



BIPOA

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Beaver Island Property Owners Association

Fall 2002

Mission Statement

The mission of BIPOA is to:

1. Represent the combined interests of our membership on issues of mutual concern that may affect the fundamental character of Beaver Island.

2. Support the preservation of the natural resources and beauty of Beaver Island and appropriate environmental conservation policies and/or methods.

3. Work with local government units in support of property owners' shared perspectives, concerns and investments.

4. Foster and support economic growth that is consistent with the preservation of the natural beauty of Beaver Island and the quality of life which is the reason for our original and continuing attraction to Beaver Island.

Important Dates

Spring Newsletter - May 20th

Submission Deadline: April 20th

BIRHC Meeting - November 20th

Beaver Island Medical Board Meeting with Architects and public – 7:00 at the Peaine Twp. Hall

Christmas Bazaar - November 24th

Christmas Cantata - December 7th - 8th

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Greetings to all BIPOA members

When I look back on the summer of 2002, I wonder where the time went. If your home was anything like mine, it was filled with laughter and great memories. All of us, as we open our homes on Beaver Island to the outside world, become minor ambassadors.

BIPOA too serves an important place as an ambassador or advocate for all property owners. This organization works best when it is dealing with the collective good of all Island residents.

BIPOA was founded in 1988 under the leadership of Bill Schneider. Owen Neils developed the familiar house/tree icon you see on all our information since that time. Our two preceding presidents, E.B. Lange and Rick Andrew, brought guidance and wisdom to all our meetings. We wish to thank Rick Andrew for his last projects which included updating and passage of our by-laws and the review of financial statements. Thank you also goes to Doug Hartle for his years of service on this board. The momentum that has been building over the years, with your support of this organization, is truly impressive. We have had a tremendous response to the past summer's nature lecture series with the CMU. Other areas covered this year by BIPOA included:
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Peaine Township Begins Master Planning Process

The Peaine Township Planning Commission has begun a lengthy process to produce a new Master Plan for the Township and promote collaboration with St. James Township on coordinated planning for Beaver Island as a whole. To start the process, the Planning Commission enlisted volunteers for a Master Planning Commission and Steering Committee, including both year-round and seasonal residents, with representation from all geographical areas in the Township. The first meeting of the Master Planning Commission was in July. Some of those "commissioners" and other volunteers hosted neighborhood meetings later in the summer at which the master planning process and its purposes
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Current Efforts



Rural Health Center Planning
Committee Chair: Joe Reed
(231) 448-2247



Recreation Resources Committee
Committee Chair: Jack Kelly
(217) 352-3801



Master Plan for Peaine Twp.
Committee Chair: Paul Glendon
(231) 448-2772



Island Clean-Up
Committee Chair: Doris Larson
(616) 243-1037 or (231) 448-2470



Trails Committee
Committee Chair: Krys Lyle
(231) 448-2149



Newsletter and Web Site
Committee Chair: Pam Grassmick
(248) 489-0784 or (231) 448-2314
Co-chair: Doris Larson
(616) 243-1037 or (231) 448-2470



Membership, Promotion & Education
Committee Chair: Marty Maehr
(734) 994-8904 or (231) 448-2926



Township Planning/Zoning Liaison:
Krys Lyle (231) 448-2149



St. James/Peaine Township Board
Liaison: Frank Blatt (231) 448-2831

Greetings to all BIPOA Members, *continued from cover*

co-sponsoring the 2002 leadership retreat discussing growth and tourism, our new membership tri-fold to property owners, road side clean-up, passage of the Beaver Island Community Partnership Agreement, and our work with the townships on the Recreation and Master Plan.

Jan Gerson, Jack Kelly, Doris Larson, and Marty Maehr have agreed to stay on the board and have been major contributors to our organization's endeavors. Jan and Marty have been on the board the longest and brought to fruition many of the changes you have seen in BIPOA. Our latest additions to the board include Frank Blatt, Annette Dashiell, Paul Glendon, and Krys Lyle. All these individuals come ready to devote their areas of expertise to BIPOA's mission. They are active on various Island committees. Our unified voice will help support initiatives that will positively influence the change that is inevitable.

The larger our membership, the more clout it will have on preservation and controlled development. Your membership is very much needed to help support efforts of various committees listed in this newsletter. Our investment in Beaver Island is more than building a house, paying our taxes and supporting local business. It has an emotional component as well. Your board will work to ensure that property owner's thoughts are expressed to the township officials charged with the Master Plan. BIPOA is fortunate to have Doris

Larson, Jack Kelly, Paul Glendon, Krys Lyle, Annette Dashiell, and I actively involved in the Master Planning process for Peaine Township. We anticipate St. James Township will begin their process sometime this fall and look forward to their invitation. Both townships will work together to form a document that will lead us into years of properly managed growth. More information on the Peaine Township plan follows from other board members.

Lastly, I encourage all readers to participate in the upcoming Master Plan survey that will be mailed to all property owners in Peaine Township this winter. I speak for all the board members when I ask for your input into this document that will set the tone for Beaver Island development for many years to come.

Thank you again for your continued sustainment through comments and your membership dues. Your support has helped form BIPOA into the organization that will strengthen the collective interests of property owners. Please contact any of the board members with your ideas for our committees or concerns.

Sincerely,
Pam Grassmick



The Manitou – one of the record number of schooners which sailed to Beaver Island this summer.

Master Planning, *continued from cover*

were explained, a wide range of views and concerns were expressed, and participants were asked to state their priorities among various "resources and amenities that could improve life" in Peaine Township, namely:

- Road Improvements
- Health Care Provision
- Recreational Opportunities
- Environmental Protection
- Youth Support and Activities
- Safety and Fire Protection
- Public Airport Management & Facilities
- Waste Management & Recycling
- Other opportunities/services.

Seven such meetings were held, attended by more than seventy people; a "recorder" took notes at each meeting; and summaries of the discussions were distributed and discussed at a Steering Committee meeting on September 3.

A broad diversity of views and concerns were expressed, but there was a clear consensus in favor of protecting and preserving the environment and natural beauty of the Township as well as its diverse, rustic, rural, "up-north" character.

Roads were much discussed, with an apparent majority view that they should remain in their existing form (albeit with better dust control), but numerous others suggesting some of them (East Side Road and access to the Municipal Airport being mentioned most often) should be paved.

Possible merger of the two townships also came up in almost every meeting, without apparent consensus: some advocated merger to

achieve greater efficiency and economy in Island governance; others favored retaining the dual system to assure effective representation for the different characteristics and interests of the two townships.

The next steps in this process will be to digest information from the neighborhood discussions and other sources (including master plans from Nantucket and Mackinac Island, the 1994 Beaver Island Master Plan, and Michigan statutes governing township planning) and develop a written survey and distribute it to all Peaine Township residents and property owners. Judy Lanier, Jack Kelly, and Paul Glendon will work on that, with a goal of having the survey completed and mailed in January 2003.

Survey results will be tabulated and scored, and key issues identified. These will be summarized and presented to the Master Planning Steering Committee for review and the formation of draft recommendations. Those recommendations will be considered by the full Master Planning Commission, which then will distribute *its* draft of master plan issues and recommendations to township residents and property owners for further response and suggestions. It will also discuss them with St. James leaders to identify areas of common interest and concern between the two townships.

The long range goals are to have a final draft Master Plan ready for consideration by the public and the Peaine Township Planning Commission during the summer of 2003, and by the end of next summer to hold a Special Comprehensive Planning Meeting at or after which the Township Planning Commission will adopt a new Master Plan.

—Paul Glendon

Medical Center / Senior Housing Projects

According to Pete LoDico, chair of the Senior Supportive Housing Project, 15 applications have been received indicating commitment to the facility. These applications are for the 6 currently proposed units to be located near the new Rural Health Center. On September 30th, a delegation from the Michigan State Housing Authority met with the Health Center representatives and Township Officials to discuss making the venture available for tax credits. The for-profit group called the Northern Michigan Housing Development Corporation is the entity which will build the senior housing center. It will be geared for individuals who are over 55 and can live independently. Meals on wheels and light house keeping services will be provided. They intend to use a sliding rent scale depending on income and market value rates. These are expected to range between \$600-800/month. Pete mentioned that he would like to have the facility built during the fall of 2003.

Nina Simpson-Jones, Ray Cole and staff deserve special mention for their generous contribution of \$7,300 toward this project. Ray and Nina donated all proceeds from their benefit dinner on September 30th at the Beaver Lodge.

Donations to support this project can be sent to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center-Housing Committee, c/o Pete LoDico at P.O. Box 1083, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782.

New Street Signs



Brand new gleaming blue street signs on nice white posts have been installed in Peaine Township.



Many enjoyed seeing a group of horses & buggies touring the Island this summer. Some were angered however that a couple of horse 'accidents' happened on the streets – the owners apologized profusely and promised to be more careful.



Five Classic Cars toured the Island this summer and plan to return next year.

Keep Beaver Island Beautiful

Most of us feel privileged to own property on Beaver Island. Whether we were fortunate in our ancestry, whether we were lucky to buy property when land was affordable, or whether prosperity has allowed us to purchase property, we feel blessed to be able to live on Beaver Island.

The blessings of Beaver Island are many. Not only are the people here friendly, helpful, and generous, but also the natural environment is unique. The beauty of wide, sandy beaches, the silence of deep forests, the profusion and variety of roadside flowers, the abundant wildlife, the dark nights... all of these elements of Beaver Island add to the blessing and privilege we feel. In fact, the wonder of the natural environment is probably what brought us to Beaver Island initially.

As more and more people come to experience Beaver Island, the natural beauty of our Island is endangered. More visitors mean more cars, more beach buggies, more lights, more noise, and more trash.

Of course, we can't stop growth and perhaps we would not want to, even if we could. However, we can do something about the trash. We can assume responsibility for keeping our forests, beaches, and roadsides beautiful. We can live the adage: "Privilege and responsibility are two sides of the same coin."

Instead of playing "ain't it awful" when we see cans and cardboard beer cartons beside the road, stop the car and pick them up. Keep a trash bag and a pair of gloves in the trunk of your car and use them when you see trash, which mars the beauty of the landscape.

There are many among us who assume responsibility for picking up trash on a regular basis. One couple on the east side is saving up coins received for recyclable bottles and cans found by the roadside. When they have enough money, they will treat themselves to dinner for two at the Beaver Lodge. Other folks allow an extra fifteen minutes when driving to town, in order to stop and pick up trash along King's Highway. And there are those wonderful Amvets, who patrol the harbor monthly, cleaning up for the benefit of us all, not to mention school groups who do major clean-up every spring.

Won't you join this group of "doobys" and assume responsibility for your part of the Island? If each of us would take one little section of road or beach as our personal area, we could make a big difference. Commit yourself to taking twenty minutes a couple of times a month in order to pick up trash along your chosen section. Think of it as assuming responsibility for the privilege you enjoy.

—Doris Larson

We want to hear from you

The goal of the BIPOA newsletter and web site is to promote greater communication between all Island property owners. We welcome all opinions, interest stories, informative articles or issues that you feel would be of general interest. Please submit all articles or comments to: Pam Grassmick either via fax number (248) 489-1263 or at our web site: beaverisland.net/bipoa

BIPOA Annual Meeting Minutes - July 29, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by president Rick Andrew. He introduced the board.

The minutes of the 2001 annual meeting had been passed out to those in attendance. Ann Glendon moved for approval, with a second by Ruth Kelly. Motion Passed.

The treasurer's report was very abbreviated with the promise of a full report to be published in *Island Currents*. Only a balance as of 6-30-02 was given.

Doris Larson reported on Island Beautification. She announced that there would be a group working on picking up trash from 9 to 11 A.M. We would meet at the "Station."

Marty reported on Membership & Promotion. He spoke about the new brochure that goes to new property owners and about the increase in membership. He wants to get more neighborhood groups. He mentioned the lecture series and announced the water quality issues and concerns would be addressed on August 18th, at 7:30, at the Township Hall. There will be a follow up in the series by Donna King next year.

Newsletter & Web Site:

Pam talked about the supportive housing report that was on the web page. She also talked about "2" newsletters instead of the four that we have had in the past.

Recreation Plan Analysis:

Jack Kelly thanked Erin McDonough for her help with the school survey. He summarized the current status of the plans for recreation resources.

In new business, Mike Scripps moved to approve the changes in

the by-laws that were recommended by the board. Sue Welke seconded the motion and it was passed.

Paul Neihaus asked for approval by acclamation of the new board recommendations. This was seconded by Ruth Kelly. The new board consists of Pam Grassmick, Jan Gerson, Annette Dashiell, Jack Kelly, Paul Glendon, Krys Lyle, Doris Larson, Frank Blatt, and Martin Maehr.

Pam gave an update on the master plan. She related that there will be several groups from different areas of the Island meeting to discuss their concerns. She requested that people "make time to attend the focus group in your area."

Howard Haley asked if property owners own to the water's edge. No real conclusion was given. Joyce Runberg also asked how close to the water a person can cut trees. These were both given some discussion. Members were advised to consult the township ordinances for help.

Ann Glendon, representing Jim Haveman, gave an overview of the Partnership Project. Many organizations have already signed and it was proposed that BIPOA join in the signing. There were some pointed questions as to whether we would be locked into something that we could not get out of, if something was done of which we disapproved. It was explained that we could always change our status. Francis Pike seconded the proposed motion made by the board. There were further comments and questions from the membership. The

motion passed.

There were announcements of upcoming events of note:

- BI Historical Society annual meeting 8-22-02 at 7:30
- PABI Evening dinner fund raiser at Donegal Bay Pavilion \$30/person Sunday 8-18-02
- Joint Township & Rural Health Center meeting 8-21-02

Ruth Kelly moved that we adjourn. It was seconded by Mike Scripps, and we were adjourned.

New Members

We wish to welcome our newest members:

Larry Nygard
Garry and Sue Duram
Ron Stith
Darrell Porath
Harold and Sarah McKerlie
Theodore and Eva Vassar
Ginie and James Cabaniss
Rich and Yovonne Fawell
Guy and Donna Fase
Paul and Janet Gibson
Tammy Kikta
Jim and Jill Remick
James Stout
Nancy Rosso/Curtis Schaap
Constance Currie and
Steven Velloff

Trip to Ireland

When the Arranmore Islanders came to Beaver 2 years ago for the twinning ceremony, Beaver Islanders promised we'd return the favor. The trip is finally set – for the weekend of March 7th. Over 40 people have made arrangements. Contact Cindy Cushman-Gillespie or Paul Cole for details.

Letters to the Editor: Township Consolidation

Again, the issue of township consolidation has surfaced. The most common argument in favor of this proposal seems to be that consolidation will produce a substantial savings in the cost of government. Nothing could be further from reality!

Many long-time proponents of consolidation have, on a number of occasions, stated that the governance of one township would require the hiring of a full-time professional manager with an aide. This would be in addition to the 5 legally required elected officials and their deputies who would be paid more money than at present because of their expanded responsibilities. Simply calculating the cost of such an organization makes any potential savings disappear. The most likely and most fiscally conservative assumption would be to base the starting tax revenue for a combined township on the sum of the revenues of the separate townships, currently about \$775,000.

To raise \$775,000 from a consolidated township would require an island-wide millage of about 10.0 mills. Based on current taxable assessed value, the taxpayers of Peaine would then pay \$465,000 (\$65,000 MORE than today) while St. James' payments would be about \$310,000 (\$65,000 LESS than at present). A significant DECREASE in taxes for St. James offset by a substantial INCREASE for Peaine. Any surprise that the most pressure for consolidation comes from St. James?

To carry a consolidation vote requires passage of the proposal in separate votes in each township. With substantial tax relief in sight, it's not too difficult to forecast that consolidation would be approved by a substan-

tial margin in St. James. Consider their platform: A substantial tax reduction for St. James residents and twice as much revenue at their disposal for their pet projects. Clearly the power structure of St. James would be the winners in any such election. For Peaine it simply means higher taxes and less political control or, stated in another, more familiar way, more taxation and less representation!

As several recent elections in Peaine have shown, the influence of those who have moved into this rural township after completing careers on the mainland is growing and has become influential along with that of the long-time residents. In Peaine, these two groups are currently engaging in a very fragile and delicate attempt at power sharing. Hopefully as they learn that they will have more in common than in conflict a consensus will be achieved. The result will be the development of a local government that serves the common interests while protecting the environment that makes Peaine Township such a special place. Such a sharing of power and diverse interest simply would not be possible in a merged township dominated by the commercial interests of St. James.

In all likelihood the merger issue in Peaine will be decided by voters considering some of the above issues as well as answering the following question: Does the Peaine Township Board meet the needs of this unique community? If the Peaine Board can reach out effectively to all groups in the township and integrate them into its decision-making process, the continued independence of Peaine will be assured.

—Fred Haubold

Beaver Island Property Owners Manual

Think back to when you first bought property on Beaver Island... .

Most likely, in addition to wondering if you'd ever be able to pay for the privilege, you began making a list of things you wanted and needed to know; you began considering the Island environment and the policies and political realities that affect the Island and your property.

For that reason, BIPOA is in the process of identifying issues that might well be incorporated into a "Property Owners Manual." Among the topics that might very well be included are:

- Water quality
- Beach care and management
- Light pollution
- Septic tank and well maintenance
- Recycling, disposal of building materials, etc.
- Zoning policies
- Social agencies
- Wildlife and plant protection
- "Winter watch" and property protection concerns
- Charlevoix County primary service providers, phone numbers
- Health care providers

At this point we are encouraging BIPOA members to become active participants in this project. While some members have addressed this need, we welcome additional comments both about the topics that should be addressed and the format for doing so. We are particularly anxious to include those members who have had specific experiences and have information to contribute to this document.

—Marty Maehr

Recreational Resources Program Report

October 10, 2002

A grant proposal has been submitted to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for the next step of the Recreation Resources program. The small grant of just under \$3000 would reimburse CMU staff for expenses in assessing the 12 Lake Michigan shoreline tracts of state land on the Island. The grant would also pay for photographic expenses, designing and printing GIS overlays for each tract, a preliminary ecological assessment of each tract with short and long-term recommendations, and printing workbooks that would be used to gain feedback from Island organizations and the MDNR. This grant would not fund any professional work on the project so the project would continue to rely on volunteers and those who can incorporate their contributions into their professional projects. A sequence of works would go somewhat as follows:

1. Continue to use the county/township GIS data to produce preliminary color overlays for the 12 tracts. Erin McDonough and I are working on this now.
2. Wait for word from Tip of the Mitt as to the result of the grant proposal. Notification will probably come in November. The BI Preservation Association has agreed to be the trustee for such funding until BIPOA receives tax-exempt 501(3)c status.
3. In the spring, make further preparations for summer work. A priority will be to have a planning meeting with Jim Gillingham and CMU faculty as soon as they have

assembled on the Island.

4. In the summer complete GIS mapping and overlays, do on-site evaluation of problematic areas, complete aerial photography, and begin to assemble a draft report.

5. In the late summer and fall, submit the draft report to BIPOA township boards and committees, other interested parties, and the MDNR regional office for comment.

I have the documents for submitting an application for 501(3)c status to the Internal Revenue Service and will introduce them at the October Board meeting. There is a \$150 fee for filing as well as several required documents including 3 years of summary financial records. However, BIPOA is currently an exempt organization because it is not in a set of categories and does not have an income of over \$5000 a year. The Board will be asked to decide on appropriate action. As of now, contributions to BIPOA may be tax-deductible under the exemption.

The regional director of the MDEQ Costal Management Program has also expressed an interest in possible funding for this ongoing program, including going on to the inland lakes and their crucial habitats. However, the next funding cycle calls for applications in April and funding to begin in 2004. That is promising, but will not help carry us through this stage of the project. At present, we do not have funding to reimburse CMU staff for time (only expenses), to pay any other personnel for special services, or to print

more than a few copies of the shoreline assessment report. If this project is to have the impact desired, it will need to be widely distributed. Further, Tip of the Mitt indicated that they would like to see this as an exemplary grass-roots community project.

Ancillary programs include assisting the township trails committee in preparing material for the MDNR regional office to secure funds for trail improvement and maintenance on trails that are entirely or largely on state land. Also several of us from BIPOA are helping the Peaine Township Master Plan project. My hope is that the Recreational Resources reports will be referenced in that plan. I have also run the 2000 census data for the Island and will provide some technical help with the survey.

–Jack Kelly

Some Election Results

202 of the 242 registered voters voted in Peaine, and 169 of the 266 registered voters turned out to vote in St. James Township.

Airport Millage	Peaine	St. James
Yes	103	n/a
No	65	n/a

Peaine Township Treasurer

Christina Morgan	111	n/a
Write-In	81	n/a

County Commissioner District 6

Shirley J. Roloff	130	110
Joseph King	26	10
Write-In	10	16

Governor

Posthumus	101	87
Granholtm	81	76

Natural Notes: Fertilizer Use and Water Quality

Everyone on Beaver Island is very aware of our best resource: water. How to best continue the protection is an ongoing issue. This article is not to discuss the merits to pursuing a green lawn but is intended for those individuals who do use fertilizer. It is meant to shed light on the more recent findings concerning lawn care. The EPA is developing national criteria for waterways and will be requiring states to test the water for pollutants such as phosphorous and nitrogen by 2003. How does this relate to Beaver Island and our water?

Fertilizers contain phosphorous and nitrogen. When it rains, run-off from fertilized areas flows towards the water and if it contains a high phosphorous level, it may cause excessive plant growth. Phosphorus specifically causes water plants to grow. As the plants die and decay, this process uses up oxygen and can kill fish. Lake Erie was poisoned from fertilizers and laundry detergents in the 60's and images of dead fish floating are not a pretty sight. The sight of excessive plant growth and algae can also be attributed to septic system failure along the shoreline. The interior lakes are more susceptible but we need to also pay attention to Lake Michigan. It is the cumulative effect of property owners along the various shores of the big lake that will lead to phosphorous/nitrogen poisoning.

If you decide to fertilize, the best option to protect against inadvertent fertilizer run-off is to use "lake safe" slow-release fertilizers with low phosphorous or zero-content

phosphorus. Jeff Powers from Powers Hardware related that this fertilizer is available on request. Also recent studies suggest that there is no need to fertilize in the spring when the grass is rapidly growing. Fall fertilization promotes root growth rather than top growth. A strong root system is the goal for a healthy lawn in the spring. Please keep this information in mind if you decide to fertilize on Beaver Island. By working together we can continue to keep our surface water quality a non-issue.

For more environmentally friendly ideas visit www.healthylandscapes.com

BIPOA will be sponsoring a number of water quality lectures next summer along with C.M.U.'s popular nature series. Please plan on joining us at this event or contact a BIPOA board member concerning the proposed Property Owners Manual with your comments.

Beaver Island Health Fair

Mark your calendar for the Beaver Island Health Fair scheduled on Sept. 13, 2003 at the Beaver Island Community School. We would like to extend an invitation to individuals who may have access to health fair ideas, materials or health related expertise. Planning for this event will continue over the winter. If you would like to be involved in any capacity or have access to materials that would be beneficial to this event, please contact Audrey Beilman at 231-448-2083 or Pam Grassmick 248-489-0784.

BIPOA Financial Report

Income Statement

Fiscal Year 7/1/01 to 6/30/02

Revenue

Dues received	\$1200.00
Interest on CD	\$211.01
Total Revenue	\$1411.01

Expenses

Printing and postage	\$694.21
Food for meetings	\$166.60
Guest speakers expenses	\$275.96
BI Chamber of Commerce membership (2001,2002)	\$200.00
Board meeting conference calls	\$599.31
BIPOA sign design	\$150.00
Visioning Project	\$100.00
Supplies	\$8.00
Filing fee (Michigan)	\$10.00
Checking service charge	\$1.22
Total Expenses	\$2205.30

Net Income/(Loss)	(\$794.29)
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Balance Sheet (6/30/02)

Beginning Checking Balance (7/1/01)	\$2488.07
Plus dues received	\$1200.00
Less expenses paid	\$2205.30
Ending Checking Balance (6/30/02)	\$1482.77
Beginning CD Balance (7/1/01)	\$5968.11
Plus accrued interest	\$211.01
Ending CD Balance (6/30/02)	\$6179.12
Total Assets (6/30/02)	\$7661.89

Friends of the Trails

Mid July brought together ad hoc groups of volunteers, organized by Donald Cole, who began to trek around the island identifying all public access land. The group has been giving their time to support the Trails Committee in improving the public land to better serve the public. The following group of volunteers are interested in seeing this ongoing and vital project through:

Donald Cole
 Robert Cole
 Krys Lyle
 Ann Broder
 Bill Hannon
 Alice Belfy
 Terry Saxton
 Ed Connaghan
 Marilyn Reed
 Red Rowley
 Tina Morgan
 Doug Hartle
 Doug Tilly

This summer three field trips happened to determine improvements needed to bring these sites up to snuff. In some cases it is just a matter of getting signs up so newcomers can easily identify the locations. Brushing, clearing, and filling will be needed. The following sites are earmarked for immediate attention by May 2003. At a minimum, there will be signs marking the locations.

1. Mike Boyle's Beach
2. Little Sand Bay
3. Fox Lake Boat Launch
4. Lake Geneserath
5. Beaver Head Lighthouse
6. Little Iron Ore Bay

7. French Bay
8. Greene's Lake
9. Oliver's Point
10. Barney's Lake

In October the Peaine Township Parks and Trails Committee, the Friends of the Trails, and Bill O'Neill from the DNR, met to discuss rules and regulations for state land use. Grant money was discussed and is available for application. Bill O'Neill was open and willing to work with Beaver Island on the improvement of state public access. He recognized that there is an interested group willing to follow through on this project. It will become the responsibility of this group of volunteers and members of the community, under the guidance of the Peaine Township Parks and Trails Committee, to do the work. The DNR is also here for guidance and support and to establish guidelines for proper trail and access markings.

CMU was hired during the past two years, by the Peaine Township Parks and Trails Committee, to do global positioning (GPS) on the existing trail system on the island. The data has been plotted on a map. Additions to this map will include trail names, references, distances in mileage, and trail head identification. The goal for the coming season will be to have black and white maps at the identified trail-heads. Trail-heads will only be marked on the maps if they are in good repair.

Friends of the Trails are looking for community support in brushing, monitoring, and reporting on an

ongoing basis. We are hoping to create a network of individuals who would be willing to take sections of trails they frequent and report back on any problems or needs at these locations (trees down, beaver dams, maps, etc.)

The regular meeting of the Peaine Township Parks and Trails Committee occurs on Thursday, the day after the Peaine Township Board Meeting, which is the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The Trails meeting is at 7:00 p.m. at Peaine Township Hall. Meetings are open to the public. The committee encourages your input and support.

—Krys Lyle

Speaking of Roads...

Torrential late summer rains raised already standing waters to such high levels that Island roads washed out in two places: at the far south end of West Side Road and near Cable's Creek on East Side Drive. Peaine Township Supervisor John Works, Jr. and the Road Commission responded quickly to get the washouts repaired. Works also arranged for Road Commission representatives from Charlevoix to visit the Island in September to inspect those problems, hear the concerns of property owners in those areas, and devise appropriate solutions. Among the measures to be taken as a result of those activities are the installation of new culverts at several places on West Side Road and East Side Drive. Kudos and thanks to Supervisor Works for his quick and diligent attention to these issues.

—Paul Glendon



B I P O A
Membership Application
 Beaver Island Property Owners Association

New Member **Renewal** Update Address

* 2002-2003 Dues: \$20.00 *

Your Name: _____
 Island Address: _____
 (Address Line 2): _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____
 E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different than above)

Your Name: _____
 Address: _____
 (Address Line 2): _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____
 E-mail Address: _____

- I would be interested in serving on a committee.
- I would like to help with the annual meeting.
- I would like to help with special projects:

Please Mail with your Membership Dues of \$20.00 to:

Beaver Island Property Owners Association
 Box 62
 Beaver Island, MI 49782

Partnership Project Update.

If you were unable to attend our annual meeting in July, you may not be aware that BIPOA is a member of the Partnership Project, which is an outgrowth of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Visioning Project. This project was funded by a grant from the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation. Their aim is to build an Island-wide coalition of seasonal and year-round residents that would define what a "healthy community" would resemble and put into motion various initiatives to meet that goal. Over 700 people participated in surveys and focus groups over the past year. Following a presentation by Anne Glendon at the annual meeting, on the merits of this project, the membership supported the motion to join.

On September 16, 2002, the Partnership Steering Committee held their first meeting at the Peaine Township Hall. Jim Haveman from the Conservation Resource Alliance gave an overview of the partnership agreement process. This provides for innovative, local, voluntary solutions to complex problems. According to Haveman, this partnership agreement will: encourage communication between groups, build trust, help fundraising, require planning, be concise, NOT be legally binding, enhance local leadership skills, and make partners accountable.

The 3 identified agreed-upon goals are:

- Improve and support technology and environmentally-friendly economic development.
- Protect and improve the environment and public access to public land and water.
- Insure public safety and access to high quality health care

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2002 from 1-3 p.m. at the Peaine Township Hall. If you would like more information, please contact John Fiegen, Anne Glendon, or Jim Haveman.



Beaver Island Wildlife Club

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes, more specifically to preserve all wildlife on Beaver and Garden Islands. For the last several years we have purchased several tons of corn for feeding stations to supplement the diet of wild turkeys. We have just recently started excavation for a walleye-rearing pond on donated private property. We qualified for a grant for the DNR to start this project. Each spring walleye fry will be raised in this pond until achieving fingerling status and then transferred to Lake Geneserath where we hope to build a viable walleye fishery. Jim Gillingham with CMU will assist us in this endeavor. We feel this fishery will be a boost to our community in light of the plight of the smallmouth bass population and loss of that fishery. This fall we will plant a few plots with rye to supplement white-tail deer in the critical feeding months of March and April. Next year we hope to cultivate more small areas with rye and wheat. We encourage all Island landowners to dedicate a small area to this type of planting now that logging operations have ended on the Island, impacting natural feed for deer. Each year we sponsor a hunters' dinner at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. We like to promote goodwill through this gathering and boost our membership through this effort. This year the dinner will be held on November 17th. We also sponsor a big buck contest during rifle season. Look for signs and notices.

The club meets every six weeks during the summer months and once a month during the remainder of the year. The annual election of officers is at the December meeting. We usually meet at the Peaine Township Hall at 7:30 pm. We welcome new members. One year is \$15.00; 5 years for \$50.00; \$200.00 for a lifetime. Send your name and complete address along with your check to the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, c/o Harold Lounsberry, Box 498, Beaver Island MI 49782.

—Respectfully submitted by Lois Williams, secretary
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Main Street Improvement Project Complete - Township Engineer wins award

In St. James Township, the Main Street/Michigan Avenue Improvement project was completed this year. The additional costs relating to the project were paid from Township Savings funds, which had been set aside specifically for the street and road projects. The additional costs were for the many extras that were done at the time. The total amount paid from Township funds was \$286,436. It was necessary to replace many of the shrubs, which did not survive the winter of 2001-2002. The cost for the new shrubs was paid by the Landscaping Firm that set them originally.

Gary Voogt, our Township Engineer, with the firm of Moore & Bruggink, Inc. of Grand Rapids, was the recipient of the Michigan Section 2002 Quality of Life Award for the Beaver Island Improvement Project given by the American Society of Civil Engineers. This award was presented at the Society's Annual Meeting Awards luncheon on Friday, September 20, 2002 in Lansing. I was privileged to go to this luncheon along with Gary Voogt, Bob Bruggink, and John Racek from the firm of Moore & Bruggink. St. James Township also received a plaque, which hangs in our Hall.

The ASCE letter to Gary Voogt stated "the Beaver Island Improvement Project exemplifies the essence of what our 'Quality of Life' award is all about. The coordination efforts required given the various project components and funding sources plus the added challenges associated with the relative remoteness of the Island certainly made this an intriguing project." We in St. James Township are truly proud of what Gary Voogt has done for the Township.

—Jean Palmer,
Clerk, St. James Township

Congratulations for a job well done!

Moving? Please Keep Us Updated

Anytime that you do not receive your BIPOA newsletter, there is a reason. The most common are that either you moved and did not notify us, or that your dues were not paid and

we had to remove your name from the mailing list. We have received several newsletters back over the past year with no forwarding address. If you would clip off your name from the

address area and return it to us when you are moving, we will attempt to get the newsletter off to you promptly. You may also e-mail us via the BIPOA web site: www.beaverisland.net/bipoa.



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