

Pier Grant Opportunity – State of Michigan Water Ways Commission

Committee Participants:	Attendance 1st Meeting	Attendance 2nd Meeting
Gail Tischer	X	X
Ben Richwine	X	X
Nicole Robinson	X	X
Dean Melvin	X	
Gerry Montero	X	X
Celia Bias	X	X
Jordan Hartman	X	X
Carly Guggemos	X	X
Tyler Guggemos	X	X
Darlene Skinner	X	
Chad Cammeron	X	
Julie Stevenson	X	

Invited that couldn't make meetings because of other commitments:

James Geyer
Steve Walker
Blaine Tischer

Facilitated by: Tom Gibbons

Meeting Time & Dates: 5:30 / June 16, 2022 & 5:30 / June 24, 2022

Location: DITA Office

Pier Criteria Discussed:

- Location
- Parking - Capacity
- Pier Purpose – Activities?
 - Fishing
 - Picnics
 - Music
 - Sunsets
 - Swimming
 - Temporary Dockage Small boats
 - Events
 - Weddings
 - Birthday parties
 - Graduation parties
 - Anniversary celebration
- Revenue opportunities that would support the cost of the Pier
 - Food Vendor
 - Bait Shop
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Swimming toys
 - Fishing Equipment
- Environmental Impact
 - Traffic
 - Trash
- Economic Impact
 - Growth of Tourism
 - New business opportunities
- Township hire a person to maintain Pier.
 - Revenue can be generated to pay for this position by having a venue at the end delivering services as outlined above.

Locations Discussed:

- “Old Ferry Dock”
- Whitney Bay
- Township Park
- Betsy Seaman Park
- State Park
- Big Shoal Bay

“Old Ferry Dock: (Committee Score: 15.00 out of a possible 130 points)

Per Phone conversation June 20th, with Randy Hartman, Township Supervisor, stated Township doesn’t own any property in this area.

Pros:

- Good Fishing
- Freighter Viewing
- Nice Sunsets
- Fairly easy for visitors to find

Cons:

- Township doesn’t own any property in this area.
- Limited Parking
- Cold water – swimming
- Traffic impact to residents
- Winter Ice flow – potential damage to dock resulting in higher maintenance cost
- Not centrally located
- Not sure it will be as utilized as much as the Township Park or Betsy Seaman locations

Pier Purposes – Activities this location meets as outlined by the committee

- Fishing
- Picnics
- Music venue
- Sunsets
- Swimming
- Temporary Dockage – Small boats
- Events
 - Wedding
 - Birthday parties
 - Graduation parties
 - Anniversary celebrations
- Revenue opportunities that would support the cost of the Pier
 - Potential Food vendor
 - Bait shop
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Swim Toys
 - Fishing Equipment

Whitney Bay: (Committee Score: 8 out of a possible 130 points)

Per Phone conversation June 20th, with Randy Hartman, Township Supervisor, stated Township doesn't own any property in this area.

Pros:

- Pretty Setting
- Good Fishing
- Fairly easy for visitors to find
- Nice Sunsets – not sun seeing the sun set but beautiful setting.

Cons:

- Township doesn't own any property in this area.
- Limited Parking
- Already congested traffic area
- Traffic impact to residents
- Revenue opportunities would compete directly with Old Fort Drummond Marina

Pros:

- Pier Purposes – Activities this location meets as outlined by the committee
 - Fishing
 - Picnics
 - Music venue
 - Sunsets
 - Swimming
 - Temporary Dockage – Small boats
 - Events
 - Wedding
 - Birthday parties
 - Graduation parties
 - Anniversary celebrations
- Revenue opportunities that would support the cost of the Pier
 - Potential Food vendor
 - Bait shop
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Swim Toys
 - Fishing Equipment

“Township Park: (Committee Score: 130 out of a 130 possible points)

Per Phone conversation June 20th, with Randy Hartman, Township Supervisor, stated Township owns several acres of land in this area but off hand wasn’t sure of the exact acreage.

Pros:

- Township owns plenty of property
- Centrally located on the Island
- Easy for Tourists – visitors to find
 - Property available to expand parking
- Fair Fishing
- Great Sun Sets
- Enhances Park offerings
- Pier Purposes – Activities this location meets as outlined by the committee
 - Fishing
 - Picnics
 - Music venue
 - Sunsets
 - Swimming
 - Temporary Dockage – Small boats
 - Events
 - Wedding
 - Birthday parties
 - Graduation parties
 - Anniversary celebrations
- Park Revenue opportunities that would support the cost of the Pier
 - Potential Food vendor
 - Bait shop
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Swim Toys
 - Fishing Equipment
- Township already employees a part time employee to manage the Park.
- Township owns several acres at the park, allowing expansion for parking
- Enhances Park offering

Cons:

- Current Limited Parking
- Traffic impact – road and residents

Betsy Seaman Park: (Committee Score: 25 out of a possible 130 points)

Per Phone conversation June 20th, with Randy Hartman, Township Supervisor, stated Township owns about 100 feet of Shoreline but off hand wasn't sure of the exact amount.

Pros:

- Centrally located on the Island
- Easy for Tourists – visitors to find
 - Some property available to expand parking
 - Parking available at the Museum
- Fair Fishing
- Sun Sets
- Enhances Park offerings
- Pier Purposes – Activities this location meets as outlined by the committee
 - Fishing
 - Picnics
 - Music venue
 - Sunsets
 - Swimming
 - Temporary Dockage – Small boats
 - Events
 - Wedding
 - Birthday parties
 - Graduation parties
 - Anniversary celebrations
- Park Revenue opportunities that would support the cost of the Pier
 - Food vendor
 - Bait shop
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Swim Toys
 - Fishing Equipment
- Township is already maintaining this Park.

Cons:

- Current Limited Parking
- Traffic impact – road and residents
- Noise – when Pier Events occur

“State Park: (Committee Score: 43 out of a possible 130 points)

Pros:

- State owns property for expansion in this area
- Already established parking area
 - Property available to expand parking
- Good Fishing
Nice Sun Sets
- Enhances current Park offerings
- Pier Purposes – Activities this location meets as outlined by the committee
 - Fishing
 - Picnics
 - Sunsets
 - Temporary Dockage – Small boats
 - Events
 - Wedding
 - Birthday parties
 - Graduation parties
 - Anniversary celebrations
- Park Revenue opportunities that would support the cost of the Pier
 - Bait shop
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Fishing Equipment

Cons:

- Not a good Swimming area
- Hard for Visitors to find
- Not Centrally located
- Most likely will not be utilized as a Music venue
- Not sure it will be as utilized as much as the Township Park or Betsy Seaman locations
- Located in Spawning area for Perch, Pike and Walleye. Will be difficult to get DNR approval.
- State owned land versus Township, more red tape.

Big Shoal Bay: (Committee Score: 22 out of a possible 130 points)

Per Phone conversation June 20th, with Randy Hartman, Township Supervisor, stated Township owns about 100 feet of Shoreline but off hand wasn't sure of the exact amount.

Pros:

- Township owns property
- Already has established Parking lot and beach
- Pier would enhance Park offerings
- Pier Purposes – Activities this location meets as outlined by the committee
 - Picnics
 - Music venue
 - Swimming
 - Events
 - Wedding
 - Birthday parties
 - Graduation parties
 - Anniversary celebrations
- Park Revenue opportunities that would support the cost of the Pier
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Swim Toys

Cons:

- Not centrally located
- For Swimming purposes, water is colder in this this area.
- Increased traffic impacting neighboring residents to beach.
- Falls short on some of the sought Pier purposes – activities discussed
 - Poor Fishing
 - Sunsets
 - Temporary Dockage – Small boats – very few boats in this area
- Harder to locate versus other locations therefore most likely reducing revenue opportunities to support the Pier maintenance.
 - Potential Food vendor
 - Bait shop
 - Rentals
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Day Sailing boats
 - Swim Toys
 - Fishing Equipment

At second meeting, June 23rd, 2020 the following survey was taken. These are the individual rankings by each attendee with a summary of the survey highlighted in Green at the bottom of page eleven.

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

_____5_____ Old Ferry Dock

_____4_____ Whitney Bay

_____1_____ Township Park

_____ Betsy Seaman

_____2_____ State Park

_____3_____ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: _____X_____ No: _____ Undecided: _____

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

_____ Old Ferry Dock

_____5_____ Whitney Bay

_____1_____ Township Park

_____4_____ Betsy Seaman

_____2_____ State Park

_____3_____ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: _____X_____ No: _____ Undecided: _____

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

_____ Old Ferry Dock

_____5_____ Whitney Bay

_____1_____ Township Park

_____2_____ Betsy Seaman

_____3_____ State Park

_____4_____ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: _____X_____ No: _____ Undecided: _____

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

_____5_____ Old Ferry Dock

_____3_____ Whitney Bay

_____1_____ Township Park

_____ Betsy Seaman

_____2_____ State Park

_____4_____ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: _____ No: _____ Undecided: _____X_____

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

_____4_____ Old Ferry Dock

_____3_____ Whitney Bay

_____1_____ Township Park

_____ Betsy Seaman

_____2_____ State Park

_____5_____ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: _____X_____ No: _____ Undecided: _____

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

_____3_____ Old Ferry Dock

_____ Whitney Bay

_____1_____ Township Park

_____4_____ Betsy Seaman

_____2_____ State Park

_____5_____ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: _____X_____ No: _____ Undecided: _____

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

- ___2___ Old Ferry Dock
- ___5___ Whitney Bay
- ___1___ Township Park
- ___3___ Betsy Seaman
- _____ State Park
- ___4___ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: _____ No: _____ Undecided: ___X___

Please rank in order; 1 thru 5 which Pier location you most likely use?

- ___5___ Old Ferry Dock
- _____ Whitney Bay
- ___1___ Township Park
- ___4___ Betsy Seaman
- ___2___ State Park
- ___3___ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: ___X___ No: _____ Undecided: _____

Ranking Summary; 1 = most likely to use / 5 = least likely to use (Score average based on committee surveyed.

- ___4.5___ Old Ferry Dock
- ___4.6___ Whitney Bay
- ___1.0___ Township Park
- ___4.4___ Betsy Seaman
- ___2.6___ State Park
- ___3.9___ Big Shoal Bay

Do you feel the Township Board should pursue writing a grant for a Drummond Island Pier as outlined from our meeting notes? Yes: ___6___ No: _____ Undecided: ___2___

Fishing Pier Notes:

Sargent Calvin Smith – DNR – Phone Conversation Monday, June 13th.

State Park: Most likely a permit for a Pier in this area would not be issued as it is considered Spawning grounds for Perch, Pike and Walleye.

Also, of concern is this is an already narrow passage. A dock in this location may further restrict the passage.

Phone interview with other Communities that have Piers: **Clark Township – (Cedarville – Hessel)**

Person Interviewed: **Mark Claymore – Township Supervisor** _____

Phone: 906-484-2672 _____

Pier Activities:

Fishing

Swimming

Other: **Kayak, Canoe Launches available. They have an ADA Kayak Launch on order.**

Life Guard Required:

Sign: **“No Life Guard on Duty – Swim at Own Risk)**

Life Equipment Needed Throw Rings – Signs _____

Liability Insurance: Yes _____

Other Considerations: **Clark Township has focused on purchasing land from the State for developing public piers. Each Pier has its own uniqueness for swimming, fishing, Kayaking.**

Their Pirs are located in Cedarville Bay, (not many swim here because it has a lot of weeds) Duck Bay located on Marquette Island (they purchased several acres from the State for this location), to a swimming Beach located in Hessel.

They also purchased 60 acres from the state on Voight Bay which faces South, located on the big lake for Kayaking and Hiking. Most likely they will not develop this area for swimming because of cold water. _____

Phone interview with other Communities that have Piers:: **Charlevoix** _____

Person Interviewed: **Kent Knorr – Recreation Director – Parks and Recreation Department** _____

Phone: **231-547-7183** _____

Pier Activities:

Fishing

Swimming

Other _____

Life Guard Required:

Sign: "No Life Guard on Duty – Swim at Own Risk)

_____ Life Equipment Needed: **Swim Buoys, No Diving allowed signs, Swim Ladders located on Docks, (make sure to accommodate for low and high water), Throw rings.** _____

Liability Insurance: _____ _____

Other Considerations: **Kent said the Swimming Pier located on Ferry lane next to Irish Boat Works is used a lot for swimming. This Pier is also used a lot in the Spring and Fall for fishing. They have several beaches but don't have Life Guards at any them or their Piers. They have signs at all locations stating: "No Life Guard on Duty – Swim at Own Risk".**

Phone interview with other Communities that have Piers:: **East Jordan** _____

Person Interviewed: Heather – **City Hall** _____

Phone: **231-536-3381** _____

Pier Activities:

Fishing

Swimming

Other Kayak 0 See Notes Below _____

Life Guard Required:

Sign: "No Life Guard on Duty – Swim at Own Risk)

Life Equipment Needed _____

Liability Insurance: _____

Other Considerations: East Jordan has a Boat harbor. Fishing is allowed here on the outside of the dock but not on the inside where boats are located.

For Swimming, they have a Tourist Park. They also offer Swimming at Elm Point a location owned by the city but located outside of City Limits.

No Piers are available for Swimming.

They have a Kayak launch located at their Sportsman Park. _____

Phone interview with other Communities that have Piers: **Harbor Springs** _____

Person Interviewed: **Mike Johnson – Harbor Master** _____

Phone: **231-526-5355** _____

Pier Activities:

____ **No** ____ Fishing

____ **No** ____ Swimming

____ **YES** ____ Other _____

Life Guard Required:

____ **N.A.** ____ Sign: "No Life Guard on Duty – Swim at Own Risk)

____ **N.A.** ____ Life Equipment Needed _____

Liability Insurance: _____

Other Considerations: **Harbor Springs has three public piers but fishing is allowed because of boat and pedestrian traffic on the docks. Swimming is not allowed because they have three Marinas within 500 yards of each other all with electric outlets for boats to plug into. This creates a possible Voltage leakage situation which could cause swimmers to be electrocuted.**
