus far.
- Beach sweep was the 4th of July week. Unfortunately, the turnout was lower than hoped. 11 people contributed from Sand Bay going east to Swedes Bay is completed. Still looking for folks looking to help complete the sweep.

- Kids Camp: A camp for kids was offered this year at Snake Island. The camp was 4 hours and 4 kids attend. Kathy reported that all had a “blast”. The theme of the camp was wetlands. Resounding success. Will try in July next year to have increased attendance.
- Addresses: Kathy Cox Brown is the current postmistress. Kathy provided further clarification on communicating one’s address. Your street address is to be used for the Fire Department and others to physically locate you. Your mailing address is your HCR Box Number. To lessen confusion for Amazon and other companies shipping to you, use your HCR number but consider eliminating the word “box” and just use HCR 123. For folks forwarding their mail from their winter homes, they need to go in-person to their home post office where they need to show identification to commence the forwarding process. The BBI post office/postmistress has nothing to do with forwarding. It must be initiated at one’s home, full time post office.

BBI School -- Cindy Riker, BBI President:

The board and community are interested in having the current teacher return and she also would like to return. Currently, finding housing is the rate limiting factor. Should the housing issue not be resolved, the board will look to have a part-time, full time substitute. However, the same issue of housing likely will be a challenge.

The school had three students at the end of last year. Next year five students are planning on attending.

The school is currently looking for:

1. handyperson for miscellaneous items
2. volunteers to do short stories and/or projects with students
3. substitute teachers throughout the year. Substitutes do not need a teaching certificate but do need a certain amount of credit hours and grade point.

The BBI School has a Facebook page: Bois Blanc Pines School District

The BBI School has a website: <https://boisblanc.eupschools.org/>

The BBI School board meets the 2nd Tues of every month at 4pm. Conference call attendance available.

Fire Department --Chris Viers/Bob Stowe:

Thanks given for the contributions of the last year.

4 new team members: Chad Vallance, Stevie Nelson, Damien Nelson and Megan Hawver for a full roster total of 10. Looking to have all the new team members training completed by fall.

911 works same as downstate but it takes at least 15 min to get to you and that is IF the correct address/location are given. Getting across to Cheboygan could take an hour by marine rescue.

Two air vac helicopters are available from Escanaba and Traverse City but if those two are busy then its Grand Rapids.

For 911 to be effective, knowledge of street address is crucial and many don’t know it. For rentals, please post it in plain view. Rentals are calling for fire permits and often don’t know their location. For fire permits, the call rings through the Fire Permit number (231.634.7085) to the designated person on call. Please leave a voice mail with your number to return a call.

Please be advised, text does not work, one must call.

Smoke detectors –50 60 available to community members at no cost.

Q: Possible to recharge their fire extinguishers? Fire Extinguishers should be in every home, less than 5 years old. One should look up on the manufacturer website to ensure it is still good.

Q: What to do with old fire extinguisher? A: Buy another and expel contents of gas and then take to dumpster.

Township--Brent Sharpe, Supervisor:

Operating smoothly; all boards filled and producing. Allowing specific boards to report out specific details.

Harbor Commission/Don Balbaugh:

The township and Harbor Commission have been working on the Cheboygan river property for the last three years. They are having trouble getting grants for township to work over there. This is mainly due to BBI not being a part of Cheboygan county. Plaintiff transportation has been approached for partnership in the project but there is no interest on their part. The township has a letter of intent from Walstrom Marine and they have conveyed interest in partnering with BBI Township. Walstrom Marine would build the facilities only. However, given their current number of projects, it appears given what they have on their plate right now that it would be over two years before they could participate in BBI's project. The township and Harbor Commission are currently looking for grants in which they could have a partner. The goal is to have boat ramps and parking on the property and perhaps a small transit building.

Additional BBI Harbor projects include consideration for an East end break wall to protect the existing dock and marina and also add additional slips.

Parks and Recreation --Ginger Canup

Parks and Rec Committee is fully staffed and the work is divided up among the 3 parks with each committee member taking a park.

- BrightWater: just had the dedication over the 4th of July, followed by kite festival. Island Contractor hired to build the road and looking to have skid pier.
- Lake Mary: currently with campsites wanting to add 2 additional campsites. Main focus is road going to Lake Mary. It's a private road, trying to arrange to get it re-graded. Lidell family has donated some property before the turn to campsites and offered to put a sign for better directions for people to get by.
- North Shore (DNR technically): working on vaulted toilet, garbage cans and signage. All permitted and funded but working through final logistics with DNR.

Nichols Point DNR approached BBI Township to sell 23 acres for \$60,000. Able to pay through donations for the property and 3 more acres for an additional \$10,000. Hired a surveyor for plans. Plan to hire civil engineer to design what we would like and a priority list for each park.

Next meeting 2nd Thurs at 4p at Township Hall.

There was a photo Contest last year and after 76 submissions, the winner was Michelle Reynolds. Parks & Rec took the various submitted pictures and made a calendar. That calendar is now for sale. Tie die shirts have also been made and for sale.

Logo contest for the Parks & Rec division, Emma Kaminski won and she re-submitted/donated her winnings back to Park and Rec.

Commemorative Gift Program opportunity to purchase picnic table, bench or flower and brass tab on each reflecting your memory.

Q: How do you register for the camp sites? A: first come/first serve and they are currently free of charge.

Q; Why don't we charge for campsites? A: lots of logistics to oversee, maintain. Lake Mary is the only township owned property. North Shore is DNR controlled.

Q: Is the road completed from Bright Water? A: No. Still working with Island Contractor with job not fully completed.

Q: Has the pier for BWP been completed? A: Yes but we can't move it until we get the turnaround completed. There is a discrepancy about what was contracted and what was delivered. Trying to work through currently.

Planning Commission-- Adam Bronkema:

Able to finish five year master plan. Predecessors of current leadership did lion share of the work. Official copy will be in the township within the month. Main theme is growth but controlled to certain aspect. Keep common areas. Keep industrial growth centered in current areas. Food truck and short term rentals draft completed. Public hearing forthcoming. All public hearings thus forward will be on zoom. Focus on enforcement. Trailers, blight issue. Work with parks and rec for trail systems for hike, bike, side by side.

Q: Do we have any ordinances regarding fireworks? A: We follow state law but no specifics in the township.

Q: Is it true West Pines Trail that we're putting in trailer park? A: check with Tom Wybranowski

Q: Will 5 year plan be on-line? A: Yes

Q: If we want hard copy can we get it A: Will have to look at number of pages and determine pricing.

Q: Who do we contact re: enforcement A: Tom Wybranowski. There is also form on-line that you can submit issues/concerns.

Sheriff's Update--Joe Fitzgerald:

No report given

Cemetery – information provided by Missy Phillips and read at the meeting by Suzette Cooley-Sanborn

According to Missy, the Woodland Glade Cemetery is really looking good. Missy would like to Thank ALL of the volunteers for joining her on the clean up dates these last 2 years, your time and help is GREATLY appreciated, she extends her sincere gratitude to ALL of you! Clean up dates are focused on Honoring the different branches of the US Military and the clean up dates are scheduled based on when that branch was established. For example, yesterday's clean up date was honoring the US Coast Guard that was established on August 4th, 1790 that is an AMAZING 233 years ago! When a military member is laid to rest in the Woodland Glade Cemetery, a small plaque is placed on a monument in the cemetery, honoring their service to our Country. Missy would like to give a special Thank you to Sally Sperry whom has generously donated her time and some of the plaques for future use at the Cemetery. Sally's commitment to perfection for these plaques is unmatched, and her pride is contagious. Thank you again Sally. The family of Bill & Johnnie Westcott donated hundreds of daffodil bulbs that have been planted in the Woodland Glade Cemetery. Missy would also like to give a special Thank you to the family for this extremely kind donation that will most definitely enhance the natural beauty of the cemetery. The Cemetery ordinance was updated this year. The cost's to be laid to rest in the Woodland Glade Cemetery will be adjusted to be more in line with the current State of Michigan's Cemetery Fees. Future plans for the Woodland Glade Cemetery are : To Create a space on the Cemetery grounds for Military members not laid to rest there, but still want to have a plaque in the Woodland Glade Cemetery. Also, to create a space on the Cemetery grounds for visitors to cut a flower or 2 and place on a loved one's grave when they are visiting. A "Commemorative Flower Garden", available for all. Lastly, is to create additional space in the Woodland Glade Cemetery. Currently there are only a few plots that are available for sale; an expansion of the Cemetery is most definitely needed. Thank you to everyone for coming to the Annual meeting tonight. Be safe and Live Bob-Lo Strong

BBI Community Foundation Update: Sarah Bloom

Main objective is help various organizations that need funds such as historical society or education related. BBICF created an informative pamphlet regarding the island. Endowment \$303,535 we have a percentage we can use that go towards potential requests. Requests are due by June 30th each year. Latest requests: sound system for Wagner Room. AED in the school. Contribution to the doors for school.

Historical Society-Library Museum--Grace Miller:

Thanks for all the volunteers and contributors to helping the operations of the Museum. Story Hour –changed location and timing. Now in the Hoover Building and only in July. This year a huge diminished number of kids attending. Looking at ways to increase attendance. Wednesday 11-12p. Storyreading and projects.

Have had many events over the summer. Guest authors, silent auctions, memory night, and volunteer luncheons, watercolor workshops, trivia contests.

Tatler--Brandie Dunn

Huge appreciation round of applause for all of Brandie's efforts.

Square Dance: Wendy Spray

106 people last Wednesday. The entire summer has been a resounding success!

Other Business:

- The BBIA is looking to gain new area representatives. Should you know of anyone or have an interest please contact one of the BBIA board members.
- The BBIA completed a "soft-launch" of its new website this summer. Looking to finalize the effort this fall. Please submit suggestions, pictures and thoughts to area reps over the next few weeks.
- Clover Schlund – request to move the pavilion back to the former site Veterans Park. .
- Dust abatement. Fred Goedell request the association consider supporting method(s) for dust abatement. ? Watering system on roadway -- conundrum on how to keep dust down. Q: Can we look at grant to have more watering. A: (From township)Chloride to the roads was funded and organized by the township in the past but stopped. Roughly 30K for one application for main road where there is housing.
- Q: How many garbage bags does one get for property ownership? A: Township doesn't have to give you anything. We had a truck load program that got abused. So we went to the bags. Punch tickets on \$2/bag for 30 gallon bag. Also abused. Went to 33 gallon pre-printed bags. Controls our costs, makes it even. Wanted to give back since no truck load, decided upon is 10 bags. It is ***per tax payer not on parcel of land.***

Adjourn

Janet Weber motion to adjourn; Meg Revery second to adjourn.