GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR
FISCAL YEAR
2013 ~ 2014
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Township Facilities

Township Hall
9601 Groh Road
www.grosseile.com
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Police and Fire Services
Public Safety Building
24525 Meridian
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Public Services Department
9601 Groh and 8555 Groh Road
~
Community Recreation Department
and
Water’s Edge Municipal Pool & Golf Course
25215 West River Road
~
Animal Shelter
Centennial Farm and Equestrian Center
25797 Third Street
~
Grosse Ile Municipal Airfield and Commerce Park
9601 Groh Road
~
Grosse Ile Tennis Center
9251 Groh Road
P.O. Box 129

websites
www.grosseileairport.com
www.grosseile.com
Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees

Supervisor Brian Loftus ~ November, 2008 - Present
bloftus@grosseile.com

Erik W. Ranka ~ Trustee ~ November, 2008 - 2012
Erik W. Ranka ~ Clerk ~ November, 2012 - Present
eranka@grosseile.com

Treasurer Theodore Van Os ~ November, 2008 - Present
tvanos@grosseile.com

Trustee Thomas Malvesto ~ June 6, 2011 - Present
tmalvesto@grosseile.com

Trustee Lauren Smith ~ November, 2012 - Present
lsmith@grosseile.com

Trustee Walter Pociask ~ November, 2012 - Present
wpociask@grosseile.com
trusteewally@hotmail.com

Trustee James Budny ~ November, 2012 - Present
jbudny@grosseile.com
Finance Organizational Chart

Finance Department

Township Board
Supervisor - Brian Loftus
Clerk - Erik Ranka
Treasurer - Ted Van Os
Trustee - James Budny
Trustee - Walter J. Pociask
Trustee - Tom Malvesto
Trustee - Lauren Smith

Township Manager
Dale L. Reaume

Finance Director
Ann Darzniek

Finance Assistant
(Deputy Treasurer)
Annette Wurtsmith

Accounts Payable/Benefits
Caryn Johnson

Cashier
Kerry Lockwood
Clerk's Organizational Chart

Clerk's Office

Township Board
Supervisor – Brian Loftus
Clerk – Erik Ranka
Treasurer – Ted Van Os
Trustee – James Budny
Trustee – Walter J. Pociask
Trustee – Tom Malvesto
Trustee – Lauren Smith

Township Manager
Dale L. Reaume

Clerk's Office Manager
Sharon Gray

Records and Elections Clerical Assistant
Bryan Friel
Cable Department

Township Board
Supervisor – Brian Loftus
Clerk – Erik Ranka
Treasurer – Ted Van Os
Trustee – James Budny
Trustee – Walter J. Pociask
Trustee – Tom Malvesto
Trustee – Lauren Smith

Township Manager
Dale L. Reaume

Cable Manager
Ted Fournier

Cable Organizational Chart
Fire Department

Township Board
Supervisor – Brian Loftus
Clerk – Erik Ranka
Treasurer – Ted Van Os
Trustee – James Budny
Trustee – Walter J. Pociask
Trustee – Tom Malvesto
Trustee – Lauren Smith

Township Manager
Dale L. Reaume

Fire Chief
Duncan Murdock

Fire Marshal
Russell Bodrie

Administrative Secretary/EMS Coordinator
Vacant

Fire Organizational Chart
Department Managers

Administration ~ Township Manager
Dale L. Reaume
March, 2001- Present
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Township Hall Managers

Ann Darzniek
Finance Director

Ted Fournier
Cable Administrator

Sharon Gray
Clerk’s Office Manager
Deputy Township Clerk

Barry Sedlock (Through December, 2013)
DPS Director

Lorinda Beneteau
Interim DPS Director

Michael Duker
Airfield/Commerce Park Manager

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Recreation/Water’s Edge

Timothy Rooney
Recreation Director

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Public Safety

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 Clerk’s Staff

Department of Public Services:
Dona Depa ......................... Water Dept. Secretary
Gerald Dionne .............................. DPS Maintenance
Vacant .................................................. DPS Maintenance
Janice Huber ................................. DPS Billing Clerk
John Keim ........................................ DPS Maintenance Lead

Finance Department:
Caryn Johnson ....................Payables/Payroll, Airport Secretary
Annette Wurtsmith ..........Finance Assistant/Deputy Treasurer

Treasurer’s Office:
Barbara McMahon (Through August, 2013) ....................... Cashier
Kerry Lockwood .................................................. 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
Detective Mark J. Relich
Detective Kenneth T. Pelland
PtI. Brent M. Hardin
PtI. John M. Ferguson
PtI. Daniel S. McLaughlin
PtI. Douglas I. Carmack
PtI. Todd A. Brozek
PtI. Eric E. Vazquez
PtI. Kevin R. Counts
PtI. Gregory P. Carrico
PtI. Peter E. Darznik
PtI. 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
Admin/Secretary Ruth A. Kaledas

MEMBERS OF THE GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP RESERVE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Reserve Captain Julie A. Cortis
Reserve Sergeant Barry Davis
Reserve Sergeant Wesley Price
Reserve Officer Alan Benson
Reserve Officer Susan Dalpiaz
Reserve Officer Timothy Justus
Reserve Officer Kevin Kalonich
Reserve Officer Brian Laramie
Reserve Officer Jeremy Mollner
Reserve Officer Holly Muenchow
Reserve Officer Jonathan Parrish
Reserve Officer Chris Smith
Reserve Officer Kyan Taylor
Detective Mark J. Relich – Unit Commander

MEMBERS OF THE GROSSE ILE POLICE COMMISSION
Carl Bloetscher III, Chairperson
Paul Anderson, Commissioner
Joseph Dixon, Commissioner
Robert Zelasko, Commissioner
Erik Ranka, Township Board Liaison
GROSSE ILE FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Russ Bodrie (Fire Marshal)    John Budny    John Camilleri (Sergeant)
Brad Chaszar                 Scott Clauss    Chris Davenport
Ken Gape (Sergeant)         Dave Hill (Batt. Chief)  Andrew Huber
Rodney Jankowski            Gary Jones      James Kovich
Kevin Langley               Tim Laurain     Charlie Lowler (Captain)
David Lowler                Jason McManus    Mike McNabb (Lieutenant)
Gordon Miles Jr.             Chad Miller     Duncan Murdock (Fire Chief)
Chris Payette (Asst. Chief)  Peter Payette   Jim Proctor
Mark Relich (Captain)        Kim Richardson (Dep. Chief)  Robert Roscoe
Carolyn Sartor              Robert Walters (Safety Officer)
Thomas E. Esordi .................. General Legal Counsel
O’Reilly Rancilio, P.C.

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

Souheil Sabak & Associates .................. Professional Engineers
C.E. Raines Company

Thomas Monteleone & Associates .................. Professional Auditors
Hungerford and Company

Brian Borden ...... Planning Consultant
Langworthy, Strader, LaBlanc & Associates
## Commissions & Committees

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| **FIRE COMMISSION**       | April 4/6 years    |
| Jerry Bringard            | 10 to 16           |
| Stuart Keeler, Chair      | 10 to 16           |
| Curt Korneffel            | 12 to 18           |
| Gordon Miles              | 12 to 18           |
| Tom Malvesto, Township Board Liaison | 12 to 16 |
| Duncan Murdock, Fire Chief|                   |
| Meeting: 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm PSB |            |

| **PLANNING COMMISSION**   | April 1/3 years (Supervisor's Appt) |
| John Schweickart, Chair   | 12 to 15                          |
| Jay Frucci                | 13 to 16                          |
| Steven LeMoine            | 12 to 15                          |
| Michelle Bartlett         | 12 to 15                          |
| Anne Javoroski            | 11 to 14                          |
| Jim Davis                 | 12 to 15                          |
| Brian Pawlik              | 13 to 16                          |
| Cheryl Hurt               | 13 to 14                          |
| Erik Ranka, Township Board Liaison |         |
| Meeting: 1st & 3rd Monday 7:30 pm |         |

| **AIRPORT COMMERCE PARK COMMISSION** | April 4/3 years |
| John Raithel               | 11 to 14        |
| Chris Mans                 | 13 to 16        |
| Ron Moran, Chair           | 12 to 15        |
| Walter Stoll               | 11 to 14        |
| Jeffrey Follbaum           | 13 to 16        |
| **VACANT**                 | TBD              |
| Ted Van Os, Twp Bd Liaison | 12 to 16        |
| Michael Duker, Airfield/Commerce Park Manager |             |
| Meeting: 3rd Monday 7:00 pm |            |
# Commissions & Committees

## BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY

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<td>Michael Duker, Airfield/Commerce Park Manager</td>
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*Meeting: as needed, 3rd Monday*

## PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

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## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

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<td>Linda Tilley</td>
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<td>Michele Babcock</td>
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<td>Richard Eifert</td>
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*Meeting: 1st Wednesday 7.00 pm*

## BOARD OF REVIEW

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<td>Timothy Walker</td>
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<td>Shelley Schmidtke</td>
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<td>Richard Nielsen, Chair</td>
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*January 1/2 years (Supervisor's Appt)*
Commissions & Committees

COMMUNITY RECREATION COMMISSION
Michael Swales
11 to 14
Greg Meyring
11 to 14
William Morreau
11 to 14
Walter Kacher, Chair
11 to 14
John Conroy
11 to 14
E. Lea Schelke
12 to 15
Ann Haener-Maghran
12 to 15
Helena Woodward-Ryan
11 to 14
Ethel Yops
11 to 14
Tom Malvesto, Township Board Liaison
12 to 16
Tim Rooney, Recreation Director
Meeting: 4th Thursday 7.30 pm

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
VACANT (Arndt)
12 to 15
Richard Nielsen III
12 to 15
Ute O’Connor
11 to 14
VACANT (Payton)
12 to 15
Kathy Walker, Chair
12 to 15
Sharon Thomas
12 to 15
Lauren Smith, Township Board Liaison
12 to 16
Ted Fournier, Cable Administrator
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday 7.00 pm

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Gloria Trudell
12 to 16
Peter Stachel
09 to 13
VACANT (Cole)
09 to 13
Susan Harrison
10 to 14
Ron Moran, Chair
12 to 16
Jay Frucci
12 to 16
Eric Anderson
10 to 14
VACANT (Biddle)
09 to 13
Brian Loftus, Township Board Liaison
12 to 16
Meeting: 4th Thursday, 6.30 pm

DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
Supervisor Brian Loftus, Rep
Township Board Appt
Trustee Lauren Smith, Alt
Commissions & Committees

GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Cliff St. Pierre, Chair 12 to 15
Patricia Nielsen 13 to 16
Woody Clark 13 to 16
Darryl Filarski 11 to 14
Roberta Urbani 11 to 14
Art Koester 13 to 16
Walter Pociask, Township Board Liaison 12 to 16
Meeting: 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm

FESTIVAL COMMISSION
Chad Novak, Chair 12 to 15
Bridget Hurst 13 to 15
Julie Cortis 10 to 13
William Morreau 12 to 15
David Zula 12 to 15
Ann Darzniek 12 to 15
Nicole Phinney 13 to 16
Woody Clark 13 to 16
Lauren Smith, Township Board Liaison 12 to 16
Tim Rooney, Recreation Director
Meeting: 3rd Wednesday 7:00 pm

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Gary Bailey 13 to 16
James Bintinger, Chair 13 to 16
Jacqueline Snow Davies 11 to 14
Robert Pierce 13 to 16
John Carnago 13 to 16
Charles Wojno 13 to 16
Ann Javoroski, Planning Commission, Rep. 11 to 14
James Budny, Township Board Liaison 12 to 16
Meeting: 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION COM.
VACANT 10 to 15
Michael Moco
VACANT
VACANT
VACANT
Meeting: Odd numbered years

January/5 years (Supervisor's Appt)
Commissions & Committees

BOARD OF ELECTION CANVASSERS

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS
James Morris, Chair
Anthony Krauss
VACANT (Van Os)
Alan Anderson
Alaa Herfi
VACANT (Gapp)
Ted Van Os, Township Board Liaison
Meetings scheduled as needed

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS OFFICER
Mike Perry

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Alan Anderson, Chair
Mark Glovis
Scott Smith
Carl Rigg
Pam Broomall
Ted Van Os, Township Board Liaison
Michael Duker, Airfield/Commerce Park Manager
Meetings scheduled as needed

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Rodger Will
Erin Himmelspach
Jane Fijal
Alan Valiquette
Brian Pawlik, Chair
Robb Albrecht
Walter Pociask, Township Board Liaison
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

THE SENIOR ALLIANCE
Jack Frucci

SEMCOCG
Supervisor Brian Loftus, Representative
Trustee Walter Pociask, Alternate Representative

Taken over by Wayne County
April 1/2 years (Supervisor's Appt)
12 to 14
13 to 15
13 to 15
13 to 15
April 1/3 years
12 to 15
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13 to 16
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12 to 15
12 to 16

Township Board Appt

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State of the Township

Brian Loftus, Township Supervisor
2014 Supervisor’s Annual Report

Your Board of Trustees is midway through our second year in office; we have all learned much over the past year, and 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, of course, educated opinions.

MY MISSION

In my sixth 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. While our population has stabilized, we still have much to do as there are still too many empty homes, classrooms, and shops throughout 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 all have a stake in this, so I will constantly seek your inputs and advice on how to improve our performance.

LOOKING BACK...

Michigan’s economic outlook has improved dramatically, and the loss of residents and revenues has finally reversed for Grosse Ile. Together, we have survived some tough times, made worse by the loss of Mr. Barry Sedlock, one of Michigan’s best public servants. His leadership, expertise, and concern for the community are sorely missed. 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.

Probably our most noteworthy achievement over the past year is our national recognition as the Safest Place to Live in Michigan. Although no surprise to us residents, this title is wonderful news and we intend to build upon the overall concept of ‘safety’ as one aspect of ‘quality of life.’ While Movoto, LLC, 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 Works, we enjoy an exceptionally safe community.

Beyond being Michigan’s safest place to live, we have increased our recreational opportunities as another of our quality of life goals. Your approval of a dedicated millage for recreation will enable us to maintain the offerings that previously strained our budget; we will not disappoint you. Volunteer efforts, coordinated by both the township staff and non-profit organizations, continue to improve our secluded waterfront park on the Detroit River. Look for future improvements on this stretch of sandy beach; I’m convinced there are not many hideaways as quietly beautiful as this hidden treasure here on Grosse Ile.
Also on the waterfront, island volunteers developed a kayak launch in an underutilized area within our marina complex and the response has been phenomenal. Our Recreation Department is working to further develop another launch area that will be universally accessible, a long desired addition to our recreational offerings.

Continuing the subject of water access, those choosing to enter the ‘paddlesport’ world now have the opportunity to enjoy the newly expanded Wildlife Refuge. The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge surrounds the southern 2nd of our island and promises to preserve the beauty and tranquility of our natural wetlands in perpetuity. Working with the Fish and Wildlife Service, we intend to secure additional access so all can enjoy the wonders that the refuge has to offer, especially the bald eagles I see almost daily.

Back ashore, we have increased our very popular bike path system with an additional stretch along Horse Mill Road, and we continue to explore opportunities to extend the system. We can all be proud that our bike paths are recognized for their scenic beauty and safety, and that visiting cyclists feel welcome here. Walking, running, cycling and paddling are all part of a healthy, active way-of-life, and thanks to another dedicated group of volunteers we were awarded a ‘Bronze’ status in the state sponsored program “Promoting Active Communities.” Quite an achievement considering how very few communities received any recognition. With all we have to offer, recreation, natural beauty, the surrounding river – certainly we can promote Grosse Ile as a wonderful home for those families seeking an active lifestyle.

**AT THE MOMENT…**

We are enduring one of the most brutal winters in Michigan’s history, with temperature and snowfall records being set almost daily. These conditions are putting a tremendous strain on our resources, and we will be repairing our roads, water mains and other areas of infrastructure for months to come, so please be patient.

Your board has just finished a marathon round of budgeting, all of us working with the manager and finance director to develop a balanced, responsible budget. This was a concerted team effort, with all involved contributing their best efforts to finally stabilize our finances. Although we’re balanced, we’re not through! We will continue to find efficiencies and best practices to better deliver the services you expect for your tax dollars.

More good financial news, we have an dynamic new tenant in our Commerce Park who has indicated a long-term interest in maintaining his business here. Those revenues will enable us to make improvements to the park and attract more activity. We have renewed our agreements with the operators of the equestrian center at Centennial Farm and the restaurant at Waters Edge, these very popular facilities will continue to provide us with unique leisure activities that separate us from other locales.

Our Festival Commission is currently undertaking another mission in addition to Island fest – they are planning and organizing a Centennial Celebration for the township. Yes, Grosse Ile became a separate community with the dissolution of Mongoose Township in 1914. A couple of interesting side notes, the Grosse Ile Toll Bridge celebrated 100 years of service this past November – I wonder how this community would have developed without the access it has provided? Our Police Department will also turn 100 in 2014, this department was actually formed prior to Grosse Ile’s incorporation.
LOOKING FORWARD...

A major concern to Grosse Ile residents and visitors is the condition of our roads. After all the debate regarding snow removal, some explanation is apparently necessary. Michigan townships (unlike cities and villages) are not allocated funds for road maintenance; that was ceded to the counties decades ago. Our network of roads, many of which began as wagon trails in the 18th century, do not easily comply with Wayne County’s standards for construction and maintenance, including snow removal, therefore we receive little funding. Although our options are probably limited, we will continue to explore every means to secure the resources we deserve to maintain our roads in a safe and serviceable condition.

Another challenge of increasing importance will be the evaluation and enforcement of our long ignored property maintenance (blight) ordinances. We have begun by reminding all residents that a tidy community will attract other like-minded residents, preserving and improving the value of all of our homes and neighborhoods. Going forward, I propose we consider these as ‘good neighbor’ ordinances and educate the community from that perspective. We have addressed the most egregious examples with positive results; I am convinced that an education program will correct most of our problems involving unsightly properties. The days of looking away, however, are over.

We have additional concerns; the major issues being the uncertainty surrounding the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department which supplies our municipal water, the onerous impacts of national health care legislation, and the increased government mandates levied upon our wastewater treatment plant. But there is much good news on the horizon. Our Recreation Department continues to seek grants and other sources of funding to expand our recreational opportunities. Look for improvements to our pool, marina, and Centennial farm throughout the year. Another positive trend includes new businesses on Macomb Street and the new development throughout the island, bringing families to our community and new students to our outstanding schools.

Personal safety, road repairs, access to the river, a tidier community and numerous recreational opportunities - I have only presented a few of the challenges and opportunities awaiting us, who knows what else is in store as we enter our second century. I am proud to be part of a Board of Trustees and professional staff that is willing to work tirelessly to address and remediate – yes fix – our problem areas and explore the new avenues that will make Grosse Ile Township an even more desirable place to live, work and play. The progress we have made should make us all 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, the community we are proud to call home, and the community we want to leave for our children. Thank you again for your confidence and support.

Best wishes to all,
Brian Loftus
Supervisor
Township Manager's Report
Office of the Township Manager

Although the Township has successfully met the fiscal challenges of the past several years and maintained existing services new challenges await. Perhaps the greatest challenge is being responsive in today’s technological society to a community with varying technological expectations, desires, and knowledge. Many decisions need to evaluate not only the cost/benefit but how long will this new technology be considered useful and what are the maintenance costs? What e-services do the taxpayers demand? These are questions that will most likely continue to be asked and will play a role in future decisions.

Past year’s accomplishments included:

✓ Installation of an email archive system
✓ Installation of a new computer server system
✓ Clerk’s Office deployed the use of Tablets for Township Board meetings and the use of e-packets making the meetings paperless.
✓ Chose a vendor to revamp the grosseile.com website – launch is expected in the Spring of 2014
✓ Accepted the retirement of the Treasurer’s Office Cashier, Barbara McMahon, after 21 years of service
✓ Hired Kerry Rockwood as the new Treasurer’s Office Cashier
✓ Adopted a Content Management System (CMS) policy for use with the new website
✓ Held Safety Training for Maintenance and Management employees as well as the newly required Worker Right to Know training for all employees
✓ Completed infiltration study as part of the SSES required by the State of Michigan
✓ Installed a kayak-launch at the north end of the Water’s Edge marina
✓ Partnered with the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy (GINLC) to landscape the Grosse Ile Parkway/East River Waterfront Area
✓ Approved the Operating Agreement for the Township Equestrian Center
✓ Construction of the Horsemill Bike Path, including drainage improvements at the corner of Horsemill and Parke Lane
✓ The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee received the Michigan Fitness Foundation Promoting Active Communities Award – Bronze Level
✓ Purchased Building Permit Software
✓ Implemented two phases of a three phase upgrade to the Electronic Boardroom and GI-TV
✓ Began the investigation of implementing a chip seal program to perform needed maintenance on the roadways
✓ Performed concrete and slab replacement on select roadways
✓ Adopted a Township website policy
✓ Installed drainage improvements near the Parke Lane School
✓ Designed and ordered a new Pumper Fire Truck
✓ Continued with culling the deer herd for the fifth consecutive year
✓ Completed contract negotiations with Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM).
✓ Implemented a two tier retirement system for Management and TPOAM Union employees
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✓ Began a complete evaluation of the Township Ordinances and Enforcement Program
✓ The Ordinance Officer responded to an average of 56 complaints per month as compared to 59 per month the prior year.
✓ Sadly, mourned the death of Coworker and Friend, Barry Sedlock, DPS Director.

In addition to the efficient management of the day-to-day operations of the Township other significant goals are:
✓ Continue to establish priorities of elected officials and implement a plan to accomplish agreed upon priorities.
✓ Continue with efforts to increase play on the Water’s Edge Golf Course and implement a capital maintenance program for all Recreation facilities in light of the voter approved millage for Recreation.
✓ Continue the update of Township policies and procedures.
✓ Continue the code enforcement program in a manner that seeks compliance.
✓ Continue to evaluate Township services to determine additional cost-saving measures.

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

- Township Clerk
- Township Treasurer
- Community Development
- Assessor
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Community Recreation
- Communications
Office of the Township Clerk

Goals and Objectives for 2014-15 Fiscal Year:

- To work with Commissions and Committees to retain their meeting agendas and minutes in a central location at township hall
- To provide guidance to Commissions and Committees on a standardized format for Minutes reporting
- To train and prepare for the 2014 State Primary and General Elections

Accomplishments 2013-14 Fiscal Year:

- During Fiscal Year 2013-2014 the Clerk’s Office accomplished our goals of purchasing Computer Tablets for each elected official to use in order to receive and retain their official emails and access their Board Meeting E-packets, which resulted in elimination of paper board packets beginning on November 25, 2013.

- Expanded the number of Commissions/Committees that post their Minutes and Agendas on the township website using the Minutes on Demand module including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Communications Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Open Space/Greenways Committee

Since the Clerk’s Office is often the first contact people experience when calling or visiting township hall for information and services, the Clerk’s staff always 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 is also responsible for processing Freedom of Information Act requests (FOIA) solicitation permits, overseeing public bids, publishing public notices and providing free notary service.

The Township Clerk, working through the township’s Finance Director, has official oversight of accounts payable and other financial ledgers and along with the Township Treasurer oversees the disbursement of all monies paid out under the authorization of the proper township authorities.

ELECTIONS

The Township Clerk’s Office is responsible for administering all elections in accordance with State and Federal law.

The Township Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Election/Records Assistant are accredited as Election Officials by the Secretary of State under Michigan Election Law to employ and train precinct inspectors to serve in the voting precincts at all elections and they are trained and certified to prepare and test voting equipment and materials to insure accurate vote tabulation and reporting.

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

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. New voters will receive a Voter Identification Card by mail after the registration process is completed showing their voting location.

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 8:30am to 4:30pm, 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 2013-2014 Department Statistics
Compiled February 6, 2014

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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.

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
Township Treasurer

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 2012 tax session was another successful year. The reconciled and balanced tax roll was 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.

Interest rates throughout the last fiscal year have maintained at very low levels. This has made it difficult to increase investment revenues with our conservative investment strategy and using only safe investment vehicles. Investments are reviewed monthly to insure security of the Township funds in these economic times.

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, and the new E-bill option offered by the water billing department, allows payments of tax and water bills from a computer or other electronic devices. The treasurers’ website at grosseile.com offers a link for these type of payments as well as other information such as millage rates and descriptions, current and historical tax and property data, deferment forms and budget/audit reports.

For the fiscal year, 2014-2015 the Treasurer’s Office will continue to pursue 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
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:

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**Includes Zoning Permits.

** Types of code enforcement issues include open space complaints and open space maintenance including tree removal near public and private properties, tree removal in the road right-of-ways to prevent injury, liability and safety issues and property damage. Since the introduction of Dutch elm disease in 2010 it continues to kill many shade trees. It is one of the most destructive shade tree diseases in North America. The disease affects American elms (and other elm species, to a varying extent), killing individual branches and eventually the entire tree within one to several years. Site inspections are performed regarding location and severity risks of these types of threats.

Other complaints include mosquito issues and subsequent dunk applications and education, drainage problems, vacant property maintenance and business district conditions. We received complaints including but not limited to – bridges, bike paths, various cable issues, abandoned cars, evictions, foreclosures, foliage overgrowth blocking signage, graffiti, sidewalks, road and bike path signage, roads and their condition, power outages, storm damage, trash pick-up, addressing the blocking of easements and fire hydrants, dirt and gravel on roads or easements, the dumping of material into drainage and waterways, flooding problems and various neighborhood disputes.

Ombudsman duties include working with various departments at State, County and local levels on a wide variety of issues including the Ash Bore, Oak Wilt, Dutch Elm, Pine Shoot Beetle and Gypsy Moth, Asian Long Horned Beetle, West Nile, and recent Epizootic Hemorrhagic disease regarding the Deer.
Local enforcement issues include working without permits, zoning reviews for permits, storage of equipment and materials, trash and yard waste, planting of shrubs or landscaping, leaf and snow removal disputes, storm damage, graffiti, foliage overgrowth on bike paths or obstructing signage, improper placement of recreational vehicles, boats, stacked wood, non-plated vehicles, tall grass, advertising signs, placement of political and garage sale signs and much, much more.

Permits Issued:
New home construction rose this year with the issuance of 16 new single-family home permits during the calendar year. Total building/zoning permits issued for the calendar year were 471 with a total construction value of $15,579,253. Of this total construction value (c.v.) -- $7,227,639 dollars (c.v.) were 16 single-family homes alone. Building and Zoning permits issued overall rose 17.5% over the previous year.

2013-14 Department Highlights:

- 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. Twelve permits were issued.

- Biological larvicide applications for concerned residents. West Nile education of residents (Wayne County Health Department and State of Michigan).

- Inspected and took photos of a significant amount of road complaints (i.e. potholes, guardrails, signage, road shoulders, culverts and ditches, etc.) and reported to Wayne County. Residents may report these items directly to Wayne County by calling 888-ROAD CREW (762-3273).

- Supervised the removal of trees from ALL Open Space areas, the bike path system, Centennial Farm, Playscape, Airport, Recreation, Public Safety, Four-corners and other areas to reduce safety and liability concerns.

- Educated residents regarding Ash Bore, Oak Wilt, Dutch Elm, Pine Shoot and Asian Long horned Beetles and Gypsy Moth.

- Continued with the general cleanup of Open Space at many locations throughout the island. Contractors removed or chipped hundreds of yards of trees, brush and debris for improved aesthetics.

- Handled tree and other complaints (poles, electrical wires, cable, etc.) as Township Liaison for Wayne County Forestry, DTE, AT&T, cable and others.

- Maintained foreclosed and/or vacant homes including emergency trash pickup from Sheriff Evictions and other property maintenance concerns.

- Assisted in drainage complaints including meeting with residents, inspections, photos and follow-up with the Township’s engineer and DPS Administrative Manager.

- Weekly safety inspections of various locations (16) of Township land, properties and interests, with subsequent follow-ups and action when needed.

- Paid back the general fund from revenues.
2014-2015 Goals:

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

- Continue a proactive approach to 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
- Continue to operate within our approved budget.
The goal of the Assessor’s Office is to provide equitable distribution of the property tax burden under current law, assist the Board of Review, compile Special Assessment Rolls, and to serve the community as a valuable source of land and building value information, sale information, property tax law and legal descriptions.

Township Assessor Timothy E. O’Donnell handles the assessing duties of the Township.

Carol Knopp is the Deputy Assessor as well as Administrative Assistant to the Township Supervisor and Township Manager and Township Board Secretary.

The Assessor’s Office, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Township Supervisor, is responsible for the assessments of all real and personal property within the boundaries of the Township.

The Assessor’s Office keeps records on all properties including field sheets (building characteristics) and plat maps (lot sizes). The Assessor’s Office maintains maps of parcel boundaries, descriptions of buildings and property characteristics and most importantly, analysis of trends in sales prices, constructions costs, and rents to estimate the value of all assessable property. Assessing information is available 24/7 on the Township website at www.grosseile.com under the Assessing Department. The assessment information is updated daily to keep the residents and public informed of all current information. In addition, a computer terminal has been placed on the Assessing Office counter for the convenience of the residents and the public if the office is closed.

The Board of Review, a commission made up of Grosse Ile residents appointed by the Township Board, meets each March to hear taxpayer appeals on property values. If the property owner does not agree with the assessed value, the property owner may appeal their assessed value at the March Board of Review. Residents are invited to appeal in person or by mail. The Board of Review decides appeals on value as well as income based appeals each year.

The members of the Board of Review are Tim Walker, Bill Mead, Shelly Schmidtke (Secretary), and Richard Nielsen (Chairman).

The Assessing Office completes all assessing duties in house, which has resulted in a substantial cost savings to the Township.

The total 2013 State Equalized Value and Taxable Value for the Township of Grosse Ile is as follows:

Township of Grosse Ile 2013 SEV: 574,463,500
Township of Grosse Ile 2013 Taxable Value: 557,682,883
The 2013 Millage Rates as levied (including debt Millages, allocated millage and voter approved Millages for Grosse Ile Township, Wayne County and Wayne County/Grosse Ile Township Schools) for the Township of Grosse Ile are as follows:

**2013 Millage Rates**

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The Assessing Office continues to serve the residents and the public with the most up to date assessment information. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm.
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 Kerry Lockwood is the Cashier. Barbara McMahon, the previous Cashier, retired in 2013 after 21 years of service.

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.

The Finance Department is responsible for the Township’s debt management by coordinating arrangements for all capital financing and debt issuance. No additional bonding was obtained in 2013. 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

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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.
Recent Accomplishments:

1. In September, 2011, the Township made available to the public a Citizens Guide and Performance Dashboard via a link on the Township’s website in an effort to provide more transparency to our residents.

2. 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.

3. In February, 2013, we entered into an agreement with Integrys Energy Services – Natural Gas, LLC as a supplier of natural gas which saved the Township approximately $10,000.

4. As of March 31, 2013, despite the economic downturn, the Fund Balance of the General Fund increased $93,021 with $2,906,587 remaining at 58%.

5. 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, 2013 total health care costs increased only .5%.

6. 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 fiscal year ended March 31, 2013 total health care costs increased only 2.7%.
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.
- 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 Ile Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1943 to provide fire protection to the residents of Grosse Ile. This operation has continued through 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, July 4 Fireworks, Airshows, etc.
2013 HISTORY & CHALLENGES

With seventy 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 2013, 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 Ile 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.

As 2013 comes to a close, Grosse Ile Fire Department has met the challenges of our economic down turn and have worked through them. We look forward to a better year and serving the residents of Grosse Ile is our top priority. This has been a busy year for the Grosse Ile Fire Department. The department responded to 527 combined calls. We would like to wish the residents a safe and prosperous 2014. Congratulations to the men and women of the Grosse Ile Fire Department and to the residents for their ongoing support.

In times of emergency, we need to get information to you quickly! In the event of dangerous, severe weather, hazardous materials spills, or other emergency situations, we want to notify the public as quickly as possible.

Grosse Ile Township Public Safety is working with FIRSTCALL emergency notification system to develop communications that will alert you quickly when time is of the essence. Public Safety officials will be able to notify every subscriber through whatever means you tell us you want to be contacted: Home Phone, Mobile Phone, Text Message and E-Mails. You choose the notification you want to receive. It is easy to sign up for the FREE service [https://alertregistration.com/grosseile](https://alertregistration.com/grosseile). This is a secure web site so your information is protected. If the internet is not available, you can call 866.484.3264 to sign up. Please take advantage of this service, and help us keep you safe and informed. We will continue to do everything we can to keep you informed. However, this system is not intended to be the sole source for emergency notifications. Great sources of information, during times of emergencies, Grosse Ile radio station 1700 AM, Grosse Ile Cable TV and Local TV.

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 a least once a week and sometimes on weekends. It is important to know that the Grosse Ile 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.

The men and women of the Fire Department have met the challenges of 2013 and exceeded them. Thank you to the men and women for their outstanding job and their commitment to Family, Fire Department and the Community. 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

- New Gas Detection Equipment
- Reduced legacy cost
- I.S.O Rating #5
- E-Dispatch
- IAM Responding (reduce response times)
- Fire Prevention Open House
- Goodfellows ongoing commitment to the community
- Updating the E.R.P. (Emergency Response Plan)
- Air Boat Up Grades
- Painted outside of P.S.B
- Painted and replaced all French drains in P.S.B
- 15 new pagers
- Refurbished all carports P.S.B
- One New Mustang Suits
- Infrared Thermometer
- All new 800 radio system
- New A.E.D Trainers
- Updated Department Computers
- Added 30% of All Night Calls Between 10PM & 6AM
- Working with the schools (Safety)
- Paperless Fire Dispatch
- New Chiefs Car
- Fire Department 70th Anniversary
- Hurst jaws equipment
- Improved scene lighting
- Three new members
GROSSE ILE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

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

GROSSE ILE FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Russ Bodrie (Fire Marshal)  John Budny  John Camilleri (Sergeant)
Brad Chaszar               Scott Clauss  Chris Davenport
Ken Gape (Sergeant)        Dave Hill (Batt. Chief)  Andrew Huber
Rodney Jankowski           Gary Jones    James Kovich
Kevin Langley              Tim Laurain   Charlie Lower (Captain)
David Lowler               Jason McManus  Mike McNabb (Lieutenant)
Gordon Miles Jr.            Chad Miller   Duncan Murdock (Fire Chief)
Chris Payette (Asst. Chief) Peter Payette  Jim Proctor
Mark Relich (Captain)      Kim Richardson (Dep. Chief)  Robert Roscoe
Carolyn Sartor             Robert Walters (Safety Officer)

Members Also Involved With:

Arson Task Force  Downriver Fire Chiefs  NFPA
Downriver Dive Team  Confined Space Rescue
Ice/Water Rescue  Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)
Engineers  Juvenile Fire Setters
E.M.S. Training  Open House
School Education  S.W.C Fire Chiefs Association
Michigan Arson Investigators  International Fire Chiefs Association
Police Department

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 departments answered:
8466 Calls of Service
637 Written Reports filed by Officers
100 Accident Reports
518 Traffic Citations
36 OWI
44 Parking Violations
715 Notices to Appear
1414 Verbal Warnings for Traffic Offenses
176 Arrests Made
104 Misdemeanor Arrests
18 Felony Arrests
54 Warrant Arrests
314 Courtesy Security Notices
85 Detective Bureau Complaints to Investigate
214,657 Miles Driven/Patrol Vehicles

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

Lieutenant Robert Bow attended Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University for nine months.

Training/Sworn Officers:
Michigan Emergency Drug Delivery and Resource Utilization and CHEMPACK
Traffic Safety and Designer Drugs
Indoor Grow Operations
Range Qualifications – Service weapon, shotgun and patrol rifle
Active Shooter Response
Remington 870 Armor Training School
Semi Annual Firearms Qualifications
Taser Recertification
Train the Trainer
CAPPA Mental Health
Legal Update
MIOSHA Hazard Communication Standard
   Globally Harmonized Classification of Chemicals
MIOSHA Employee Right to Know Hazard Communications
Training/Clerk Dispatchers:
Law Enforcement Dispatch Recertification
Emergency Medical Dispatch Recertification
Enhanced 911 Dispatch
Michigan Emergency Drug Delivery and Resource Utilization and CHEMPACK
The Winning Mind for Women – Career and Tactical Survival
Police Radio and 911 Consoles

Animal Control answered:
912 Call of Service
86 Cats were sheltered
66 Cats adopted
7 Cats returned to their owner
89 Dogs were picked up
65 Dogs were returned to their owner
27 Dogs adopted
111 Verbal warnings
13 Violations were issued
$1,050.00 in donations.

TAILS continues to steward the Grosse Ile Animal Shelter.

Community Policing Programs:
Bicycle Rodeo
D.A.R.E. Program
New World Computer Data Update
Operation Chill-Bicycle Safety
Reading Awareness
Safety Town
School Resource Officer Program
Stranger Danger Fingerprint Program

Grant Programs:
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant
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 Michigan Community Alliance
Downriver Guidance Center
S.U.D.D.s Coalition Member

The Members of the Grosse Ile 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
Community Recreation

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 and continues to operate 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 Facility, 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 Township.
- Foster relationships and encourage continued cooperation with community group volunteers, the public school district, the nature 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.

Recreation Master Plan

Every five years the parks and recreation master plan is updated by the commission. The goals and objectives are developed by working with the residents, township departments, the school district, business community and community groups. The plan was a result of over 18 meetings and workshops over a year and half period.

The current plan expires on December 31, 2016. Key areas of the master plan include:

- Description of Planning Process
- Community Description
- Inventory of Programs and Facilities
- Administrative Structure of the Community Recreation Department
- Basis for Action within the Current Plan
- Action Program for the Current Plan
During the monthly meetings in 2014, 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 a 27 year period along with the additional millage which was approved by the voters on November 5, 2014. In addition to the millage funding the commission continued to seek and secure outside support through grants, partnerships and volunteer staffing.

2013 Program Offerings

During 2013, program offerings ranged from traditional offerings to one-time events. One program may have served hundreds of people while another program may only consist of 18 people. For example the Hurray for Halloween event attracted over 650 people to Macomb Street while the bi-weekly senior meeting averaged 18 participants. Although the participation numbers varied with each activity, it was important to those being served.

Below are programs and services offered by the department or in partnership with other community groups in 2014:

Special Events
Hurray for Halloween, Trick or Treating Macomb Street, Island Glow, Brunch with Santa, Fall Harvest Day, Homecoming Afterglow Party, Daddy Daughter Dance, Annual Easter Event, Mother and Son Bowling, Island Fest, Last Day of School Pool Party, Poolside Party for Middle School Students, Nursery School Olympics, Concerts on the Commons, Riverfront Concert Series

Preschool Programs
Pre-K Sports Programs (T-Ball, Soccer & Basketball), Pre-Gymnastic, Little Dragons Martial Arts, Safety Town, Explore a Story, Bright Minds Program, Imagination Creations, Pre-K Music Classes

Youth Programs
Tae Kwon Do, 7th / 8th Basketball Program, 1st / 2nd Basketball Program, Babysitting Training Workshop, Discovery Art Camp, Experience Fine Art Camp, Crafting Spectacular, Tennis after School, Volleyball after School, Basketball Camp for Girls, Basketball Camp for Boys, Girls' Volleyball Camp, Sports Performance Camp, Grosse Ile Soccer Camp, Junior History Summer Program, Jr. Running Club, 6th Grade Running Club, Children's Choir

Sports and Fitness
Kayak Classes, Walking Away the Pounds, Pickleball, Piloxing, Senior Fitness, Aerobics-AM, Zumba, Beginning / Continuing Yoga, Line Dancing, Meditation Class, Tai Chi Easy Class, PM Cardio Class, Chair Yoga, Table Tennis, Athletic Yoga

Adult Programs
Clay Workshops, Family Fun with Clay for Christmas, One Day Painter Workshop, Oil or Acrylic Painting, Mediterranean Cuisine, Marine Safety Course, Off Road Vehicle Safety Course, Sand Volleyball Leagues

Senior Programs
Meals on Wheels, Van Transportation, G.I. Senior Citizens Club, Third Thursday Cards, Pinochle Championship Series, Annual Downriver Senior Olympics, Senior Travel Programs, Senior Monthly Luncheons
Water’s Edge Golf Course
Men and Women Golf Leagues, Golf Lessons featuring PGA Certified Professional, Little Chippers Program, Junior Golf Program, Youth and Teen Golf League

Water’s Edge Pool
Swimming Lessons, Private Lesson, Pool Rentals, Adult Lap Swim, Swim Aerobics, Aqua Zumba, Swim Club, Parent-Tot Swim

Water’s Edge Municipal Marina
Summer Dockage, Transient Slips, Winter Storage, Haul-Out Service for Repair

2013 Facility Oversight and Management
Below are facilities operated and maintained by the Community Recreation Department in 2013.

Water’s Edge (75 acres)
Full service restaurant - Lease agreement with operator
Regulation nine-hole golf course
Driving range
Putting/chipping greens
Swimming and training pool
Marina
Outdoor sand volleyball court
Outdoor basketball/Pickleball court
Pavilion

Maintenance
Golf Course, Marina, Pool, Parking, Trees, Walkways, HVAC, Restaurant, Irrigation, and Gardens

2013 Projects
Installed new flag pole, repaired and stabilize marina pilings & down boards, removed mast rack and improved accessibility around travel lift, upgraded electrical on Pier 2, painted pavilion, installed new sand base in volleyball court, installed automatic pool chemical controllers, purchased new range safety netting, repaired and improved drainage on the golf course (holes 3 & 9).

The department also installed the concrete pad for the inline/outdoor skating rink to be completed in 2014.

Centennial Farm (32 acres)
Community/Activity Room (4,800 square foot)
Equestrian Center - Lease agreement with operator
Outdoor Activity Areas (playground, pavilion, dog park, children’s garden, nature pond, and trails
Animal Shelter

Maintenance
Grass Cutting, Painting, Fence Repair, Road and Parking Areas, Buildings, HVAC, Drainage, Play Area, Dumpsters
Centennial Farm (32 acres) (Continued)

2013 Projects
Repaired and improved drainage near activity building and dog park, painted pavilion, painted and repaired lobby, hallway, bathroom and kitchen walls, installed new entryway carpeting, installed new flooring in outside bathroom, made safety repairs and installed new ground cover in the playground area, repaired damaged aluminum siding on arena, added gravel and graded roadway and parking areas.

Playscape (0.28 acres)
A multilevel play structure and picnic area on Township owned property located south of Macomb Street. The recreation department is responsible for maintaining the facility throughout the year.

Maintenance
Grass Cutting, Parking Area, Trees, Treat Wood Structure, Equipment Repair, Trash pickup.

2013 Projects
Completed certified safety inspection, installed new safety surfacing, made repairs and improvements based on inspection report. Volunteer repaired fencing and removed overgrown brush and fallen tree limbs in and around the trails leading to and from the Playscape.

Airport Recreation Area (29.61 acres)
Home to community soccer fields, youth football practice fields and a sled hill.

Maintenance
Grass Cutting, Watering, Fertilizing, Field Marking, Equipment, Roads, Trash pickup.

2013 Projects
Installed new entryway sign, replaced bleacher boards and repaired south access road and parking area.

Waterfront Park
A scenic waterfront park at Grosse Ile Parkway and East River Road.

Maintenance
Trash and litter pickup

2013 Project
Nature and Land Conservancy volunteers landscaped the embankment leading to the beach area with donated materials such as trees, shrubs and grass seed.
Services

On weekdays (Monday through Friday), the department continued to operate a community van program for senior citizens, low-income residents and homebound individuals. The van transported 401 residents during the year including 309 senior citizens and 92 people with disabilities. In addition to regular service, the department provided transportation to and from senior club meetings. Also, the department served as agent for the Wayne County Homebound Nutrition Program. The Meals-On-Wheels program operates five days per week and provides a needed service to homebound seniors. Throughout the past year, the department delivered hot meals to 28 different homes in the community. Once again, 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:

Several island families also utilized the recreation building for birthday parties, reunions, holiday functions, graduation parties, weddings and baby showers. The department continued to experience a strong demand for private rentals (42) at the Centennial Farm Activity Center.

The “Channels” program guide was mailed to residents two times during the year. The guide has been the primary method of informing residents of the department’s programs and services for twenty-seven years.

In addition to the guide, residents were updated on programs and services by email, the Internet, Facebook, Twitter and the Ille Camera newspaper. The department worked closely with G.I. Cable Television to promote activities and provide informational updates.

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 prepared over 180 softball/baseball fields and provided lawn maintenance for the community soccer fields.

The department also supported GIYRA Youth Football Program by working cooperatively with the Grosse Ile Municipal Airport in continuing a land lease agreement for 9 acres. The youth association uses the area for football and cheer practices.

The department continued to oversee the hanging and removal of banners along Macomb Street.

The department provided regular clerical and administrative support to the Festival Commission. The festival records are maintained at the recreation department along with equipment and supply items.

Support

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.
Support (Continued)

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 Ile 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 Grosse Ile DPS and Airport staff provided tremendous support with park maintenance projects throughout community and at Centennial Farm.

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.

Message

The Community Recreation Commission and the department staff wish to thank the residents for their support of the ballot proposal requesting additional millage (.375 mills) during the election held on November 5, 2014.

The additional funds will be utilized to protect and preserve the valuable resources the community has created, acquired and built over the past 27 years.

During the coming year, residents will be encouraged to continue providing input at monthly meetings of the Community Recreation Commission. In addition to the commission’s regular meetings, residents are invited to visit the department at their leisure to see how the overall operation is progressing.

The commission members and staff thank the Township Board of Trustee for placing the millage on the ballot and providing the residents with an opportunity to support public recreation and the many benefits that come with programs, service and facilities that belong collectively to the community.

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.

The Grosse Ile Community Recreation Department is a partner in “Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs”. 
2014-2015 Performance Objectives

- Complete construction of inline/ice skating rink at Water’s Edge Recreation facility
- Complete installation of universally accessible kayak launch at Water’s Edge Marina
- Repair flat roof on Water’s Edge restaurant building
- Continue maintenance program for restaurant/pro shop building (repair rock & mortar)
- Replace golf course maintenance equipment (all-purpose tractor & pull behind mower)
- Develop plan to update antiquated irrigation system and replace sprinkler heads
- Replace sling assemblies and tires on marina travel lift
- Replace concrete decks and make structural improvements to marina piers #4 & #5
- Upgrade electrical & water systems on marina piers #4 & #5
- Repair and replaced pool fencing
- Replace small pool boiler
- Replace wheel chairlift on community van
- Repair and replace fence boards throughout Centennial Farm
- Support and work cooperatively with Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
- Continue to seek grant opportunities
- Continue to make safety and maintenance upgrades at pool, marina, golf course and driving range.
- Continue expansion of volunteer program and improve effectiveness of individual volunteer services
- Continue to implement technological upgrades with focus on marketing through the internet and email promotions
- Replace existing ADA parking lot at Centennial Farm
- Continue special event programming with emphasis on the pool and riverfront
- Work with Centennial Farm Sub-Committee, the Grosse Ile Equestrian Club and equestrian operator to improve maintenance of facilities and program opportunities at the farm
- Continue to provide administrative and clerical support to the Festival Commission.
- Work cooperatively with the GIYRA and GISA to improve facilities and provide program opportunities for the youth in the community
- Develop sub-committee for improvement and expansion of programs and services for senior citizens
- Improve cost effectiveness of promotional and informational methods
2013-2014 Community Recreation Participation Numbers

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**Adult Programs**

| Enrichment              | 281  |
| Table Tennis/ Pickleball| 1800 |
| (drop-ins weekly-45)    | 2081 |

**Teen Programs**

| Enrichment Programs     | 45   |

**Sports & Fitness**

| Aerobics/ Exercise Classes | 290  |
| Sand Volleyball Leagues    | 30   |
| Tae Kwon Do Programs       | 68   |
| Fitness                   | 388  |

**Senior Programs**

| Enrichment / Special Events | 327  |
| Meals on Wheels (year round)| 27   |
| Van Transportation         | 401  |
| Downriver Senior Olympics  | 28   |
| Fitness                    | 125  |
|                           | 908  |

**Water’s Edge**

| Junior Golf              | 73   |
| Little Chippers          | 41   |
| Riverfront Concerts      | 1500 |
| Swim Club                | 32   |
| Swim Lessons             | 300  |
| Swim Lessons (private)   | 100  |
| Aqua Fitness Classes     | 19   |
| Transient Dockage (4 Hrs)| 77   |
| Transient Dockage (24 Hrs)| 9  |
| Unlimited Golf Pass Holders| 12 |
| Unlimited Pool Pass Holders| 112|
| Unlimited Pool / Golf Pass| 4  |
| Option Pass Holders      | 211  |
| Winter Storage 13-14     | 66   |
| Summer                   | 58   |
|                           | 2614 |

**Township Equestrian Center**

| Tours (Walk Throughs 4,000) | 100  |
| Boarders                    | 21   |
| Students (Lesson Program)   | 275  |
| Boy Scouts/ Girl Scouts     | 125  |
| Winter Practice Show I      | 400  |
| 3-Day Camps I & II          | 75   |
| Adult Enrichment Lessons    | 50   |

**Special Events**

| *Fall Harvest Day (Support Staff) | 1,046 |
| *Easter Event (Support Staff)     |      |

| Breakfast with Santa              | 75   |
| *Easter Event                     | 175  |
| *Fall Harvest Day                 | 300  |
| Hurry for Halloween               | 650  |
| Island Glow                       | 450  |
| IslandFest                        | 14,000 |
|                                   | 15,650 |

**Support Services**

| Amusement Park Ticket Program     | 98   |
| Informational Services            |     |
| IslandFest & Island Glow          |     |
| Maintenance-Youth Sports Association (Field Preparations) | 180 |
| Rowing-Van/Insurance/Membership   |     |
| Senior Alliance                   | 71   |
|                                   | 349  |

| Centennial Farm - Group Usage     | 4,852 |

**Grand Total**

| 28,906 |
Communications

The goal of the Communications Commission 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 Commission 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.

The Communications Commission used the 2013/2014 fiscal year both to update the communications abilities of the township and celebrate the 100 year history of the Township Police Department. The Commission embarked on a three part project to replace old broadcast equipment in the GITV control room.

A Tricaster broadcast system was purchased to replace the 15 year old Global Caster/Trinity system. Next the Leightronix broadcast units were updated with an Airwave System to enhance and streamline the cablecasting of Township meetings and programs. Bids are presently out to procure a new 3 high definition camera system for the boardroom. The background music for the community bulletin board was replaced and new computer stations, replacing 10 and 15 yr. old units, were installed both in the boardroom dais and the control room to operate the community bulletin board.

Working with Granicus, The Commission leased a new encoder to stream live video on the web, allowing us to tab agenda items on our archived meetings, making it easier to access meeting topics by the viewer.

Under the tireless leadership of Commission Chairman, Kathy Walker, the new web page development was awarded to Revize Web Designs of Troy, Michigan. With an April 1, 2014 expected launch date, the new web page will be a first class, up to date source of information to the citizens of Grosse Ile and an attractive calling card to all others.

Teaming up with the Police commission, under the leadership of Bob Zelasko, and Chairman, Carl Bloetscher, Riverview producer, Marja Makeska, and film maker Kelly Marcott, GITV produced a 52 minute documentary, called “A Century of Service, The History of the Grosse Ile Police Department”. The program had a well attended premier in October and tells the story of the GI police from 1914 till today.

A series of 16 short features, highlighting the many services provided by the Grosse Ile Police Department, hosted by Chief Porcarelli was initiated. Features on the D.A.R.E. Program, the training of the canine dog, the police reserve honor guard and the animal control office were completed, with the rest to be taped in 2014.

Investigations into and discussions about expanding the wi-fi capabilities on Township properties, such as, Water’s, Edge, Airport grounds, Centennial Farm facilities, and Macomb Commons were started and will continue in fiscal 2014/2015 with many commissions and departments all providing input.

Ted Fournier, Cable/Communications Administrator

Kathy Walker, Communication Commission Chairman
Lauren Smith, Township Board Liaison
Ute O’Connor, Commission Member
Richard Nielson III, Commission Member
Sharon Thomas, Commission Member
Enterprise Fund
Departments
Airport/Commerce Park
and
Department of Public Services
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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.

2013-2014 Budget

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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.

2013/2014 Accomplishments

The Airport/Commerce Park accomplished much in fiscal year 2013-2014. The following are only the highlights:

- Projected to achieve a balanced budget for the fourth consecutive year;
- Acquired Vehicle Development Corporation for a lease, which occupies all Building 61/62. They are the first major tenant since Iverson Industries vacated in 2008.
- Completed Runway and Taxiway pavement investigation to help determine the best long term solution for pavement deterioration.
2013/2014 Events

- Hosted the annual IslandFest event
- Hosted the sixth annual NASGI Duathlon
- Hosted the annual Michigan Jets event
- Hosted “Monkey Business” Car Show
- Hosted the fourth annual Veterans Gala
- Hosted the Fastrak Driving Experience
- Hosted the MotorCity Gumball finish line event

2014-2015 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.
- Renovate Hangar One (East Side) for civic and revenue generating purposes;

Commerce Park:

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

2014/2015 Events

- Annual IslandFest event
- Seventh Annual NASGI Duathlon
- Annual Michigan Jets event
- Fifth Annual Veterans Gala
- Attend the 2014/2015 National Business Aviation Association Conference
- Several Fastrak Driving Experiences
- Yankee Air Museum Polishing Party
- “Monkey Business” Car Show
Department of Public Services

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 Malcomb Street to curb side 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.

2013-2014 Accomplishments

Water:
The DPS responded to 26 water main breaks from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. 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:
- Parke Lane water main extension from Horsemill to just north of Wood Drive was installed completing the loop.
- 100-feet of water main on Martin Lane was removed and replaced.
- Replaced two gate valves in well and 65-feet of pipe on Balmoral and Lakewood.
**Sewer:**
- In an effort to locate areas of high flows, flow monitoring at various locations around the island started in January of 2013 and concluded July 30, 2013.
- The DPS cleaned approximately 8,000 lineal feet of 8” through 24” in diameter sanitary sewers.

**Refuse, Recycling & Yard Waste:**
Waste Management, Inc. is in their second 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 3,735.90 tons of trash, which went down approximately 1.2% from the previous year. Yard waste continues to be collected from April 1st to December 15th each year. With the new contract with Waste Management the yard waste collection was extended two weeks. Over 1,483 tons of yard waste was composted this past season. We also recycled 766.76 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 once or twice a year.

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 (formerly Earth Tech), a contract operations firm, was hired by the Township to manage the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Formerly known as Williams & Works, United Water continues to operate the sewage treatment facility under Township direction.

The following projects were completed:
- Plant HVAC unit over the lab was replaced;
- RBC unit removed;
- Elevator was upgraded;
- Installation of aluminum sliding security gate and security cameras; and
- Standby generator automatic transfer switch was repaired.

**Roads:**
- Intersection repairs were completed on East River at Church, Stout, Island and Ferry Roads and the intersection approach on Meridian at Hawthorn.
- Concrete repairs completed on various roads throughout the island.
- Dust control applications were applied to the gravel roads during the dry season last year.
- The DPS mowed in various locations around the island.
- Assisted with snow removal during emergency weather events.

**Bike Paths:**
- Horsemill bike path completed.
2014-2015 Goals and Objectives:

- Continue to clean sanitary sewers;
- Continue with summer road repairs for concrete slab replacement, as well as, asphalt repairs, and pending Wayne County approval, chip-seal three to four-miles of township roads;
- Continue with dust control applications; road side mowing by the county, as well as, the DPS doing road side mowing in certain areas;
- Continue to do bike path maintenance; and
- Continue to provide quality drinking water to Grosse Ile residents.

Lorinda Beneteau, Interim Public Services Director
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Commissions & Committees

- Island Beautification Committee
- Greenways/Open Space Committee
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- Festival Commission (IslandFest)
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals
Island Beautification Committee

The Island Beautification Committee was founded in 1975. It is in its 39th year of existence. The original mission was litter abatement and that is still the primary mission today. Its secondary mission is to enhance beautification of our Island Community through hands-on effort making sites more attractive and eye catching. The committee is a low budget, high member involvement committee consisting of nine members who make a difference, one that is visible and merits community pride.

Entryway Signs

Grosse Ile has two entryway signs, one at the south entrance and one at the north entrance. The signs were designed by the IBC, made by Townsend Neon Sign Company and installed by the Island Beautification Committee in December 1991. The IBC maintains the signs and the sites. Maintenance involves care of the flower beds which includes buying flowers, annuals and bulbs, planting, weeding, deadheading, hoeing, fertilizing, insect control and winterizing the sites at the end of the growing season. Maintenance also includes washing the signs as needed and contracting professionals to repaint the signs through the Township Manager when needed. Maintenance includes providing decorations befitting the season and affixing them to exhibit awareness of the season.

Four Corners

The northwest corner, except for grass cutting which is now contracted, is maintained by the IBC. Maintenance includes site clearance and rototilling the flower beds before planting the annuals in the spring. Maintenance also includes redressing and enlarging the beds as needed and adding top soil as needed. It includes adding wood chip mulch. It includes thinning the shrubs and mums to foster growth and improve appearance. Maintenance includes purchasing and planting the annuals in the spring, bulbs in the fall and mums in the late summer. During the growing season maintenance includes watering, fertilizing, deadheading, hoeing, cultivating, weeding, trimming the cotoneasters, the Washington Hawthorns and the Bradford Pears. Watering is done using 150 feet of garden hose connected to a metered water source and a traveling sprinkler. During the June through September period watering is required every third or fourth day unless there is sufficient rainfall. The trees and shrubs are mulched with aged wood chips once each year to help maintain moisture and help control weed growth. The woodchip dressing improves the appearance and adds uniformity. All the trees on the northwest corner are maintained by the IBC (13 maples, 1 flowering crab, 2 Bradford Pears, 7 Washington Hawthorn plus 2 pine trees planted in Sept. 2008).

A contractor is hired once per year, early May, to apply liquid fertilizer and weed control herbicide to the grass area south of the raised bed to help control the broadleaf weeds. The IBC, using a hand sprayer, applies Roundup to kill weeds around the edge of the raised flower bed and the raised mulched areas around the trees.

The southwest corner, except for grass cutting which is done by a contractor, is maintained by the IBC. The hands-on work is essentially a duplication described for the northwest corner with one difference. The site is smaller and watering is done using less hose. There are fewer trees (1 maple, 2 Bradford Pears and 5 Washington Hawthorns). Weed control is more troublesome because the wooded area south of the corner is infested with thistle and other nuisance weeds.
The northeast corner was landscaped in November 2012. Underground drainage was added in 2013 to channel surface water from the bike path area to the swale ditch east of the raised bed. A source of water was installed in 2013 by way of an underground line installed under Meridian Road and tied into the same water meter that measures the water used in the northwest corner. Plants of various varieties were purchased and donated by IBC members to help with the landscape. One evergreen was also donated by an IBC member to replace one of the Serbian Spruce trees that was planted in the fall of 2012 but died in the summer of 2013. In the fall of 2013 about 200 daffodils were purchased and planted as the donation of plantings grows. Some mums were also donated to add fall color. The landscaped corner is taking on a likeness to the northwest and southwest corners.

Backyard Wildlife Survey

The IBC conducted its 33rd Annual Backyard Wildlife Survey on April 7, 2013. It is a compilation of sightings over one hour periods of observation and this year there were 8 survey sites. In the survey 31 different species of birds and 5 species of mammals were observed and counted. A total of 476 birds and 70 mammals were reported. The average sighting per site was 68. This survey is not statistically reliable but does indicate trends. Some variables such as weather and raptors, birds of prey, reduce the number of birds visiting backyard bird feeders.

A note of interest is that five wild turkeys were observed and photographed off of Lake Road near the old NIKI site. There were just two in the spring and five in the fall.

Also worth noting is that a pair of American Eagles nested in a tree at Water’s Edge Golf Course and were photographed at the nest site.

Beautification Awards

The IBC conducted its annual awards program again in 2013. The objective is to encourage Macomb businesses to make an effort to improve the appearance of their sites externally. Collective effort can make the whole street more attractive. The top three winners this year were presented with yard signs to showcase their achievements. This year’s top winners were: 1st Place Bishops Cottage, 2nd Place Island Woods Senior Housing and 3rd Place VFW Post 7310. The 4th – 9th place business sites were presented with framed silver certificates and the 10th – 20th business sites were presented with framed bronze certificates. One significant improvement is that most sites are litter free. This is in keeping with IBC’s primary mission over its 39 years of existence.

IBC Brochure

The revised IBC brochures are available at the Grosse Ile Township Office and at island real estate offices.

IBC - Grosse Ile’s Gems

The IBC pride slides which have been the photo story of Grosse Ile for many years are in the updating state now. The slides will be in DVD format and depict sites as they are now as well as wild life on the island.
Litter Abatement

During the 39 year existence of the IBC litter abatement has been its primary mission. To help achieve this mission the IBC is responsible for procuring trash barrels and placing them in strategic locations on the island. In 2013 all the green metal drums were replaced with blue plastic drums. Thirty five gallon steel used drums were no longer available. Nor were thirty five gallon green plastic drums available. Fortunately IBC had a donor who secured the almost new blue plastic thirty gallon drums and delivered them free of procurement and delivery charges. Now all trash drums are uniform except for the slatted barrel receptacles on Macomb Street.

A more litter free community helps to make Grosse Ile’s reputation as a caring community more evident and all citizens can be a little more proud.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

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Meeting: *1st Wednesday at 7:00 pm*
Open Space/Greenways Committee

Status of 2013 – 2014 Objectives

- Expand wood cutting events to include more Open Spaces and other Township owned vacant property. **Achieved:** Two events were held. One on East River and one on Horsemill

- Conduct two Dump the Junk events and / or provide means for residents to dispose of large items on a recurring basis. **Partially Achieved:** Two events were held. Disposal of electronic items was added to fall event with great success. Disposal of large items on a recurring basis was not pursued due to scheduling and staffing limitations.

- Conduct a survey of the community’s interest and concerns regarding Open Space Trails. **Not Achieved:** A mail type survey was deemed ineffective. A different approach is planned for next year.

- Review the Open Space mission as it relates to property acquisition in light of current fund limitations and available privately owned vacant property. **Achieved:** The remaining acquisition fund will be used to purchase property located in large tracts of privately owned vacant land.

2014 - 2015 Objectives

- **Conduct two Dump the Junk Events and include the disposal of electronic items.**

- **Conduct two Wood Cutting Events in the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2014.**

- **Participate and/or conduct at least two Town Hall events with other Commissions to receive input from residents on the construction, maintenance and use of nature trails.**

- **Investigate the practicality of extending the nature trail in the Manchester Woods area from Meridian to East River Roads.**

- **Improve the communication efforts between the Open Space Committee and other Commissions and groups i.e. Recreation, Bike Path, and Land Conservancy.**

Purchase additional Open Space property that meets our criteria and is in line with the mission outlined in the prior year’s objectives.

**GREENWAYS/OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Cliff St. Pierre, Chair
Patricia Nielsen
Woody Clark
Darryl Filarski
Roberta Urbani
Art Koeester
Walter Pociask, Township Board Liaison

*Meeting: 1st Tuesday 7.60 pm*
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Status of 2013 – 2014 Objectives

- Oversee the construction of the Horsemill Path and maintenance items of the Meridian Path.
  
  **Mostly Achieved:** The paths have some isolated issues remaining that need to be worked on this spring.

- Hold a Horsemill Path groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony.
  
  **Achieved:** The commission set up both events which included members of the public, township elected officials, staff, and the media.

- Conduct a survey on the community’s interest in nonmotorized facilities in coordination with the Open Space Committee.
  
  **Not Achieved:** The Open Space Committee decided to postpone their survey, so BPAC did as well. This may be pursued in the upcoming year.

- Work with schools to reestablish a Safe Routes to School Program that centers on education and encouragement.
  
  **Partially Achieved:** School officials were contacted, but activities were postponed until 2014, in order to better plan for upcoming activities such as Bike to School Day (in May).

- Submit an application for the Michigan Fitness Foundation’s Promoting Active Communities program.
  
  **Achieved:** BPAC successfully submitted an application and won a bronze level award.

- Create a plan to help fund the shortfall for the installation of a drinking fountain donated by the running club, the Island Road Runners.
  
  **Achieved:** BPAC came up with a plan for a brick-selling fundraiser to make up the shortfall. This plan was agreeable to the Island Road Runners and the Township Board.

- Interview and select an applicant to recommend to the Board to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Bailey.
  
  **Achieved:** BPAC recommended the applicant, Rodger Will, to the Board. Two others applicants have volunteered to assist BPAC in various upcoming efforts.

2014 – 2015 Objectives

- Finish work on the Horsemill and Meridian Paths.
- Purchase a new brush head for cleaning/clearing paths.
- Raise funds for the fountain via the spring/summer fundraiser and install fountain.
- Establish a BPAC logo for public outreach materials.
- Improve communication efforts between BPAC and other commissions and groups (e.g. Recreation, Open Space, DPS, DDA, schools, and Public Safety).
- Improve BPAC’s public outreach strategy to include more online content, newspaper articles, and participation in community events.
- Continue the reestablishment of the Safe Routes to School Program.
- Participate in Bike to School Day (spring) and Walk to School Day (fall).
- Pursue a Complete Streets policy.
- Work on maintenance plan and short-term safety solutions for paths and streets.
- Start work on a community nonmotorized plan.
The twenty-ninth annual IslandFest was held Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2013 and was one of the best attended and highest grossing festivals in Grosse Ile’s history.

This year’s profit exceeded $11,000, with over 69 sponsors which raised over $27,000. This three-day event continues to offer numerous activities for all ages to participate including:

- Carnival area presented by Skerbeck Brothers
- Concerts featuring Hype Syndicate, DR5, Howlin Mercy and the second annual A & R Music Showcase
- Fireworks Extravaganza produced by Dr. Morris and Ace Pyro LLC
- The Grand Parade featuring 57 local and regional units from all over southeastern Michigan
- Cultural youth entertainment by the Grosse Ile Children’s Choir and Dance Grosse Ile performances
- Knights of Columbus Steak Dinner and Pancake Breakfast
- A “Challenge Area” for kids featuring a climbing wall, bungee jump tower and mechanical bull
- Exotic car racing with Fastrak Exotics and bumpy monster truck rides
- A Memorial Garder dedication to the veterans that served at NASGI
- Classic car show highlighting the beautiful and well-made autos that have brought pride to this great region over the past century
- Grosse Ile Historical Society’s Island Tours
- The first Vintage Baseball Game featuring the Wyandotte Stars and Rochester Grangers
- Jazzapalooza showcasing student musicians from eight area schools put on by the Grosse Ile Band Boosters
- Aircraft rides and fly-ins
- A juried art show, "Just Ducky" put on by the Grosse Ile Alliance for the Arts
- The IslandFest MarketPlace featured 89 vendors and community nonprofits inside the hangar.

The Grosse Ile Municipal Airport continues to provide a location suitable for future growth and expansion. Additionally, there are numerous benefits to this location including aviation access, a covered MarketPlace for vendor and retail activity, space for a fireworks display as well as carnival and music venues. As the Festival Commission continues to add activities and modify the layout, ease of access, movement throughout the various areas and public safety will always be primary considerations in impacting vendor and participant experience.
Islandfest could not exist without the commitment, enthusiasm and hard work of the volunteers. Each volunteer plays a substantial role in the successful operation of the festival. It should also be noted that without the support and coordination by various township departments, Islandfest would not be possible. And to these fine folks, the Commission thanks you!

As we move into the planning phases of the 30th Anniversary of Islandfest in 2014, the Commission has committed to establishing goals and objectives to strive for in an effort to highlight our scenic island community through a festival that has become a beacon of civic pride.

2014-2015 Goals & Objectives

Increase festival signage throughout event as well as add external promotional signage for awareness.
Improve festival layout for better traffic flow, safety and security.
Coordinate participation and promotion with island businesses.
Review, evaluate and revise festival sponsorship packages.
Review and improve festival forms to streamline information for clarity and accessibility.
Work with the communications department to improve and increase the use of GITV and social mediums.
Improve event information on webpage www.grosseile.com/islandfest.
Develop and implement a plan to expand partnerships with regional and state media outlets to promote Grosse Ile and Islandfest.
Attract new vendors by promoting on free online resources.
Work with beverage vendor(s) to increase beverage choices appealing to a broader spectrum of consumers.
Propose at least one new activity to add excitement and increase event offerings.
Improve and upgrade power sources in venues outside of the hangar.
Provide coordination and support with Grosse Ile Township's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration
Planning Commission

**Number of Meetings:** The Commission conducted six regular meetings during the year, which exceeds the minimum requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (four).

**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 2013 the Commission considered the following development proposals:

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<td>To develop an extended stay hotel along with accessory components</td>
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**Zoning Ordinance:** The Commission established a subcommittee to review and prepare several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in an effort to refine and keep all ordinances current.

In 2013, amendments to Article 17 Waterfront Provisions and Chapter 103 Fences were prepared and ultimately adopted by the Township Board.
Zoning Board of Appeals

Case Reviews: Both the number of meetings and cases reviewed increased in 2013. This is most likely due to an overall uptick in the number of planning, zoning and building reviews from previous years.

The table below is an overview of the cases decided by the ZBA in 2013:

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<td>28402 Elba</td>
<td>Appeal of administrative decision to allow driveway construction</td>
<td>Denied</td>
<td>January 22\textsuperscript{nd}</td>
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<td>13-002</td>
<td>27176 East River</td>
<td>Expansion of a nonconforming residence</td>
<td>Approved</td>
<td>February 26\textsuperscript{th}</td>
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<td>13-003</td>
<td>9665 Waterway</td>
<td>Encroachment into the required separation between principal buildings</td>
<td>Approved</td>
<td>March 26\textsuperscript{th}</td>
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<td>13-004</td>
<td>19445 Lighthouse Point</td>
<td>Encroachment into the shoreline setback for a proposed pool</td>
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<td>10020 Ferry</td>
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<td>Variances associated with a proposed land division</td>
<td>Request withdrawn by applicant</td>
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<td>13-011</td>
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<td>Height increase for solar panels on a boathouse</td>
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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.