

Township Manager's Report

Office of the Township Manager

The past year was a challenge that Township Officials and Managers planned for and were prepared to address. Due to the very conservative budget approach taken over the past several years and the stabilization of revenues, the Township's effort to live within our means has been paying off.

The Township of Grosse Ile has continued its efforts to be fiscally conservative by freezing employee pay and increasing employee contributions to health and retirement benefits.

Past year's highlights included:

- Accepted the retirement of Wanda Ryan, EMS Coordinator.
- The Open Space Committee hosted a second wood collection for residents interested in collecting downed wood from Township Open Space.
- Implemented the State of Michigan Health Care Cost Sharing requirement for employees.
- Continued with culling the deer herd for the fourth consecutive year.
- Continue the planning process for a waterfront park at the Grosse Ile Parkway/East River Road End which included several community clean-up days and the adoption of a use ordinance.
- Authorized an Eagle Scout project to plan, fundraise, and install stairway access at the Grosse Ile Parkway/East River Road Waterfront Park.
- Accepted jurisdiction of the Stout Avenue road end and adopted a use ordinance.
- Began contract negotiations with Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM). Ratification is expected prior to April, 2013.
- The Ordinance Officer responded to an average of 59 complaints per month as compared to 62 per month the prior year.
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Derek Thiel, Commerce Park Airfield Manager as he became the City Administrator for Gibraltar.
- Appointed Michael Duker as the Commerce Park Airfield Manager.
- Township staff acted as liaison for DTE tree trimming / reliability program which included handling all complaints and questions from residents to ensure timely service.

Sadly, James Farrell, DPS Maintenance passed away due to injuries from a tragic work accident. The entire Community of Grosse Ile mourns his passing.

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