

TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE ILE



ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

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TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

Township Hall
9601 Groh Road
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Police and Fire Services
Public Safety Building
24525 Meridian Road

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Department of Public Services
9601 Groh Road
and
DPS Maintenance
8555 Groh Road

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Recreation Department
and
Water's Edge Municipal Pool, Golf Course and Marina
25215 West River Road

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Animal Shelter
Centennial Farm and Equestrian Center
25797 Third Street

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Grosse Ile Municipal Airfield and Commerce Park
9601 Groh Road

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Grosse Ile Tennis Center
9251 Groh Road
P.O. Box 129

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Websites

www.grosseile.com
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TOWNSHIP BOARD

Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees

*Supervisor Brian Loftus ~ November, 2008–Present
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Township Trustee November, 2008– 2012
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*Trustee James Budny ~ November, 2012-Present
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*Trustee Lauren Smith ~ November, 2012-Present
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DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

Administration~ Township Manager
Dale L. Reaume

March, 2001-Present

Township Hall Managers

Lorinda Beneteau	Interim DPS Director
Ann Darzniek	Finance Director
Michael Duker	Airfield/Commerce Park Manager
Ted Fournier	Communications Manager
Sharon Gray	Clerk's Office Manager & Deputy Clerk

Recreation/Water's Edge

Brandy Boyd	Recreation Director
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Public Safety Departments

Duncan Murdock	Fire Chief
Joseph Porcarelli	Police Chief

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Administration/Assessing:

Carol Knopp Administrative Assistant/Deputy Assessor
Timothy O'Donnell Assessor

Airport/Commerce Park:

Gary Jones Airport Maintenance

Building and Zoning:

Tony Gray Ordinance Enforcement & Zoning
Lorrie Zalewski Permit Coordinator
Charles Earl Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector
David Rutkowski Electrical Inspector
Tim Thompson Building Inspector

Clerk's Office:

Bryan Friel Elections & Records Assistant
Gayle Haeger Seasonal Clerical Staff

Department of Public Services:

Dona Depa Water Department Secretary/Billing Clerk
Gerald Dionne DPS Maintenance
George Marx DPS Maintenance
Jon Keim DPS Maintenance Lead

Finance Department:

Caryn Johnson Payables/Payroll/Airport Secretary
Annette Wurtsmith Finance Assistant/Deputy Treasurer

Treasurer's Office:

Andrea Marshall Cashier

Recreation & Water's Edge:

Annette Pelts Recreation Enrichment Coordinator
Brian Payette Part-time Recreation Support Staff
Susan Pociask Part-time Recreation Support Staff
Gayle Haeger Part-time Water's Edge Pro Shop Staff
Mark Tissot Water's Edge Maintenance

MEMBERS OF THE GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joseph S. Porcarelli

Deputy Chief John P. Szczepaniak

Lt. Robert Bow

Sgt. Mark G. Warnick

Sgt. Alan V. Valiquette

Sgt. Mark J. Relich

Detective Kenneth T. Pelland

Ptl. Brent M. Hardin

Ptl. John M. Ferguson

Ptl. Daniel S. McLaughlin

Ptl. Douglas I. Carmack

Ptl. Todd A. Brozek

Ptl. Eric E. Vazquez

Ptl. Kevin R. Counts

Ptl. Gregory P. Carrico

Ptl. Peter E. Darznick

Ptl. Constantine P. Siakantaris

ACO Julie A. Cortis

C/D Michele L. Roehrig

C/D Marcia M. Bennett

C/D Monica S. Brozek

C/D Maria Celeste Alent

C/D Marjorie A. Gape

Adm.Sec. Ruth A. Kaledas

Chaplain Sean Ewbank

MEMBERS OF THE GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP RESERVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Mark Relich – Unit Commander

Reserve Captain Wesley Price

Reserve Sergeant Ryan Taylor

Reserve Sergeant Barry Davis

Reserve Officer Holly Muenchow

Reserve Officer Susan Dalpiaz

Reserve Officer Timothy Justus

Reserve Officer A.J. Benson

Reserve Officer Brian Laramie

Reserve Officer John Sheets

Reserve Officer Chris Smith

Reserve Officer Charles Washko

GROSSE ILE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2015-2016 ROSTER

Duncan Murdock (Chief)
Russell Bodrie (FM/D. Chief)
Richard Brower
John Budny
John Camilleri (Lt.)
Brad Chaszar
Dave Hill
Rodney Jankowski
Jim Kovich
Tim Laurain
Charles Lowler (Captain)
Chris Payette (Asst. Chief)
Kim Richardson
Carolyn Sartor
Kevin Langley
Bob Roscoe
Scott Clauss
Jason McManus
Kenny Gape (Cpt.)
Chad Miller
David Lowler (Sgt.)
Peter Payette
Gary Jones
Andrew Huber
Jim Proctor
Chris Smith
Chris Davenport

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Thomas E. Esordi, General Counsel *O'Reilly Rancilio, P.C.*

Matthew Derby, Labor Counsel *Kotz, Sagster, Wysocki & Berg, P.C.*

Souheil Sabak, Township Engineer *C.E. Raines Company*

Michael Georges, CPA *Yeo & Yeo Certified Public Accountants*

Brian Borden, Planning Consultant *Langworthy, Strader, LaBlanc & Assoc.*

COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Commission/Committee Name	Reappointment/Term
<u>POLICE COMMISSION</u>	April 4/6 years
Carl Bloetscher, Chair	14 to 20
Joesph Dixon	12 to 18
Paul Anderson	12 to 18
Robert Zelasko	16 to 22
Erik Ranka, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
Joseph Porcarelli, Police Chief	
<i>Meeting: 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. PSB</i>	
<u>FIRE COMMISSION</u>	April 4/6 years
Jerry Bringard	16 to 22
Stuart Keeler, Chair	16 to 22
Curt Korneffel	12 to 18
Gordon Miles	12 to 18
Tom Malvesto, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
Duncan Murdock, Fire Chief	
<i>Meeting: 2nd Thursday. 7:00 p.m. PSB</i>	
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>	April 1/3 years (Supervisor's Appt.)
John Schweickart, Chair	15 to 18
Jay Frucci	16 to 19
Steven LeMoine	15 to 18
Dan Boggs	15 to 18
VACANT	14 to 17
Jim Davis	15 to 18
Brian Pawlik	16 to 19
VACANT	13 to 14
Erik Ranka, Township Board Liaison	
<i>Meeting: 1st & 3rd Monday 7:30 p.m.</i>	
<u>AIRPORT COMMERCE PARK COMMISSION</u>	April 4/3 years
John Raithel	14 to 17
Chris Mans	16 to 19
Ron Moran, Chair	15 to 18
Walter Stoll	14 to 17
Jeffrey Follbaum	16 to 19
VACANT	10 to 13
Ted Van Os, Twp Bd Liaison	12 to 16
Michael Duker, Airfield/Commerce Park Manager	
<i>Meeting: 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m.</i>	

COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Commission/Committee Name	Reappointment/Term
<u>PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION</u>	
William Costick, Chair	April 4/3 years 15 to 18
James Nelson	14 to 17
Ronald Wilder	14 to 17
Leslie Schmidtke	15 to 18
Phil Kennedy	15 to 18
John Reilly	15 to 18
James Budny, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
Lorinda Beneteau, DPS Interim Director	
<i>Meeting: 2nd Tuesday, 7.00 pm</i>	
<u>BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE</u>	
Art Koester, Chair Emeritus	April 1/3 years 14 to 17
Pamela Frucci	16 to 19
Amy Myers	14 to 17
Irma Slimko	16 to 19
Gerard Page	14 to 17
Michele Babcock	15 to 18
Colleen Gimpel	16 to 19
Brian Medved, Chair	14 to 17
Richard Eifert	14 to 17
<i>Meeting: 1st Wednesday 7.00 pm</i>	
<u>COMMUNITY RECREATION COMMISSION</u>	
Michael Swales	April 1/3 years 16 to 19
Greg Meyring	14 to 17
Chad Novak	16 to 19
Walter Kacher, Chair	14 to 18
Matthew Wayne	16 to 19
E. Lea Schelke	15 to 18
Ann Haener-Maghran	15 to 18
Helena Woodward-Ryan	14 to 17
Ethel Yops	14 to 17
Tom Malvesto, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
Brandy Boyd, Recreation Director	
<i>Meeting: 4th Thursday 7.30 pm</i>	
<u>BOARD OF REVIEW</u> (Supervisor's Appt)	
Timothy Walker	January 1/2 years 15 to 16
Shelley Schmidtke, Chair	15 to 16
Betty Lick	15 to 16

COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Commission/Committee Name	Reappointment/Term
<u>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u>	
	October 1/4 years (Supervisor's Appt.)
Gloria Trudell	12 to 16
Peter Stachel	13 to 17
Sarah Dilsizian	15 to 18
Susan Harrison	14 to 18
Ron Moran, Chair	12 to 16
VACANT	12 to 16
Eric Anderson	14 to 18
VACANT	09 to 13
Brian Loftus, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
<i>Meeting: 4th Thursday, 6.30 p.m.</i>	
<u>GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>	
	April 1/3years
Cliff St. Pierre, Chair	15 to 18
Patricia Nielsen	16 to 19
Woody Clark	16 to 19
Darryl Filarski	14 to 17
Roberta Urbani - GINLC	14 to 17
Lenny Pusdesris	16 to 19
Mitchell Lewis, Student Liaison	16 to 19
Pam Frucci - IBC	16 to 19
Walter Pociask, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
<i>Meeting: 1st Tuesday 7.00 p.m.</i>	
<u>FESTIVAL COMMISSION</u>	
	August 31/3 years
Chad Novak, Chair	15 to 18
Bridget Hurst	15 to 18
Wendy Kearney	14 to 17
John Burgan	15 to 18
David Zula	15 to 18
Ann Darzniek	15 to 18
Nick Bader	16 to 19
Woody Clark	13 to 16
Lauren Smith, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
Brandy Boyd, Recreation Director	
<i>Meeting: 3rd Wednesday 7.00 p.m.</i>	

COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Commission/Committee Name	Reappointment/Term
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u>	April 1/3 years
Gary Bailey	16 to 19
James Binting, Chair	16 to 19
Jacqueline Snow Davies	14 to 17
Robert Pierce	16 to 19
John Carnago	16 to 19
Charles Wojno	16 to 19
Steve Lemoine, Planning Commission. Rep.	15 to 18
James Budny, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
<i>Meeting: 4th Tuesday 7:00 p.m.</i>	
<u>ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION COM.</u>	January/5 years
**No active members appointed	(Supervisor's Appt)
VACANT	
VACANT	
VACANT	
VACANT	
VACANT	
Meeting: Odd numbered years	
<u>CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS</u> (Supervisor's Appt)	April 1/2 years
VACANT	12 to 14
Anthony Krauss, Chair	15 to 17
VACANT	07 to 09
Alan Anderson	15 to 17
Alaa Herfi	16 to 18
VACANT	
Ted Van Os, Township Board Liaison	
<i>Meetings scheduled as needed</i>	
<u>DANGEROUS BUILDINGS OFFICER</u>	
Mike Perry	
<u>AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	April 1/3 years
Alan Anderson, Chair	15 to 17
Mark Glovis	15 to 17
VACANT	13 to 16
Carl Rigg	15 to 17
Angelo Pizzo	15 to 17
Ted Van Os, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
Michael Duker, Airfield/Commerce Park Manager	
<i>Meetings scheduled as needed</i>	
<u>BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION</u>	April 1/3 years
Robert Firmstone Jr.	15 to 18
Erin Himmelspach	15 to 18
Jane Fijal	15 to 18
Alan Valiquette	15 to 18
Brian Pawlik, Chair	15 to 18
Dona Depa	15 to 18
Walter Pociask, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
<i>Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</i>	

COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Commission/Committee Name	Reappointment/Term
<u>BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY</u>	
Jeffrey Follbaum	April 1/3 Years 16 to 19
Ron Moran, Chair	15 to 18
Walter Stoll	14 to 17
John Raithel	14 to 17
Christopher Mans	16 to 19
VACANT	10 to 13
Ted Van Os, Township Board Liaison	12 to 16
Michael Duker, Airfield/Commerce Park Manager	
<i>Meeting: as needed, 3rd Monday</i>	
<u>MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU</u>	
Peter Kluender, Chair	April 1/3 years 15 to 17
Martha Herringshaw, Alternate	15 to 17
James Nelson	15 to 18
Suzanne Sassack	15 to 18
James Budny, Township Board Liaison	15 to 16
<i>Meetings scheduled as needed</i>	
<u>THE SENIOR ALLIANCE</u>	
Jack Frucci	Township Board Appt
<u>DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE</u>	
Supervisor Brian Loftus, Rep	Township Board Appt
Trustee Lauren Smith, Alt	
<u>SEMCOG</u>	
Supervisor Brian Loftus, Representative	Township Board Appt
Trustee Walter Pociask, Alternate Representative	

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP REPORT

- **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR**
- **TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

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STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP REPORT

The Board of Trustees you elected in 2012 is midway through our fourth year in office and we continue to make measurable improvements in Township efficiencies and governance. This Annual Report will serve to present the State of the Township, based on a combination of facts, observations, and educated opinions.

MY MISSION

In my eighth year as your Supervisor, my mission continues: to ensure that the Board of Trustees and the Township staff preserve and improve Grosse Ile Township as one of our country's most desirable residential communities. As our population has not stabilized, we have much to do as long as there are empty homes, shops and classrooms on our island. So, with the support of your Board of Trustees, I will continue to seek and implement every means to develop and market those assets that distinguish Grosse Ile Township as a family's best destination to call home. We are all neighbors and stakeholders, so I need your inputs and advice on how to improve both government performance and our community's appeal.

LOOKING BACK...

Michigan's economic outlook continues to improve, and the loss of residents and revenues that had plagued our state has reversed, with, unfortunately, the exception of Wayne County. Here on Grosse Ile we survived some tough times that necessarily resulted in reductions in personnel and non-essential services. I hope you can appreciate that we are operating this Township with a minimum staff who somehow continue to provide those municipal services that residents of a major metropolitan area have come to expect. None of our current successes or future endeavors would be possible without their dedicated efforts. Supported by this exceptional staff, Grosse Ile's Board of Trustees is working hard to ensure our Township remains the most desirable residential community in Michigan. So let's reflect on what we have accomplished in the past year.

Once again we have been recognized as the Safest Place to Live in Michigan and one of the safest places to live in the entire country. Although no surprise to us residents, this title is wonderful news and certainly highlights one quality of living in Grosse Ile Township. Again, they issued the award based solely on reported crime statistics; we know there are many more aspects to safety in our everyday lives. I think we can agree that rapid response in a medical emergency, a rescue from the surrounding waters or ice, or just making our homes and businesses accessible during weather events are also safety concerns. Through the teamwork of the Police, Police Reserves, Fire and Rescue, and Public Services, we enjoy an exceptionally safe community for children, seniors, and everyone in between.

Beyond being Michigan's safest place to live, we have increased our recreational opportunities as another of our quality of life goals. Volunteer efforts, coordinated by both the Township staff and non-profit organizations, continue to improve our secluded waterfront park on the Detroit River, Grosse Ile's only public beach. Also on the waterfront, island volunteers continue to develop a kayak launch in our marina complex, with a phenomenal response. Our Recreation Department has found grant funding to dramatically improve this resource, and this spring we will open a world-class river front launch site that will be universally accessible, a long desired addition to our recreational offerings.

Continuing the subject of water access, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, which surrounds the southern end of our island, promises to preserve the beauty and tranquility of our natural wetlands in perpetuity. We should all consider this refuge our asset, and, working with the Fish and Wildlife Service, we will continue to secure additional access so we can all enjoy the wonders that the refuge has to offer.

We would be skating on our all-seasons rink if we had colder temperatures, having completed some deck preparations earlier this fall. Fund raising efforts will continue to provide more capabilities and programs for this potentially very popular addition to Grosse Ile recreation.

Our Bike Path Advisory Committee continues to evaluate maintenance requirements and expansion opportunities for our nationally recognized system of walks and paths. Hopefully future funding will allow us to connect to the Downriver Linked Greenways network of bike path and trails, providing an avenue (pun intended) to a more active lifestyle for our residents.

In addition to our recreational offerings, we have additional community activities to enjoy. I am pretty sure all would agree that Island Fest continues to be even more exciting, the product of an energetic, dynamic Festival Commission. We won't have to wait much longer to see what surprises are in store this year.

We had the privilege of hosting the Detroit Institute of Arts "Inside / Out" exhibit, where world famous paintings were displayed throughout the Island for you to enjoy. I was humbled to learn that the DIA is the only art museum outside of Europe that brings art to the community, and we were that community.

We completed our first year of residential road repair partnership with Wayne County and made significant improvements throughout the township. We are prepared to continue for another year, but we are cautious about the anticipated funding – we'll wait and see.

And last, I am pleased to report that we have completed the restoration of the east side of Hangar One and our Airport/Commerce Park manager has the space leased to a business owner. I'm very proud that we made the effort to preserve the other side of our historic building and will be able to generate revenues from it, revenues that will enable us to make improvements to the park and attract even more economic activity.

AT THE MOMENT...

I'm not sure enjoyed is the proper term, but compared to our previous two winters this one has been relatively mild. Hopefully we will be spared the road damage and water main failures that accompanied the temperature extremes of the past two winters.

Your board has just finished our annual budgeting marathon, all of us working with the manager and finance director to develop a balanced, responsible budget. I wish I could report a budget surplus, but we had to make some difficult decisions.

We began this year effectively balanced, but were hit with unanticipated expenses that required reaching into our reserves. The parking lot at Township Hall, used by residents and visitors alike, was severely damaged by the previous brutal winters. We decided to make substantial repairs rather than patches, giving us a safer access with better drainage control to reduce future damage.

Some minor housekeeping turned into major repairs at Township Hall, a structure over 75 years old. Undetected moisture was causing mold and corrosion problems, problems we decided to permanently resolve. While the repairs to both the parking lot and Township Hall were expensive, they would eventually be much more expensive had we deferred them to a future budget.

We are all aware of the spectacular fire that destroyed the maintenance facility at Waters Edge. In replacing the facility, we decided to relocate it to a much more suitable location offering more safety for employees and freeing up areas for more efficient usage. This move was also somewhat costly, but was clearly the right thing to do.

I hope you agree with me that we took the challenge and turned repair into improvement. These improvements, although initially more expensive than patchwork, will provide Grosse Ile with assets that should serve for decades to come. Our planning efforts will preclude future residents and officials from reflecting on our work and wondering 'what were they thinking?'

I also want to add my personal thanks to the Township staff for their resilience and dedication to service. When directed to vacate Township hall during the initial portions of the mold remediation, the entire staff relocated to the newly vacant restaurant at Waters Edge, set up shop as best they could, and went back to work. Service to the residents was interrupted for less than a day while we set up phone and internet lines, otherwise we were business as usual.

Beyond maintaining existing assets, we have some new items to report. We are developing a new smart phone “app” or application (we used to call them programs) that will enable us to keep you up to date on all that is happening in your community. Public safety will be able to notify you immediately of ‘need to know’ events – road closures, water main repairs, bridge openings, etc. We will also be partnering with our school administration to help push out school related notifications, hopefully making life a little easier for all the parents on the island.

An operator is refurbishing the restaurant at Waters Edge, promising new dining and entertainment opportunities - we’re all looking forward to sampling their offerings at the grand opening later this spring. This will also be your chance to see the new roof currently being installed, a roof that will keep our restaurant attractive and secure well into the future.

And lastly, I wish I could report that we had finally resolved the situation with the Reo Road apartments, but we are limited to the legal process. Whether they are restored to occupancy or demolished, we will not look away while this dangerous and unsightly condition exists.

LOOKING FORWARD...

A continuing, and justifiable, concern of Grosse Ile residents and visitors is the condition of our roads. Although residents rejected an opportunity to fund our own road repairs, we still expect to receive another \$500,000 from Wayne County to continue the repair of residential roads within the Township. We are all aware that transportation funding throughout the state is in turmoil, we can only take a wait and see approach for the rest of our deteriorating roadways. We will do the best we can with the dollars available.

I am optimistic about our ability to deliver water to your home based on our inclusion in the Great Lakes Water Authority, now affording us some control over our supplier. Our DPS Commission has begun preparations to replace the last of our aging water mains, some over eighty years old, employing least disruptive methods and utilizing awesome new technologies. This project will improve the flows and firefighting capability throughout the east side of Grosse Ile and adjacent neighborhoods since it will be completing a 12-inch diameter water main loop that encircles the entire island.

Another ongoing challenge will be continued evaluation and enforcement of our property maintenance ordinances. The deteriorating appearance of some of our residential neighborhoods, a condition many of you brought to our attention, has been largely reversed. I am convinced this effort reflects the desires of the community, considering we have closed over 300 violations and have not had to collect a single dollar in fines. Now that we are all aware of our responsibilities and are seeing improvements, I invite your thoughts on any changes to these ‘good neighbor’ ordinances you might think are more appropriate for our community.

I’m sure you have noticed, we have far too many empty businesses on Macomb Street. In order to try to reverse this trend, we will be bringing on a part time Downtown Development Authority Director, someone with experience in identifying and attracting those businesses that will enhance our community.

Our Recreation Department continues to seek – and be awarded - grants and other sources of funding to expand our capabilities, including improvements to the Activities Center at Centennial Farm and a new lift van for transportation.

A challenge that must be considered is the future direction of our community. We continue to lose population (although nowhere near the losses of a few years ago) and are perilously close to the 10,000 threshold. Correspondingly, we are losing enrollment in our school system and businesses are closing on Macomb Street. All measurements indicate that, instead of improving, property values remain flat – an objective indication that there are too few families interested in making Grosse Ile their home. We have made all the appropriate reductions in government staff and services in response to this shrinking population, so let's work together to reverse the decline. Tell me what you want for your Township's future, but I hope I am not alone in my assessment: no community ever cut its way to prosperity – we need to grow!

Working together, we can, and will, make Grosse Ile an even more desirable place to live, work and play.

With that, we should all be very optimistic about our future, so let me close by asking that we all commit to making this the community we want our friends to discover and to join us, the community we are proud to call home, and the community we want to leave for our children. Thank you again for your confidence, your support, and your participation.

Best wishes to all,
Brian Loftus
Supervisor

OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

2015-2016 Annual Report

As evidenced by the list below the Township has begun to focus on numerous Capital projects. It is important to complete these projects in a responsible manner by addressing a prioritized list making progress as finances allow. In addition to addressing prioritized maintenance and capital improvements, the Township has also been able to provide a level of services expected by the residents.

Past year's accomplishments included:

- ◇ Grosse Ile Township named Safest Community in the State of Michigan by the FBI for a community with 10,000 – 25,000 residents
- ◇ Hosted the Inside/Out Art Program with the Detroit Institute of Arts
- ◇ Began the development of a Grosse Ile App entitled Grosse Ile Connect. This App will allow it's users to receive "push notifications" from Township Officials related to road and bridge closures. This App will be launched in April of 2016
- ◇ Continued discussions with the State of Michigan regarding the next steps of the SSES project required to remove infiltration from the sanitary system.
- ◇ Installed the Universal Access EZ Dock Pier at the Water's Edge Recreation Complex
- ◇ Suffered a complete loss from a building fire at the Water's Edge Maintenance Building and began the planning and design of a new structure
- ◇ Entered into a contract to replace the roof at the Water's Edge Recreation Complex Main Building
- ◇ Entered into an agreement with Smokies on the Water, a new restaurateur at the Water's Edge Recreation Complex
- ◇ Cancelled the installation of a Splash Park
- ◇ The waterfront park at Grosse Ile Parkway and East River Road was named Sunrise Park
- ◇ Completed the forth phase of the upgrade to the Electronic Boardroom and GI-TV and began planning for phase 5. The Phase 4 presentation system in the Township Hall Boardroom mirrored the presentation system installed in the Public Safety Emergency Operation Center to allow as a back-up location. Phase 1 Computer Switcher; Phase 2 Cablecast System; Phase 3 Cameras; Phase 4 Sound & Presentation System; Phase 5 Video Capabilities
- ◇ Changed the organizational structure of the Communication Department by disbanding the Communication Commission
- ◇ Performed chip sealing on approximately 3 miles of roadways
- ◇ Sought a Road Repair and Water Main Installation Millage that was defeated by the voter's
- ◇ Performed Capital Maintenance Projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that included pump rehabilitation and upgrades, laboratory renovations, and lighting improvements
- ◇ Began renovations of the downstairs Lobby and Hallway at Township Hall and discovered mold that was required to be remediated
- ◇ Repairs and staining of the Bike Path Bridges were completed
- ◇ Continued with culling the deer herd for the seventh consecutive year
- ◇ Hired George Marx in the position of DPS Maintenance
- ◇ The Ordinance Officer responded to an average of 30 investigations/complaints per month as compared to 46 per month the prior year
- ◇ Continued with the Legal Action to require the demolition of a Dangerous Building
- ◇ Issued 8 permits under the Drainage Grant Program
- ◇ At the direction of the State of Michigan, planned, bid, and awarded the Rehabilitation of runway 04/22 (East Runway) at the Airport

In addition to the efficient management of the day-to-day operations of the Township it is extremely important to continue with the following significant goals:

- ◇ Continue to establish priorities of elected officials and implement a plan to accomplish agreed upon priorities
- ◇ Plan and address Township Capital needs related to Buildings and Facilities
- ◇ Implement new strategies employed by the Community Recreation Commission and Recreation Director to implement a capital maintenance program for all Recreation facilities and determine strategies to increase revenues of the Water's Edge Recreation Complex
- ◇ Continue the update of Township policies and procedures

Dale L. Reaume, M.P.A
Township Manager

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **TOWNSHIP CLERK**
- **TREASURER**
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
- **FINANCE**

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TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE

*Erik Ranka, Township Clerk
Sharon Gray, Deputy Clerk/ Office Manager
Bryan Friel, Election and Records Assistant
Gayle Haeger, Part-time Seasonal Clerical*

Accomplishments 2015-16 Fiscal Year:

- Consolidated our voting precincts from six to five in order to better utilize our available voting locations, election inspectors and manage Election Day turnout while providing an efficient voting experience for our residents
- Trained and prepared for a Special Elections in May and November of 2015, as well as the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary and a Special School District Bond Proposal Election on May 3, 2016
- The Election and Records Assistant began a three year training institute through the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks

Goals and Objectives for 2016-17 Fiscal Year:

- To continue improving our methods of retaining and storing township records in a central location at township hall
- Conducting successful State, County and Local Primary and General Elections in August and November, 2016

When calling or visiting township hall for information and services the Clerk's Office is often the place visitors stop at for information and directions. The Clerk's office staff strives to provide accurate information in a friendly and professional manner.

The Township Clerk's Office is responsible for a wide variety of services and information. One of the most important is to provide guidance to township departments on document retention and storage of official documents and communications, including the official Minutes of the Township Board, and all Commissions and Committees; as prescribed by the State of Michigan.

The Township Clerk's office also works together with the Finance Office to process and disburse Accounts Payable transactions and also processes all Freedom of Information Act requests for the township.

ELECTIONS

The Township Clerk's Office is responsible for administering all elections in accordance with State and Federal law and for training our local election inspectors on Election Day procedures and laws.

Regularly scheduled annual elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August and November while Special Elections may be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May, if necessary.

Fiscal year 2015-2016 looks to be an especially busy time for elections. On March 8, 2016 there was a Presidential Primary Election and on May 3, 2016 the Clerk's Office conducted a Special Election with a Bond Proposal on the ballot on behalf of the Grosse Ile School District as mandated by State Election Law.

There will also be a regular State, County and Local Primary on August 2, 2016 followed by a General Election on November 8, 2016 to elect the President of the United States, Local Township Board and School Board members and additional County and State officials.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents may register to vote in person at the Township Clerk's Office, or at any Michigan Secretary of State's Office. A resident must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election and must have reached their 18th birthday on or before Election Day.

Visit the Clerk's page at www.grosseile.com for a map of voting locations and hours and to find links to voter registration and absentee ballot request forms, voter identification requirements and to view sample election ballots.

PASSPORTS

The Township Clerk's Office accepts passport applications by appointment from 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A passport book is valid for land, air and sea travel. Passport forms are available at township hall or online at www.travel.state.com

For more information on passport requirements and a complete fee schedule visit the Clerk's tab at www.grosseile.com

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Department Statistics **Compiled through April 30, 2016**

Total Number of Residents (2010 Census)	10,371
Total Registered Voters (as of May, 2016)	8,733
Passports Processed since 2004	1,235
Passports Processed (April 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016)	141
Freedom of Information Requests Processed	25
Solicitor/Peddler Permits Issued	13
Aerial Photo Sales	10
Number of Elections April 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016	3

Our Mission Statement:

The Clerk's Office staff will respect the rich historical heritage of Grosse Ile Township and will strive to provide conscientious service to the public, the Township Board and the township administration.

To be prepared to meet the ever-changing demands for the future by attending necessary continuing education programs and seminars and implementing the information learned to improve the effectiveness of the staff in serving the community.

To oversee and educate township staff and officials on the procedures for collecting, retaining, archiving and efficiently disseminating all official township information of record, compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

To manage all federal, state, local and school elections efficiently, accurately and fairly, following Michigan Election Laws; and, to continually strive to maintain strict voting security measures at all times.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Treasurer's Office is the efficient collection of all revenues owed to Grosse Ile Township and other taxing units. We strive to distribute in a timely, efficient and accurate manner collected tax monies to the various taxing units and Township accounts. The Treasurer is also responsible for the collection of other Township receipts and the investment of idle Township funds. The Treasurer's Office continues to make customer service a priority by assisting residents and visitors to the Township Offices.

All revenues received by the Township are deposited through the Treasurer's Office. The Township Treasurer is also responsible for timely distribution of taxes collected to Wayne County, Grosse Ile Township Schools and multiple township funds. Department of Public Works, Grosse Ile Municipal Airport, Police and Fire Department, Community Development Department and Recreation Department revenues are also collected and deposited by the Treasurer's Office. Pet licenses and dog park passes are sold on an annual basis.

The 2014 tax roll was reconciled, balanced and delivered timely to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office. Continued cooperation with the office of the Wayne County Treasurer has always been a high priority believing that effective communication benefits not only our office, but also our residents.

Due to the continued low interest rates the Treasurer's office concentrated more on lowering bank fees and less on increasing interest revenues. However, towards the end of the fiscal year interest rates did show signs of slight improvement. Investments are reviewed monthly basis to maximize revenues, minimize fees and maintain security of the of the Township funds.

Delinquent personal property tax collection is an ongoing process for the Treasurer's Office. Delinquent personal property tax amounts are penalized monthly and pursued until fully paid.

The Treasurer's Office offers credit card and E-Check payment options for residents and property owners for taxes and utility bills. This allows for easy payments from a computer or other electronic devices using the online payment link at grosseile.com. Other information is available on the treasurers' website. Millage rates and descriptions, current and historical tax and property data, deferment forms, monthly investment and budget/audit reports can be easily accessed via the website.

For the fiscal year, 2016-2017 the Treasurer's Office will continue to pursue of the following endeavors:

- Continue to provide Township Investment Reports to the Township Board and the public.
- Maintain an investment policy that cautiously invests dollars while still maintaining a conservative and secure investment platform.
- Continue an aggressive collection policy regarding personal property tax collection accounts.
- Continue to serve the public in the most efficient and courteous manner.

The Treasurer and/or his Deputy are always available at the residents' convenience to meet with them and discuss those issues as they relate to Township tax dollars and the Township's investments. Treasurer's Office staff can assist with inquiries during regular office hours. Our website is an additional resource of information to Grosse Ile residents, taxpayers, banking and real estate professionals.

Theodore Van Os, Township Treasurer

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mission Statement:

The Department of Community Development is responsible for protecting the public health, safety and welfare of the Township regarding land use and construction in all new and existing structures.

Department Objectives:

The importance of codes, code regulation and code enforcement is often overlooked until a catastrophic fire or other construction-related tragedy occurs. Inspecting buildings during and after construction helps to ensure that buildings are safe, sound and accessible places to work, play and live.

The role of the Community Development staff is to provide for the safety, health and welfare of the general public through the enforcement of zoning and municipal code regulations. Every day, assisted by technology and co-workers, they provide excellent customer service to the public to improve the quality of life in the community. Whether answering phones, greeting the residents requesting information or contractors wanting permits, the Community Development staff is always ready and willing to serve the public’s needs.

Performance Indicators:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Building/Zoning Permits	213	214	250	214	219	255	402	401	471	535	561
Mechanical Permits	181	183	183	138	154	183	182	188	262	256	270
Plumbing Permits	86	55	55	41	36	41	45	60	72	78	55
Electrical Permits	145	161	124	99	147	212	198	230	298	294	290
Code Enforcement	509	441	686	649	624	696	741	708	667		
*New Code Enforcement Program										251	350

* In mid-2014 a New Code Enforcement Program was implemented after the Township reviewed various Municipal Code sections in an effort to improve them as they relate to conditions found on many properties around the island. This program has been met with great success and we look forward to its continued success in the future.

Permits Issued:

New home construction rose this year with the issuance of 17 new single-family home permits during the calendar year compared to 14 issued the previous year. Total building/zoning permits issued for the calendar year were 561 with a total construction value of \$12,075,458. Of this total construction value (c.v.) -- \$4,754,000 dollars (c.v.) were 16 single-family homes alone. Building and Zoning permits issued overall rose 4.86% over the previous year.

2015-16 Department Highlights:

- With the implementation of the pilot program on Code Enforcement in 2014 many amenities previously provided have changed. Residents with road complaints (i.e. potholes, guardrails, signage, road shoulders, culverts and ditches, etc.) can directly report these issues to Wayne County by calling 888-ROAD CREW (762-3273).
- Residents with concerns of tree issues in the right-of-way and other complaints (poles, electrical wires, cable services, etc.) can contact these different agencies by referring to the phone numbers found on the Township’s webpage. Go to www.grosseile.com; select “Departments”; then select “Department of Public Services”. On the left side under “Contact Numbers” many of these phone numbers can be found.
- Open Space Trees – Residents can contact the Department of Public Services to report any dangerous tree situations at (734) 676-4422, extension 228.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Drainage Grant Program continues – the purpose of this grant program is to protect property values and improve the quality of life of Township residents where a drainage problem exists. Twenty-three permits were issued during the calendar year.

2016-2017 Goals:

During the upcoming budget year, we would like to accomplish the following:

- ◀ Continue to educate residents on the importance of code enforcement;
- ◀ Continue to educate residents on the importance of obtaining permits for work done on their homes and properties;
- ◀ Continue to provide training opportunities for employees; and
- ◀ Continue to operate within our approved budget.



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (GITV & WEBSITE)

The goal of the Communications Department is to provide broadcasting of Township Board, Planning Commission, School Board and any other commission meeting the Township Board deems necessary, as well as taping and replaying selected programs to viewers of both the municipal channel (GITV) and the School Channel.

In addition, the Communications Department works with its cable providers and the Township Board to further enhance cable television services and products for the citizens of Grosse Ile Township in a positive manner.

1. GITV continues to be cablecast on Comcast (channel 12), Wide Open West (WOW), (channel 10), and AT&T (channel 99).
2. GITV is streamed on www.grosseile.com 24/7
3. The Communications Commission was decommissioned by action of the Township Board.
4. The following meetings are cablecast live on GITV: Township Board, Planning Commission, Public Service Commission, Commerce Park Commission, Open Space Commission, Bike Path and Pedestrian Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Recreation Commission, Communications Commission and the Festival (Islandfest) Commission.
5. The Communications Department continues to advise and aid the Township School Board with the taping of their school board meetings, school events and maintenance of the school district TV equipment.
6. With the co-operation of the Grosse Ile Police Department, the township boardroom was updated so that it can now serve as a backup command center in case of an emergency.
7. A complete new audio system, including new microphones, a new audio mixer and new cablecasting equipment was installed in the board room
8. The Final update of the boardroom, including new monitors, a new control system for meeting chairpersons and an updated presentation system for the podium has been approved for installation next fiscal year
9. With the cooperation of multiple township departments, Grosse Ile Connect (a mobile app), was developed under the guidance of Bar-Z of Austin Texas
10. The Communications Department continues to oversee the Township web page at www.grosseile.com.
11. A special infomercial was taped to provide information concerning the proposed road millage in August
12. GITV produced features on the bike paths, nature trails, Concerts at Bishops Cottage, Concerts on the Commons, Matt Cloutier, a Grosse Ile resident who was the University of Michigan Drum Major
13. GITV taped and aired shows from Islandfest, Water's Edge concerts, and Recreation Department events and once again promoted the Historical Society Holiday Boutique.
14. The Communications Department continues to work with the local scouting organizations, providing educational opportunities and tours of the studio.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

The goal of the Finance Department is to continually strive to improve the quality, timeliness, and distribution of financial data, as well as, the efficiency of the procedures necessary to generate this data. The Finance Department attentively provides a variety of services to all other departments within the Township, general employees and administration, the Township Board and a variety of constituents within the community.

Finance Service Statement

The Finance Department performs a wide range of finance and accounting duties. This department has the overall responsibility of all accounting and finance related functions. This responsibility is discharged in accordance with Federal and State regulations, ordinances enacted by the Township Board, directives from the Township Manager, and is consistent with Governmental and Financial Standards established by the Government Accounting Board. The Director of Finance, Ann Darzniek, being the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, is charged with the responsibility of protecting and safeguarding the assets of the Township.

The Finance Department consists of finance and budgeting administration, accounting and control, accounts payable, payroll and benefit administration, risk management and overseeing banking and investing activities. The Department consists of Ann Darzniek, Finance Director, Annette Wurtsmith, Finance/Tax Assistant, and Caryn Johnson, Payables/Benefits Assistant. The Finance Department also includes operations of the Treasurer functions of the Township. Annette Wurtsmith is also the Deputy Treasurer, and Andrea Marshall is the Cashier.

The Finance Department is responsible for the books of original entry for the assets, liabilities, equities, revenues and expenditures of the Township. In Grosse Ile Township, the Finance Director develops and maintains tracking systems for all financial transactions, projects, road construction costs, encumbrances, and any other financial needs of the Township Board and Administration. The department generates and distributes many internal and external management reports. The department is responsible for the reconciliation of all account balances in the general ledger so that an annual audited financial report can be produced as required by state statute and filed with the state treasurer within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year.

The Finance Department processes all purchase orders and accounts payable. This function includes approval, data entry, proper account distribution, reconciliation, and filing of all invoices by vendor. Discrepancies between vendor statements and invoices are resolved prior to processing. Approximately 6,000 claims for payment are processed each year. A check register is produced and presented to the Township Board for approval at each regular Board meeting.

Payroll processing for all Township employees is executed in the Finance Department. This processing includes data input, coordination and payment of employee benefits, withholding and reporting of income taxes, maintenance of records and payment of all other payroll deductions. Payroll processing and record keeping functions are performed for approximately 100 employees, each with unique benefits. The Finance Department is responsible for administering all employee benefits offered.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is responsible for the Township's debt management by coordinating arrangements for all capital financing and debt issuance. In 2015, there were no additional bonds issued. The Township's previous bond issues have been rated by Standard & Poor's and Moody's. Standard & Poor's and Moody's are the best-known and most influential credit rating agencies. Although somewhat different in their letter usage, Standard & Poor's and Moody's both rate bonds in descending alphabetical order from A to C. The most recent available ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's were AA and A1 respectively.

Bond Rating Codes

Rating	S&P	Moody's
Highest Quality	AAA	Aaa
High Quality	AA	Aa
Upper Medium Quality	A	A
Medium Grade	BBB	Bbb
Somewhat Speculative	BB	Ba
Low Grade Speculative	B	B
Low Grade, Default Possible	CCC	Caa
Low Grade, Partial Recovery Possible	CC	Ca
Default, Recovery Unlikely	C	C

Yet another function of the Finance Department is to inventory and perform insurance monitoring for general Township liability. The primary purpose is to preserve the Township's assets through loss prevention, control and financing. The department processes all claims against the Township

The citizens of Grosse Ile are assured of sound fiscal planning and management through the budget process. The Director of Finance, Ann Darzniek, serves as the budget officer of the Township. The Budget is prepared in accordance with the State Budgeting Act. The budget process establishes priorities for the fiscal year. The Department monitors the Township financial condition through budget amendments, forecasts, and the review of department performance measurements. In addition, salary wage spreads, personnel costs, and labor contract analyses are processed. The budget is the chief indicator of the Township's past performance as well as a means for determining annual goals and objectives. An annual budget is presented and adopted each year at the annual meeting.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Department Recent Accomplishments:

1. During the year, the Township met all requirements and complied with each component of the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) to preserve the maximum amount of the statutory payment of state shared revenue.
2. In July, 2014, the Township issued Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$5,335,000. This refunding replaced seven different bond issues that were issued by the Township between 1997 and 2006 for various capital improvements. This refunding was done to lower interest costs and to reduce the Township's annual debt service. The total savings was approximately \$164,000.
3. As of March 31, 2015, the Township paid off the balance of the Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 originally issued for the Public Safety Building.
4. In September of 2011 the Governor signed into law Act 152, Public Acts of 2011, known as the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. In December 2011, the Township Board adopted the employee health coverage provisions of Section 3 under Act 152, Public Acts of 2011, commonly referred to as the "hard cap" option that will be phased in for all employees including volunteer firemen. This option puts limits on the amount of money the Township can pay for employee health care benefits. These changes will result in substantial savings to the Township. The Township Management will continue to monitor employee benefit costs on an annual renewal basis. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 total health care costs decreased by .6%.
5. In March, 2013, the Township reduced the MERS Pension Benefit for all new hires for non-union and TPOAM union members to a C-1 (1.5% multiplier) with a maximum Township contribution at 10% and an employee contribution at 10% after the Township meets the 10% contribution, with no COLA adjustment. These changes will result in substantial savings to the Township in the future. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 total pension costs increased by 10.4%. This increase resulted from the shortening of the unfunded liability amortization period from 25 to 24 years, originally 30 years.

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DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016

MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance the quality of life on Grosse Ile by providing prompt, professional community oriented police services, while enforcing state statutes and local ordinances for a safe and secure community.

Last year members of the police department answered:

- 14,361 Calls of Service
- 411 Written Reports filed by Officers
- 118 Accident Reports
- 476 Traffic Citations
- 18 OWI
- 41 Parking Violations
- 640 Notices to Appear
- 989 Verbal Warnings for Traffic Offenses
- 134 Arrests Made
- 73 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 4 Felony Arrests
- 57 Warrant Arrests
- 523 Courtesy Security Notices
- 85 Detective Bureau Complaints to Investigate
- 226,080 Miles Driven/Patrol Vehicles

Our department participates in various Mutual Aid Organizations such as the Downriver Mutual Aid Dive Team and the Downriver Hostage Negotiations Team.

Training/Sworn Officers:

- Below 100
- Data master Training/Breathalyzer
- Emergency Vehicle Operator
- Firearms Qualifications
- First Line Supervision
- Internal Investigations
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- Labor Law & Labor Arbitration
- Neurobiology of Sexual
- Patrol Rifle Qualification
- Pistol Qualification
- PPCT Recertification
- Taser Update
- X2 Taser and Recertification

Training/Clerk Dispatchers:

- 911 Liability Risk
- Domestic Violence Intervention Skills
- Emergency Medical Dispatch
- Emergency Medical Dispatch Recertification
- FOIA Update
- Law Enforcement & Fire Service Dispatch
- Stress Identification & Management Skills
- Suicide Intervention Skills

Animal Control answered:

- 815 Calls of Service
- 62 Cats were sheltered
- 52 Cats adopted
- 8 Cats returned to their owner
- 69 Dogs were picked up
- 46 Dogs returned to their owner
- 28 Dogs adopted
- 88 Verbal warnings
- 16 Violations were issued
- \$50.00 in donations

TAILS continues to steward the animal shelter.

Community Policing Programs:

- Bicycle Rodeo
- D.A.R.E. Program
- New World Computer Data Update
- Open House/9-11-
- Operation Chill-Bicycle Safety
- Reading Awareness
- Safety Town
- School Resource Office Program
- Sims Annual Basketball Game
- Stranger Danger Fingerprint Program

Grant Programs:

- Operation Stonegarden Homeland Security Grant
- Party Patrol Grant: Underage Drinking Education and Enforcement
- Safe Communities Grant: Occupant Protection and Impaired Driving
- SEMCA – Tobacco Compliance Grant

Partnerships:

- 33rd District Court – Sobriety Court Program
- AAA Michigan: Wayne County Traffic Safety Committee
- Office of Highway Safety Planning
- Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
- Southeast Community Alliance

The Members of the Grosse Ile Township Police Department would like to thank our residents for their support. Working together we can keep Grosse Ile one of the Safest Communities in Michigan and provide a quality environment for all Islanders.

GROSSE ILE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

- Provide firefighting services for the residents of and visitors to Grosse Ile, Michigan.
- Provide basic emergency medical services for the residents of, and visitors to, Grosse Ile, Michigan
- Cooperate with the fire departments of the Downriver Mutual Assistance pact in the performance of their responsibilities.
- Instruct members of the Association in proper firefighting and emergency medical care procedures and study and improve the firefighting and emergency medical care capabilities of its members.
- Provide educational programs to the residents of Grosse Ile concerning the causes and prevention of fires and proper fire safety procedures.
- Collect and disseminate information concerning the causes of fire.
- Cultivate friendship and social contact among its members and promote and hold various social events.
- Solicit, receive, hold, invest and disburse donations, gifts, bequests and other funds for the purposes of the Goodfellow Association.
- Assist in the care, support and maintenance of indigent persons and families and undertake such other charitable activities consistent with this purpose.
- Otherwise promote the general welfare of the residents of Grosse Ile.
- Do all other lawful things consistent with the purpose of this Association.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Grosse He Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1943 to provide fire protection to the residents of Grosse lie. This operation has continued through to today, however, many more demands have been placed on the volunteer.

The goal of Grosse Ile Volunteer Fire Department is to continue to provide a quality fire and emergency rescue service to the island. It is also the desire of this organization to remain a volunteer department until such time that demands and/or community growth requires an alternative style of fire protection.

The Fire Department will continue to provide community service groups with special standby coverage of certain events such as: all home football games, Memorial Day Run, July 4 Fireworks, Airshows, etc.

GROSSE ILE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2016 HISTORY & CHALLENGES

With seventy-two years under our belts as the Grosse Ile Fire Department, never did the original members ever imagine that the Fire Department would reach the professional level that we are at today. From a two bay dirt floor building in 1943, to an eight bay state of the art fire station in 2016, the Grosse Ile Fire Department has made great strides working towards a quality of life that is safer for the residents of Grosse Ile. With state of the art equipment and highly trained personnel, the Grosse lie Fire Department has become one of the premier Fire Departments in the state of Michigan. This has all been made possible with the support of the community, The Public Safety Building as of the year has been paid off.

2015 has brought some new equipment to Grosse Ile. The department has added a new pumper to its fleet. A class A pumper, 2250 gallons per minute pump, light tower, 2000 a gallon minute deck gun. Also a new water rescue trail, with a new sixteen foot aluminum boat. The new trailer carries all our necessary equipment. In addition to the new pumper, we have equipped it with a new set of extrication tools.

As it has been in the past, the Grosse Ile Fire Department is always looking to improve its "Community Alert System". Life Safety is our main focus. We will continue to keep the community informed about the "Safe and Sound Community Education Program". There were additional upgrades to the command center. Allowing us to monitor live on scene developments. The new command center is now interactive. Always check the Public Access Channel on cable TV and AM 1700 for important Public Safety news as it happens.

As we grow, the Fire Department is faced with more trainings and education throughout the year. State mandated classes and state of the art equipment make it necessary to train at least once a week and sometimes on weekends. It is important to know that the Grosse He Fire Department does all of its own in-house trainings. This commitment from the men and women of the Fire Department is what makes us one of the top Fire Departments in the state.

2015 was our busiest year to date. The Grosse Ile Fire Department Responded to 615 calls. They have done this with less manpower. The men and women of the Fire Department have met the challenges of 20 15 and exceeded them. Thank you: to the men and women for their outstanding job and their commitment to Family, Community and the Fire Department.

Goodfellows works diligently throughout the year to help the citizens of Grosse Ile in their time of need. Any resident that knows of a Grosse Ile family or individual in need, please contact the Fire Department.

Fire Chief
Duncan Murdock

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ Reduced legacy cost
- ▶ New Jaws
- ▶ Two new members
- ▶ Gas Detectors
- ▶ Hose Testing
- ▶ Fire Prevention Open House
- ▶ Ladder Testing
- ▶ Goodfellows ongoing commitment to the community
- ▶ Updating the E.R.P. (Emergency Response Plan)
- ▶ Dry Hydrants
- ▶ Water Rescue Equipment
- ▶ Working with the schools (Safety)
- ▶ Up Grade Camera's PBS
- ▶ Improved scene lighting
- ▶ American Red Cross Blood Drives
- ▶ Ice Commander
- ▶ 5 New Pagers
- ▶ Parking Lot
- ▶ Storm Drainage
- ▶ Radio's Chiefs Office
- ▶ New Hose

FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER HOURS

2016

		Total Hours
Fire Runs	Avg. 26 personnel x 3 hrs. x 103 runs	8,034
Mutual Aid Fire	Avg. 26 personnel x 4 hrs. x 2 incidents	312
EMS Runs Avg.	Avg. 15 personnel x 1.5 hrs. x 512 runs	11,520
Mutual Aid EMS	Avg. 22 personnel @ 4 ½ hrs. x 1 incident	99
Fire Training	Avg. 26 personnel x 3 hrs. x 30 trainings	2,340
EMS Training	Avg. 26 personnel x 2 hrs. x 10 trainings	520
Ice/Water Rescue	Avg. 26 personnel x 4 hrs. x 4 trainings	416
DMA Dive Team	Avg. 4 personnel x 8 hrs. x 11 trainings	704
Dive Team Callouts	Avg. 8 personnel x 4 hrs. x 10 incidents	160
DMA Fire Investigation	2 investigators	53
Fire Prevention Open House	Fire Prevention Week	120
Community Service	Goodfellows, Islandfest, Parades	140
Community Service	Football EMS	425
GRAND TOTAL FOR 2016		24,843 Hours

Grosse Ile Township Firefighting Equipment

This list represents the major equipment in the Grosse Ile Fire Department

Year	Call Sign	Type	Manufacturer
1997	Ladder 1	Quint (Aerial Device)	KME
2006	Engine 1	Pumper	KME
2015	Engine 2	Pumper	KME
2000	Engine 4	Rescue Pumper	KME
2006	Air Boat 1	Air Boat	Rescue Master
2009	BRAVO 2	Ambulance	Braun
2003	BRAVO 1	Ambulance	Braun
2013	CHIEF 1	Chief's Vehicle	Ford
2010	CHIEF 3	Fire Marshal's Vehicle	Ford
2014	ICE/WATER 1	Ice/Water Rescue Trailer	Loadmaster
2014		Aluminum Boat	Alumcraft
2011	UTILITY 1	Pickup	Ford
2001		Rigid Hull	Zodiac

Fire Department Members are also involved with the following:

Arson Task Force	Downriver Fire Chiefs	School Education
Downriver Dive Team	Confined Space Rescue	Michigan Arson Investigators
Ice/Water Rescue	Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)	S.W.C. Chiefs Association
Engineers	Juvenile Fire Setters	International Association F.C.
EMS Training	Open House	N.F.P.A.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2015-2016

Mission Statement

To contribute to the social, physical, educational, cultural, and general well being of the Grosse Ile community and to preserve the natural landscape and environment.

Throughout the year, the nine members of the community recreation commission met regularly to make certain the department was operating in the best interest of the community. The commission constantly reviewed and evaluated programs, services and facilities in relationship to how they are impacting the residents and the community. The commission members realize the community as a whole has placed precious resources and funding under their care and this action of trust must be taken seriously and reciprocated with a coordinated plan that can be monitored and measured.

The department operates under the following charges established by the commission and approved by the Township Board:

- Oversight of Community Recreation Department operations (including the Water's Edge Recreation Complex, the Centennial Farm, the Airport Recreation Park, Macomb Playscape and the Parkway/East River Waterfront Park).
- Establish an operations plan that will open all facilities to the residents of Grosse Ile.
- Establish and conduct programs that will meet the recreation needs of all segments of the Grosse Ile population.
- Design and utilize recreation facilities so as to not only provide recreation opportunities, but also contribute to the aesthetic quality and ecological balance of Grosse Ile Township.
- Foster relationships and encourage continued cooperation with community group volunteers, the public school district, the Nature and Land Conservancy, other township departments and surrounding communities.
- Protect natural resources within the community for their environmental, educational and recreation value.
- Utilize recreation as a catalyst to bring people together and foster a sense of community.
- Continue with recreation planning through review and revision of the Recreation Master Plan to meet the current and future needs of the Grosse Ile residents.

During the monthly meetings in 2015, the commission focused on improving programs, facilities and services in relationship funding resources and personnel. A primary focus of the commission was to build on the generous and overwhelming millage support the residents have provided over the last 28 years along with the additional millage which was approved by the voters in November 2013. In addition to the millage funding, the commission continued to seek and secure outside support through grants, partnerships and volunteer staffing. New to our grant funding source in 2015 was from SMART. We are receiving 15 passenger mini-bus for ADA transportation and senior trips. We look forward to receiving our mini-bus in fall of 2016.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

During 2015, program offerings ranged from traditional offerings to one-time special events. Participation numbers vary with each activity; however each program is important to those being served. Below are programs and services offered by the department or in partnership with other community groups in 2015.

Special events:

Hurray for Halloween Costume Parade, Trick or Treat Macomb Street Event, Island Glow Tree Lighting Celebration, Dinner with Santa, Daddy Daughter Dance, Mother and Son Bowling, Annual Easter Event, Islandfest Festival, Last Day of School Pool Party, Middle School Pool Party, Concerts on the Commons, Riverfront Concert Series, Outdoor Movie Series, Fall harvest Day, Cedar Point Discount Ticket Sales Program

Preschool Programs

Pre-k Basketball, Pre-k T-Ball, Pre-k Soccer, Little Dragons Martial Arts, Safety Town Program, Pre-K Art, Pre-K FootGolf and Sports for Squirts.

Youth Programs

Babysitter Training Workshop, Teen Camera Classes, Discovery Art Camp, Experience Fine Art Camp, Child Safety Seminars, GITV Television Production Program, 7th/8th Basketball Program, Tae Kwon Do Beginners and Family Classes, Jr. Running Club, 6th Grade Running Club, 1st / 2nd grade Basketball Program, Crafting Spectacular, Boys and Girls Basketball Camps, Girls' Volleyball Camp, Children's Choir, and Wrestling Camp

Sports and Fitness

Island Walkers, Drop-In Pickleball, Pilxoing, Senior Fitness, High Intensity Training, Beginning/Continuing Yoga, Tai Chi Easy Classes, PM Cardio Classes, Drop-In Table Tennis, Kayak Class in partnership with Riverside Kayak Connections, Zumba, Line Dancing Classes and Boot Camp

Adult Programs

Clay Workshops, Painter Workshops, Marine Safety Course, Sand Volleyball Leagues, Dog Obedience Classes and Women's Self Defense Program

Senior Programs

Meals on Wheels, Van Transportation Program, G.I. Senior Citizens Club, First/Third Thursday Cards, Annual Downriver Senior Olympics, Senior Luncheons and Travel Trips in Cooperation with Custom Holidays

Water's Edge Golf Course and Driving Range

Men and Women Golf Leagues, Golf Lessons featuring PGA Certified Professional, Little Chippers Program, Junior Golf Program, Youth and Teen Golf League and FootGolf Leagues

Water's Edge Pool

Swimming Lessons, Private Lesson, Pool Rentals, Adult Lap Swim, Swim Aerobics, Swim Club, Parent-Tot Swim

Water's Edge Municipal Marina

Summer Dockage, Transient Slips, Winter Storage, Haul-Out Service for Repair, New ADA Kayak Launch,

Water's Edge Complex

Multi-season Rink, Sand Volleyball and Basketball Courts

FACILITY UPGRADES & PROJECTS

Centennial Farm (32 acres)

- Planting in the burbs around the activity center
- Painted Fencing at the Farm
- Repaired Sections of Damaged Fencing

Airport Recreation Area (29.61 acres)

- No projects in 2015, just general maintenance.

Playscape (0.28 acres)

- Make A Difference Day – Volunteers from the Kiwanis, Key Club and Builders Club from the Middle School helped make a difference by putting the Playscape sign back up on Macomb St, painted, varnished and fixed broken boards, dug out around the rocking play pieces and tire crawl areas, filled in woodchips around the picnic tables, cut weeds, and cleared brush.

Water's Edge Recreation Complex (75 acres)

Complex

- Installed a metal roof on the recreation building
- New restaurateurs were selected for the restaurant – Smokies on the Water

Marina

- Installed ADA Kayak Launch
- Kayak Soft Launch and Gravel Work
- Electrical Upgrades on Docks
- Pier Work Completed
- Painted Docks and Repaired Damaged Deck Boards

Golf Course

- Removed Trees/Stumps from the Golf Course
- Irrigation Upgrades throughout the course
- New chemical application process
- Total Building Replacement and Equipment due to the fire (June 26, 2015)

Pool

- Pool House upgraded with paint and cement work

Waterfront Park

- Nature and Land Conservancy volunteers landscaped the embankment leading to the beach area with donated materials such as trees, shrubs and grass seed.

Services

- Community Van Program – Providing Meals on Wheels, Transportation for senior citizens, low-income residents and homebound individuals. The Township Board made the van service possible by approving the use of funding through the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) and the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).
- Several community groups and non-profit organizations held activities (4,852) at the Centennial Farm recreation building. **The following groups utilized the activity building at the farm:** Anderdon Nation, Boy/Girl Scouts, Downriver Swat Team, Election Poll Site, G.I. Equestrian Team, G.I. Herb Society, G.I. Historical Society, G.I. Hockey Association, G.I. Nature and Land Conservancy, G.I. Senior Club, G.I. Soccer, GIYRA Baseball, Basketball, Football, Island Kiddie Kampus, W.E. Kayak, Questers, BPAC, GI Alliance for the Arts, Grosse Ile Education Foundation GI Questers and T.A.I.L.S.

FACILITY UPGRADES AND PROJECTS

- Departmental personnel provided regular field maintenance for the youth sports organizations. This included service to the Grosse Ile Youth Recreation Association (GIYRA) and the Grosse Ile Soccer Association (GISA).
- The department provided regular clerical and administrative support to the IslandFest Commission. The festival records are maintained at the recreation department along with equipment and supply items.

Support

The Grosse Ile Recreation Department received a lot of extra support this year! In June the Water's Edge Maintenance Building was lost to a devastating fire. We lost the building and all of its content. We are so thankful no one was in or around the building at the time it started. We have spent most the time since the fire trying to rebuild while still maintain our properties. As of March 2016 we are a couple weeks away from the building being rebuilt. Most of our new equipment has been ordered and received. We are looking forward to returning operation back to normal.

The marina, golf and Centennial Farm sub-committees provided tremendous support with facility maintenance, safety and accessibility projects, communication with the public, and developing programs and services. The department received volunteer support from 16 regular volunteers at the Water's Edge Golf Course from April through August. In addition to the golf course, three other community members provided support throughout the year with youth and special event programming.

The commission continued to play vital and supportive role with the important work performed by Open Space and Greenways Committee. A commission member serves as a permanent liaison with the committee.

The department continued to work closely with the highly energized Grosse Ile Equestrian Club which was established 2010. This community volunteer group supported the Township and the Luton Riding Academy on maintenance and programming projects throughout the year.

The Recreation Department works cooperatively throughout the year with several community groups in providing services or achieving success on projects. Groups included the Grosse Alliance for the Arts, Grosse Ile Senior Club, Macomb Street Businesses, Grosse Ile Herb Society, both Grosse Ile Garden Clubs, the VFW, the Boy and Girl Scouts, T.A.I.L.S., the Grosse Ile Historical Society, Grosse Ile Soccer Association, the Grosse Ile Youth Recreation Association, the Grosse Ile Rowing Club and the Grosse Ile Churches.

The facility support the department receives from the Grosse Ile Township Schools is extremely valuable to the community. The school buildings serve as the core facilities for public recreation programs in the community. The school administration and staff continually demonstrate their commitment to public recreation with ongoing support year after year. On occasion, school groups utilize the recreation building for school related programs that are permissible away from the schools sites.

As was the case in past years, there was strong inter-departmental cooperation within the overall Township operation. This cooperation between departments is beneficial in providing safe, efficient service to the residents. This teamwork is most evident at IslandFest time when personnel and resources are coordinated to produce a major event that showcases the civic pride of the community.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) provides ongoing support during community events held throughout the year in the Macomb Street Business District. The popular Island Glow event in December would not be possible without the support of the DDA.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement Message

The Community Recreation Department and Commission would like to thank the Grosse Ile Police & Fire Departments and the Department of Public Works for being great supporters during the fire and after. They worked very closely with our department to get us through a difficult time. We would also like to thank both the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club and West Shore Golf and Country Club, who supported us with staffing and supplies when possible. And lastly we want to Thank the community for working with us during this last summer, we worked very hard to maintain the course to the best of ability with little to no equipment at times. We hope that the community saw little to no disturbance in play at the course.

We look forward to this summer with a new building, new equipment, new restaurant and a bright outlook at Water's Edge Recreation Complex.

During the coming year, residents will be encouraged to continue providing input at monthly meetings of the Community Recreation Commission.

The Community Recreation Commission will remain steadfast in building a strong future by following the desires and needs of the community that are represented as a clear guide in the Community Recreation Master Plan.

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AIRPORT COMMERCE PARK & AIRFIELD

Mission Statement

A community-oriented and controlled organization that is safe, financially self-supporting and environmentally conscious. The Airport's purpose is for use by aircraft that do not contribute to a noise level, which is considered unacceptable to the community.

Service Statement

The Airport Commerce Park Commission, within the framework of the mission statement, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Airport and Commerce Park. The Airport Commerce Park Commission oversees the Airport and Commerce Park and related facilities including all t-hangars, runways/taxiways, fuel farm operations, commercial and industrial buildings of the Airport and Commerce Park, and a total of 626 acres of property, 91 of which are zoned light industrial. This all-volunteer commission ensures that the Airfield and Commerce Park operates in a safe and fiscally prudent manner.

The Airport Advisory Committee (AAC), within the framework of the mission statement, advises the Airport Commerce Park Commission, Airport Manager, and Township Board on airport-related issues. Examples of such issues include technical, safety, and security-related items. The AAC provides much needed assistance with the coordination and execution of special events and activities associated with the Airport. Comprised entirely of volunteers, the AAC works with the Airport Commerce Park Commission to attract aviation-related businesses and promote the airfield within the aviation community.

2016-2017 Budget

Airfield	\$ 297,116
Fuel Farm	\$ 164,000
<u>Commerce Park</u>	<u>\$ 278,950</u>
Total:	\$ 740,066

History

The Airport has seen many changes on the island since its inception in 1926, when the Aircraft Development Corporation (ADC) constructed the first building and landing area on what is now the Airport. The Navy Reserve Aviation Unit started operations with the construction of a seaplane base in 1927, due in part to the activity of the Aircraft Development Corporation (ADC). By 1929, the seaplane base was ready for operation and the official dedication as a U.S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base took place on September 7. The Airport was operated in this capacity until the commencement of World War II.

On December 9, 1942, the official designation was changed to U.S. Naval Air Station, Grosse Ile, the U.S. Navy continued to operate the base until the closure in September 1969. The air station was transferred from the U.S. Government to the Township of Grosse Ile on December 3, 1970, via a quit claim deed. The Township operates the Airport in the "general utility" category as a public benefit to the local communities and the flying public. In addition to the Airport, the U.S. Government transferred to the Township the property north of Groh Road, now known as the Grosse Ile Commerce Park, as a revenue enhancement area. With the support of the Commerce Park, the Airport is one of a few general aviation airports in the country that is fiscally self-sustaining.

AIRPORT COMMERCE PARK & AIRFIELD

2015/2016 Accomplishments

The Airport/Commerce Park accomplished much in fiscal year 2015-2016. The following are only the highlights:

- Projected to achieve a balanced budget for the sixth consecutive year.
- Negotiated and approved a contract to fully reconstruct the Airport's primary runway, 04/22 and all of its associated electrical and lighting infrastructure.
- Completed the rehabilitation of the East Side of Hangar One. The facility has secured a stable tenant providing a new income stream for the Airport.
- Purchased a newer plow truck to allow for more efficient snow removal on the Airport.
- Erected an addition on Building 70 in the Commerce Park to allow a current tenant to expand operations.

2015/2016 Events

- Hosted the annual IslandFest event
- Hosted numerous photo and video shoots
- Hosted Rock CF Run
- Hosted the Rotary's Tour de Isle

2016-2017 Goals

Airport:

- Actively market Grosse Ile Municipal Airport to the aviation community in an attempt to attract private aircraft owners and business to the airfield.
- Continue with the process of improving existing facilities to attract investment and tenants to the Airfield.
- Actively seek a new Fixed Base Operator (FBO) to offer services to tenants on the field.

Commerce Park:

- Facilitate business and tenant growth at the Airport/Commerce Park to generate additional revenue beyond those budgeted.
- Actively market Buildings 61/62 and 63 to retain long-term tenants for the facilities.
- Continue to utilize the Airport/Commerce Park Master Plan to spur business development and marketing/promotion efforts.

2016/2017 Events

- Annual IslandFest event
- Attend the 2016/2017 National Business Aviation Association Conference
- Rock CF Run
- TAILS Car Show
- Several Weddings in Hangar One

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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Mission Statement:

The major responsibilities of the Grosse Ile Public Services Department are providing Grosse Ile residents with safe drinking water through the water distribution system, removal of solid waste via contract operation and the operation of the sanitary sewage collection system.

Service Statement:

The Department of Public Services maintains over sixty-five miles of water main, 676 fire hydrants, and seventy-five miles of sewer system that, according to the estimated December 31, 2010 Census (SEMCOG), serves 10,371 residents. The department responds promptly to water main breaks to insure the least amount of disruption in service to Island residents. Our commitment is to serve the needs of the community with the dedication and professionalism the residents deserve and have come to expect.

In addition to maintaining the water and sewer system, the Department of Public Services maintains over ten-miles of bike paths throughout the township in regards to mowing, sweeping and cleaning and winter maintenance. The DPS is the overseer on gravel roads for dust control in dry weather season and for crack sealing of roads; ice and snow removal of Township properties; storm water management; drainage maintenance and the department oversees the contract operations of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which includes five lift stations and the basin.

History:

The Public Works Board was formed in the 1930's as a Water Board and it progressed to a Public Works Board in 1936. In 1965 bonds for the original water project were satisfied. The same year, absorption into the Township was accomplished, effectively converting the enterprise into a Commission under the authority of the Township Board.

Refuse pickup on Grosse Ile Began as "homeowner initiated" with each homeowner responsible for his own trash disposal. Refuse pickup evolved to contract operations with services managed and directed by the Township. Recycling has progressed from a small recycling site behind the former Township Hall on Macomb Street to curbside pickup in 1995. Also in 1995, in accordance with Michigan law, Grosse Ile Township began picking up seasonal yard waste. After collection, all yard waste must be taken to a facility where it is composted and later used for topsoil.

2015-2016 Accomplishments

Water:

The DPS responded to 41 water main breaks from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 which is up 28% from last year. The number of water main breaks we have each year will vary but as old water mains are replaced with new, the number of main breaks each year should decline over time. You cannot predict if or when water main breaks will occur. The department, also, completed their water main flushing, which is done once in the spring and once in the fall.

Water:

- Finished the upgrading of the pressure regulating valve pit.

Sewer:

- The DPS cleaned approximately 14,128 lineal feet of 8" through 24" in diameter sanitary sewers.
- The DPS repaired four sanitary sewer manholes to address deficiencies.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Refuse, Recycling & Yard Waste:

Waste Management, Inc. is in their fourth year of their five-year contract with the Township for residential and municipal waste collection and hauling for Grosse Ile Township. In the last year we hauled to the landfill 3,857.66 tons of trash, which went down approximately 2.61% from the previous year. Yard waste continues to be collected from April 1st to December 15th each year. Over 1,315 tons of yard waste was composted this past season. We also recycled 625 tons of plastics, metals and paper products! Grosse Ile continues to partner with the City of Trenton on holding an electronics and tire collection event yearly.

Wayne County continues to sponsor several Household Hazardous Waste Days in various cities throughout Wayne County. These dates and locations will continue to be published on GITV and the Township's webpage. We are expecting to continue to participate in these events during the upcoming fiscal year.

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

The sewer system was added to Grosse Ile after the basic water line system installation was completed. The construction of the original sewer system was initially placed under the control of Wayne County as a drainage district. Following several years of service, in 1987 the Township Board determined that the operation of the sewer system could be run more efficiently under Township management. United Water/Suez (formerly Earth Tech), a contract operations firm, was hired by the Township to manage the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Formerly known as Williams & Works, Suez (formerly United Water/Suez) continues to operate the sewage treatment facility under Township direction.

The following projects were completed:

- Replaced two (2) raw sewage pumps;
- Upgraded RBC room exhaust fan;
- Laboratory cabinets and sink were completed;
- Finished upgrading explosion proof lighting;
- Rebuilt raw sewage pump variable frequency drive; and
- Installed roof safety railings.

Roads:

- The Township chip and fog sealed Horsemill (from Meridian – Parke Lane); East River Road (from Manchester to Groh); East River Road (from Macomb to Ferry); South Pointe (from Brodhead to Groh) and Groh Road (from South Pointe to Meridian);
- Crack and Joint sealing was performed on various roads;
- Local Street Sectioning Program partnership with Wayne County began with Grosse Ile eligible for \$500,000 to repair, resurface or reconstruct existing local township residential zoned roads under Wayne County's jurisdiction;
- Dust control applications were applied to the gravel roads during the dry season last year; and
- The DPS mowed in various locations around the island.

Drainage:

- Island residents took advantage of the Drainage Grant Program, in which 23 permits were issued for private residential problems.

Bike Paths:

- Portions of the bike paths were replaced and repaired.
- Bridges over the bike path were repaired.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

2016-2017 Goals and Objectives:

- Continue to clean sanitary sewers;
- Continue with summer road repairs for concrete slab replacement, as well as, asphalt repairs;
- Continue with dust control applications; road side mowing by the county, as well as, the DPS doing road side mowing in certain areas; and, continue with dust control
- Continue to provide quality drinking water to Grosse Ile residents.

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COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

- **BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY**
- **OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS**
- **PLANNING COMMISSION**
- **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - 2016

2015 - 2016 Objectives

- Finish work on bridge repairs.

Achieved: Bridge work was finished in 2015.

- Establish a multi-year plan for bike path restoration and reconstruction efforts.

Achieved: BPAC has identified work to be done annually.

- Encourage user agreements for pathways on non-township owned property that help protect the township from liability.

Postponed: Other issues of higher priority have taken president.

- Establish procedure on when items require BPAC votes.

Postponed: Other issues of higher priority have taken president.

- Explore options for sidewalk gap filling programs and maintenance.

- **Postponed:** Other issues of higher priority have taken president.

- Enhance relationship with School District to explore ways to better education and encourage children to walk and bike.

Achieved: BPAC continues to work with schools and parent –teacher groups.

- Advise DPS and township engineer on bike/pedestrian treatments for upcoming road/infrastructure projects, in the spirit of the Township’s Complete Streets Policy.

Achieved: BPAC worked with DPS for East River Road work, which was postponed.

- Create Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission Calendar of Events.

Achieved: BPAC events are in Channels Magazine and in upcoming brochure.

- Coordinate non-motorized planning process with Recreation Master Plan update.

Achieved: BPAC provided content to Recreation staff and participated in master Plan meetings.

- Create draft version of Township official non-motorized plan.

Achieved: BPAC created a draft plan online and continues to refine it.

- Update official bike map for Channels Magazine.

Achieved: Information was updated.

- Participate in Bike to School Day, Island Fest, Walk the Path, Walk to School Day, Halloween Parade and other community activities

Achieved: BPAC participated in these events, adding value.

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

- Consider participation in group ride events, in coordination with other Downriver communities.

Achieved: BPAC created a Downriver Rides facebook page and solicits information from other cities.

- Consider the language and timing of any millage proposal for bike/ped projects.

Achieved: BPAC is currently working on a millage for the November, 2016 ballot.

2016 Objectives

- Pass millage for maintenance of bike path system.
- Perform maintenance activities if budget allows.
- Further refine Grosse Ile's Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.
- Work closer with other commissions on joint documents and programs.
- Publish public brochure on biking/hiking on Grosse Ile.
- Work with other stakeholders on establishment of Iron Belle Trail on Grosse Ile.
- Continue to enhance and create new programs that get people excited about walking and biking on Grosse Ile.

OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS COMMITTEE

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Status of Objectives for 2015 – 2016

- Upgrade and rehab the Manchester, Centennial Farm and Playscape trails.
Achieved. A major rehab of the Manchester Trail was completed with input from a student form Grosse Ile Middle Schools. Rehab of the Manchester and Playscape trails was also completed with volunteers from local church and scouting groups.
- Include a survey format on the Grosse Ile web site for residents to easily provide input on Open Space topics.
Achieved. The format was included in the Web Site and was used to respond to an article prepared by the Committee to explain the workings of the Open Space Program.
- Expand the Wood Cutting Programs to include appointment provisions for residents whose property adjoins Open Spaces and all other individuals.
Achieved. Wood cutting programs are now performed on an appointment basis.
- Continue the two Dump the Junk Programs with the provision for including electronic items.
Achieved. Dump the Junk events were held in May and October. Both events were very successful.
- Purchase additional Open Space Property that meets the criteria presented by the Committee.
Requires a consensus of Twp. Board Members.
Not Achieved. A proposed purchase of 6 acres of land was rejected by the Township Board. However, the Board agreed in a subsequent study session to continue to consider additional purchases of Land that contains or is part of vacant land of 5 acres or more has desirable ecological properties, and is linked or near other Open Space properties.

Other Accomplishments for 2015- 2016 Fiscal Year

- Completed and published a Guide to the Natural Areas of Grosse Ile. This was a collaborative effort of the Grosse Ile Nature /Land Conservancy and the Open Space Committee. This guide includes a map of all the natural areas of Grosse Ile, descriptions of the areas and the workings of the Grosse Ile Nature/Land Conservancy, Open Space Program, and Government owned nature areas.
- Appointed a liaison between the Grosse Ile School System and the Open Space Committee. The liaison is a 7th grade student who will provide communication links between the Committee and the Schools
- Completed a red Oak Observation Project and initiated an ongoing program for next year.

Objectives for 2016 – 2017 FY

- Prepare and implement an effective Trail Maintenance Program to insure that the official trails remain in good condition.
- Prepare and implement a Friends of Open Space Program to broaden the volunteer base for maintaining and enhancing the condition of the Open Spaces.
- Continue with the Dump the Junk and Wood Cutting programs.
- Investigate the possibility of preparing an official trail for the Elba Mar Open Space area.
- Purchase additional Open Space property that is part of the 110 acres of privately owned vacant land.
- Upgrade the Wildlife Sanctuary entry.
- Expand the Wildlife Sanctuary educational concept.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

2015-2016 REPORT

Number of Meetings:

In accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, the Commission conducted four regular meetings during the calendar year.

Development Reviews:

Under the State Enabling Acts and the Township Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission is given the task of reviewing development activities impacting the Township and its residents. During 2015 the Commission considered the following development proposals:

Project Type	Location	Description	Status	Date
Sketch Plan Review	23359 Golfview	To construct a residence in excess of the maximum lot coverage ratio	Approved	April 20 th
Pre-Application Conference	7968 Macomb Street	To construct a new mixed use building on a vacant lot.	Direction provided for subsequent site plan review submittal	April 20 th
Pre-Application Conference	24305 Meridian Road	To redevelop the existing gas station with the inclusion of a drive-through coffee shop	Direction provided for subsequent site plan review submittal	April 20 th

Zoning Ordinance:

The Commission established a subcommittee to review and prepare amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in an effort to refine and keep all ordinances current. Amendments were drafted and subsequently approved to Articles 16 and 19.

Master Plan:

The Commission completed its 5-year review of the current Master Plan with a finding that the Plan is still current.

Planning Studies:

The Commission initiated a neighborhood study for residential properties on Bayview Drive. The purpose of the study is to identify the extent of nonconformity in this neighborhood with the potential to amend the Zoning Ordinance to improve such situations. Completion is expected in 2016.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Case Reviews: The table below is an overview of the cases heard by the ZBA in 2015:

Case #	Location	Request	Action	Meeting Date
15-001	21430 E. River	Expand Non-Conforming Residence	Approved with conditions	February 24 th
15-002	28240 Chatham	Expand Non-Conforming Residence	Approved with conditions	May 26 th
15-003	29875 E. River	Setback variances for construction of a new residence	Approved	June 23 rd
15-004	25224 Dallas	Setback variances for expansion of an existing residence	Approved	June 23 rd
15-005	24277 W. River	Setback/height variances for a detached accessory building	Approved with Conditions	August 25 th
15-006	23375 Golfpointe	Setback variance for expansion of an existing residence	Approved with Conditions	August 25 th
15-007	22186 Forest	Setback variance for expansion of existing residence	Request withdrawn by applicant	October 27 th
15-008	19495 Lighthouse Pointe	Dimensional variances for a detached accessory building	Denied	October 27 th

Decision Making: Properly executed fact-finding, motion making, and voting ensure that the public record is made accurately and consistently. After all is said during the public hearing, ZBA members must separate facts from opinions and use the facts to determine if a practical difficulty exists in accordance with the Township Zoning Ordinance, Michigan statute and case law. Sound decision making ensures that applicants are treated equally and the public record is sufficient to explain their actions.

The public record is also very important, as ZBA decisions can only be appealed to Circuit Court. If a ZBA decision is appealed, the Court relies on the public record kept by the Township to determine if the decision:

- Complies with Michigan’s Planning and Zoning Enabling Acts;
- Is based upon proper procedure;
- Is supported by competent material and substantial evidence on the record; and
- Represents the reasonable exercise of discretion granted by law to the board of appeals.

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