

## **Amendment to the Pentwater Area**

### **Recreation Plan**

## **Oceana County, Michigan**

### **A Collaborative Recreation Plan**

**Prepared by the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee**

**Adopted by**

**The Village of Pentwater**

**Pentwater Township**

**Pentwater Public Schools**

**January 2015**

**Recreation Plan Amendment Committee Members**

**Rob Allard, Village of Pentwater Manager**

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**Prepared by Mary Stiphany**

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## ELEMENTS OF 2013-2018 RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT

All elements are specific to the Pentwater Village Marina and the Pentwater Harbor/Lake Michigan Channel with noted exceptions\*. All elements will be incorporated into the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan.

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## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

The Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Committee used the Systems Approach to planning, a collaborative planning process conducted by a committee of representatives from the Village of Pentwater, Township of Pentwater, and Pentwater Public Schools.

The Pentwater Area Recreation Committee met and directed the development of the amended five year plan, coordinated by Chairperson Mary Stiphany. Upon review and after a resolution to adopt the amendment by the Recreation Plan Committee, the governing bodies of the Village, Township, and Pentwater School, reviewed the amended plan and all three passed a resolution to adopt the Recreation Plan Amendment which was submitted to the Grants Management Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for final approval. Copies were sent to the Oceana County Planning Commission and the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.

One of the purposes for amending the plan is to focus on documenting the Pentwater Village Marina and Pentwater's harbor and channel data to include the following:

- Dredging information
- Annual maintenance, replacement, and infrastructure schedules of large investments

The second reason for an amendment was to develop plans for marketing, events, and partnering with other agencies in order to highlight the Pentwater Village Marina and the Pentwater Harbor/Channel.

This amendment is necessary in order to be eligible for Waterways grants.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

A *Public Meeting* was held November 3, 2014, to amend the 2013-2018 Pentwater Area Recreation Plan per the reasons described above. An additional *Public Meeting* was held on December 15, 2014, as well as and a *Public Hearing* on January 6, 2015. (See Appendix for copies of notices, postings, summaries, and minutes.) In addition focus phone conversations allowed those unable to attend the published meetings to provide valuable input into the Recreation Plan Amendment.

The responses received represented the whole community for a variety of reasons:

- Public Input Meetings and Public Hearings were scheduled in the afternoon and evening.

Focus group meetings via phone conversations were held with key people such as Marina Manager Dick Hutchins and Dave Roseman, MD, Pentwater harbor researcher and originator of [pentwaterharbor.org](http://pentwaterharbor.org)

- Dick Hutchings felt the current stationary docks should be replaced with T docks to double the amount of Municipal docks. Expand and improve the Pentwater Village Public Marina as the demand for the slips exceeds the current capacity. Expand the current marina to provide 30 additional 30 foot slips for seasonal and transient rental. Dock improvements would include 50 amp electric hook-up for service for both permanent and transient boaters and upgrades to the

water and pump-out service and the installation of WI-FI capability. Currently the 30 amp electric hook-up is inadequate. An expansion of the marina building would include an additional restroom, shower facilities, and improvements to the office and storage space. It is the intent of the Village of Pentwater to move forward with many of these changes.

- A phone conference was held with Dave Roseman, MD. He personally collected data demonstrating the depth changes in the Pentwater Channel. This data was used to seek ways to minimize the need for dredging and to dredge areas based on data. His report to the Village of Pentwater is included in this document in the Appendix. In addition, Dr. Roseman developed the website [pentwaterchannel.org](http://pentwaterchannel.org). This website shares data on dredging includes historical events and references, as well as current interventions to address the issue of the depth of the harbor.

Dave felt that future work on the channel should include repeated dredging. In addition, he felt that putting permanent impervious fencing along both sides of the channel would help prevent future need for frequent dredging. Currently, a fence made of bamboo has been placed on the south pier and has captured a great deal of sand. (See appendix for report to the Village Council for details.)

- A phone conference was held with the Pentwater Chief of Police regarding the Recreation Plan Amendment. Discussion included the Village Marina current and future uses and possible alternative uses for the ice skating rink property.

#### **METHODS TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT IN THE RECREATION PLANNING PROCESS**

Public Meeting and Hearing Notices were placed in the Oceana Herald Journal, on the community sign, and on the Village, Township, and School bulletin boards.

Responses at the meetings include the following:

- Members applauded the Sports Fishing Association for the Harbor/Channel lights installed in the last two years. This group also purchased lighted buoys for the harbor.
- It was noted that additional buoys were recently added by Charlie's Marina to designate *no wake zones*.
- There are additional plans to capture sand before it blows into the Pentwater Lake/Lake Michigan Channel by adding a second fence to prevent sand from entering the harbor from the north and the south pier. (Currently, one such fence exists on the south pier.)
- Members suggested the Village Marina increase the number of rental racks for kayaking and to include paddle board rentals.
- Permanently placed picnic tables should be placed on Village Marina property to allow for casual picnicking.
- Transient boat slips would help Pentwater become a destination stop for those wanting to shop and return home in the evening. Currently, the boat slips in the Village Marina are for overnight use only, although in slower seasons transient boats are accommodated. Pentwater has just

installed a Shopper's Dock at a seawall on Third Street as November 31, 2014. This site is limited to small craft.

#### **MARKETING PLAN responses**

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- Chamber of Commerce, this website takes visitors to the Village website; an ad could be placed there.
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- Yacht Clubs
- Marina Life website
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- YouTube
- [www.oceanacountypress.com](http://www.oceanacountypress.com)
- Local news Public Service announcements, Editorials, Letters to the Editor, Press releases... (TV, Radio, Newspaper)
- Magazines, Direct Mail,
- Expand the Village of Pentwater and Pentwater Chamber of Commerce websites for Marinas to include a description of events that happen throughout the year. Junior Sailors events and classes and youth events at the State Park could be included as they are both water based activities. Flyers with the above information can be put in local chambers and various locations in the area. Examples include:

Michigan Fishing for Free, June 13-14, 2014

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## **Pentwater Municipal Marina**

The Pentwater Municipal Marina is a 2.5 acre, 40-slip public marina with a 30-amp electric, water, and pump-out facilities. The marina has 21 seasonal slips, 14 transient slips, and five charter fishing boat slips. Public facilities include a 20-space parking lot, a covered picnic gazebo, tables, restrooms, and showers. The marina also has rental storage racks for kayaks and canoes.

### **Infrastructure Replacement Schedules and Future Expansion**

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### **Annual Maintenance schedules**

2014-The seawall was damaged due to storms and high water and has been replaced with in kind materials.

2015-2016-Repair of dock planking

2016-2018-Upgrade and increase electrical capacity

### **Dredging Information**

For the first time in 30 years the Village Marina was dredged in 2013.

## **The Pentwater Lake/Lake Michigan Channel**

This channel provides boating access between the two lakes. This channel was recognized as an official historic site in 2002. Barrier free pedestrian walkways extend the full length of both north and south piers. Access to these walkways is provided from three parks, and a sidewalk which connect the State Park with the north pier. Residents and visitors frequently use the walkways for fishing, hiking, walking, and watching boat traffic.

### **Infrastructure Replacement and Future Expansion**

2015-2016: Future work on the channel should include repeated dredging. In addition, putting permanent impervious fencing along both sides of the channel would help prevent future need for frequent dredging. Currently, a fence made of bamboo has been placed on the south pier and has captured a great deal of sand.

(2012- Research was done to collect data on the status of the depth of the channel. See Dave Roseman's report to the Village Council.)

**Annual Maintenance Schedules**

2012-2014-State Park maintenance staff purchased snow fencing; bamboo fencing was purchased by the Village and attached to the existing pier railing; an impervious layer was later applied.

2015-2016: Assess need for dredging in the spring, add additional layers to fencing as needed.

**Replacement Schedules of large investments, docks, buildings, etc-per the Corps of Engineers**

**Dredging information: frequency, volume**

FY	START	COMPLETION	CUBIC YARDS
2001	5/18/2001	5/23/2001	16,936
2002	6/23/2002	6/26/2002	11,088
2003	6/30/2003	7/1/2003	4,216
2004	6/4/2004	6/10/2004	17,390
2005	6/8/2005	6/11/2005	14,285
2006	5/5/2006	5/12/2006	7,791
2008	6/11/2008	6/15/2008	12,293
2009	11/28/2009	5/18/2010	17,868
2012	7/12/2012	7/13/2012	4,500

Disposal Location-dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.



## ADDITION OF WINTER SPORTS INTO ACTION PLANS-see bold and italicized notes

### Village of Pentwater Prioritized Action Plan for Goal #2: To enhance and improve facilities and programs in the community to meet the needs of persons of all capabilities.

1. Improve the village tennis and basketball court area by adding badly needed lighting, restrooms, drinking fountains; resurface court surfaces.
2. ***Add and improve recreation facilities such as an improved ice skating rink in a different venue, converting current ice skating rink into a Pickle Ball court, roller blade park, a youth recreation room, adding Pickle Ball courts, Bocce Ball court, Shuffleboard court, and a Disc Golf Course.*** These additional facilities will extend the outdoor recreation season for tourists and local citizens. Benches for observers need to be included when constructing the above facilities.
3. Upgrade facilities, play area, and programs at the Friendship Center. Construct an outdoor covered structure that could be used for meals and games.

### Village and Township Action Plan for non-motorized trails

1. To develop a Pentwater to Bass Lake Hiking Trail on the existing Old Bass Lake Road trail linking it to cemetery roads. Bathrooms, parking areas, benches, exercise stations, and drinking fountains would be part of this development. Currently this existing trail was the historic road to Bass Lake from Pentwater. Business 31 North out of Pentwater is a winding road. Bikers and pedestrians use it for recreational purposes even though it is dangerous to use due to heavy seasonal traffic and limited visibility around curves. The Old Bass Lake Trail linked to the cemetery would give pedestrians and bikers a safe and beautiful trail.
2. Roadways, shoulders, sidewalks, and walking paths should be developed and adequately lit throughout the Village for walking and biking. The sidewalks in the Village are limited and citizens use the street to push baby carriages, ride bikes, and walk or run.
3. To develop a connecting trail from Silver Lake to Charles Mears State Park; to include a connecting trail from the B15 intersection of Longbridge Road to Chester Street Park. In addition, a Wayne Road linkage to the Hart Montague Trail would make a connection that would allow users to travel from Pentwater to Montague on a safe trail. Those that currently use Longbridge, B15, Wayne Road, and Business 31 travel on roads with limited visibility due to curves, seasonal heavy traffic such as motor homes, trucks, travel trailers, and car traffic. The potential for accidents is great, discouraging many from biking and walking.
4. ***Enhance Pentwater cross country ski experiences by plowing Railroad Avenue and Pentwater Pathways parking lots and assist in grooming, developing, and marking trails.***

**PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN**

**Appendix H**

**Marketing, Events, and Partnering Plans**

## MARKETING PLAN

Public and media relations are the most vital component to Pentwater's communications planning. Implementing a professional public relations campaign is most critical to building a brand, while advertising maintains our position.

The general media has all but ignored Pentwater's breathtaking coast for many years. Research indicated minimal awareness of Pentwater in the primary feeder markets. Earned media is acquired only through a great deal of relationship building and diligence.

The following tasks need to be performed to improve the public's knowledge of the Village of Pentwater Municipal Marina and its beautiful harbor:

1. Identify and develop relationships with tourism, travel, boating, and recreation writers, and schedule a tour with as many of them as possible.
2. Design and assemble a press kit to make available to retailers and suppliers.
3. Make all state and national tourism organizations aware of Pentwater through stories posting, and calendar updates. Post all properties and all calendar events on Michigan.org. Submit all events and activities to WMTA.
4. Leverage Pentwater with Travel Michigan's Bechtowns Campaign. Currently we are not on their site.
5. Draft monthly press releases.
6. Post calendar events on absolutemichigan.com and on all recreation sites.
7. Contact Grand Rapids Cosmopolitan Home and Grand Rapids Magazine for features.
8. Arrange radio interviews.
9. The Chamber website has a marina link to the Village website page. This page can be expanded to include pictures of shower- bath area for the Municipal marina, as well as shots showing the docks; different photos can be organized to illustrate amenities at the Municipal Boat Launch on Sixth Street.
10. Contact Yacht Clubs and get on their links.
11. Get a link or ad on Marina Life website
12. Get a link or ad for various Lake Associations.
13. Begin discussion on Trip Advisor Forums
14. Develop links to various Sport fishing Associations.
15. Develop a marina page on the following:
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - LinkedIn
  - YouTube
16. Develop a presence on [www.oceanacountypress.com](http://www.oceanacountypress.com).

17. Develop press releases regularly to local news, Public Service announcements, write letters to the editor.

## **EVENT PLAN**

(To be combined whenever possible with Marketing Plan)

Expanding the Village of Pentwater and Pentwater Chamber of Commerce website for Marinas to include a description of events that happen throughout the year. Junior Sailors events and classes and youth events at the State Park could be included as they are both water based activities. Flyers with the above information can be put in local chambers and various locations in the area. (See Marketing Plan) Examples of events include the following:

- Michigan Fishing for Free, June 13-14, 2014
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## **PARTNERING PLAN**

1. Establish a regional destination marketing partnership with a strategic long term cooperative marketing plan with Lake, Manistee, Mason, and Newaygo counties. Tourism is inherently regional enterprise. Successful only through the cooperative effort of the areas' accommodations, events and attractions, food and beverage service, retail and transportation. Individual promotion may increase tourist flow, but unless it is integrated and has leveraged the strengths of the entire community, it will not lead to sustainable growth.
2. Develop a regional Chamber of Commerce.
3. Focus on enhancing and developing the agree-tourism, eco-tourism and nature based tourism industry in Pentwater. Utilize a natural resources database that will serve to identify niche markets.
4. Contact tour operators through the National Tour Association and Circle Michigan for packaging opportunities highlighting the Lighthouse and walking tours of Historic Pentwater
5. Identify travel and recreation shows throughout the state to distribute information and generate awareness.
6. Group special promotions, packages, and events by season for broadcast distribution, fall, winter, and spring.

**PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT**

**Appendix I**

**Pentwater Harbor Research Committee Report**

**November 20, 2013**

Pentwater Harbor Research Committee  
Report  
November 20, 2013

**Background**

The Pentwater Harbor Research Committee was formed by Juanita Pierman, the Village President, last year to address shoaling in the Pentwater Channel and its adjacent waters in Lake Michigan. The Committee has been open to anyone interested in the problem, and has included about 50 members.<sup>i</sup> The Committee has met about ten times in the past year and one half.

The channel has been dredged many times since it was dug by Charles Mears in the 1850s. This was funded by the federal government since about 1877, but that funding has been discontinued. The goal of the committee was to address the future of the channel. As an example of the history of the problem, the channel has been dredged nearly every year since 1963. The cost in real dollars has been \$3,045,866. Adjusted for inflation, this equates to a cost in 2011 dollars of as much as \$ 17,728,700.<sup>ii</sup>

The shoaling is not a new problem:

"So far as the United States government is concerned, its Pentwater project has been abandoned, and the harbor facilities are being allowed slowly to go ruin. The government engineers have reported adversely to proposals of further development or maintenance and the result is that no more federal appropriations are available for the port. Abandonment, of course, means ruin."<sup>iii</sup>

**Studies**

The first step was to learn the magnitude of the problem. A program named UnderSee Explorer<sup>iv</sup> was identified using the web. This program allows the input of data from a fish finder (a combined GPS and sonar) and automatically produces contour maps of the bottom. A Garmin 441s unit was acquired. The initial data collection was done using borrowed boats. To add uniformity and ease of mapping, a 1985 15' Boston Whaler was purchased.

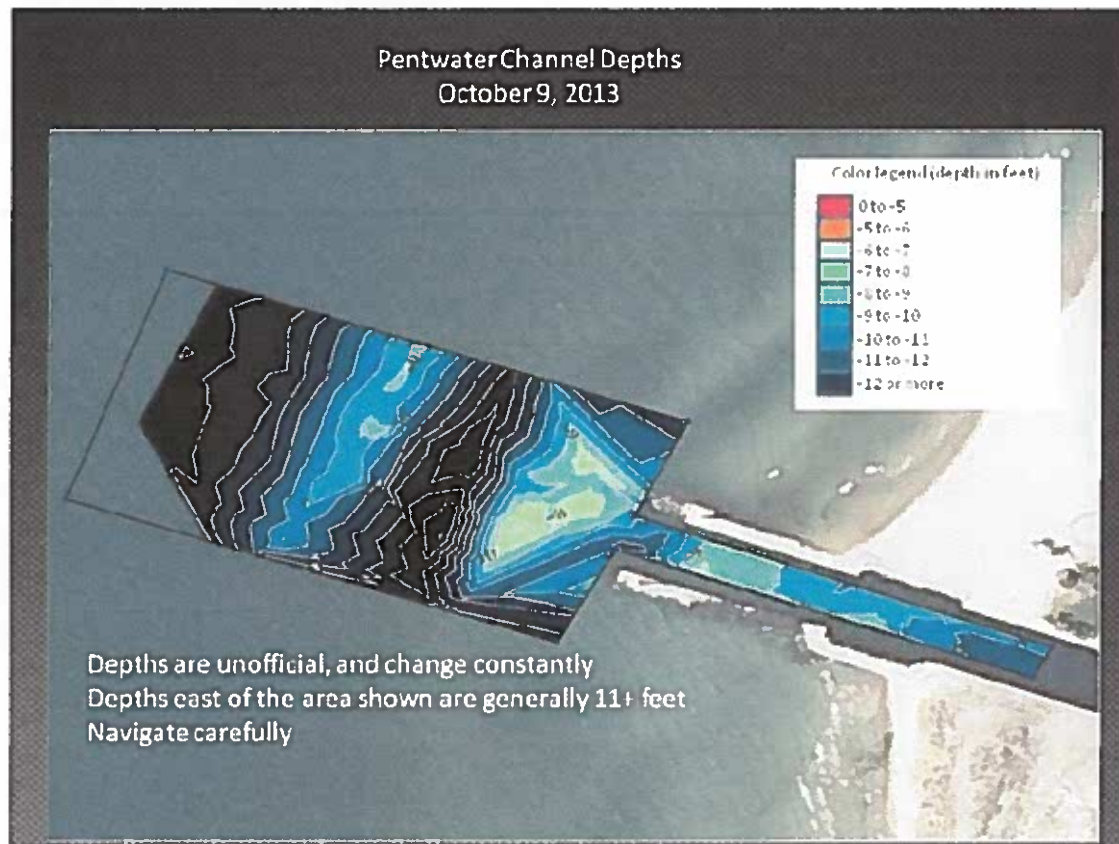
At this time, Frode Maaseidvaag was given the name of Guy Meadows, PhD, then a marine engineer at the University of Michigan. We met Prof Meadows, and immediately found many areas of common interest. Prof Meadows, subsequently became the first director of the Great Lakes Research Center at Michigan Tech, and has been an invaluable source of help to this project.

We later added a Lowrance side scan sonar, on Prof Meadows' recommendation, and changed to a 16', newer, Whaler.



Depth sounding equipment

An example map follows:



The channel has been mapped about 23 times since March 2012. Our goal has been to try to understand how the bottom changes with time, and the causes of the shoaling. We have worked with William Burlison, the software's developer, to add some features. These include a user-defined area of interest, dredge volume calculations, and the animation of sequential mappings.

#### **Causes of shoaling.**

There are two separate areas of shoaling, the west end of the channel, and a sandbar that forms about 100 feet west of the channel entrance. There appear to be two causes of the shoaling:

1. Wave-driven alongshore currents, primarily from the north and northwest. This forms the sandbar at the mouth of the channel.
2. Blowing beach sand, primarily from the north, but also from the south. This is the likely cause of most of the accumulation in the west end of the channel.





South pier, January 8, 2013

### **Actions.**

With great help from the Community Foundations for Oceana County and Muskegon County, a fund was established. Tax-deductible donations were solicited from a variety of sources, especially from customers of Jack, Jonathan and Andrew Witt at Snug Harbor Marina. Approximately \$45,000 was raised. Using \$25,000 from this source, and \$15,000 each from the Village of Pentwater and the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board, dredging was funded in 2012.

Some good ideas have been discussed to minimize the need for dredging the sandbar. These are being explored, but are unlikely to be productive in the foreseeable future.. Participants in this have included Guy Meadows, and Tom Newhof and Mark Lee of the Prein and Newhof engineering firm. Frode Maaseidvaag, Ted Cuchna and Paul O'Grady have also been very helpful.

### **Interventions**

We decided that blocking the blowing sand should be a cost-effective way to lessen the need for dredging in the channel. Tom Sturr has spearheaded this project, with great help from Manny Valdez, supervisor of the Charles Mears State Park, and Doug Nelson of the Oceana Beach Association. Last fall, we purchased additional snow fencing that was installed by Mr Valdez' crew. This year, bamboo fencing was purchased by the Village and attached to the existing pier railing. Some sand blew through the fencing, so an impervious layer was applied. All work was done by the State Park crew. A large amount of sand has been trapped and moved, and the channel seems to be getting somewhat

deeper, rather than more shallow. We are cautiously optimistic that this will decrease the need for channel dredging.

**Funding.**

It is likely that dredging will be required every one or two years, at an estimated annual cost of about \$50,000. It is unlikely that this will come from State or Federal sources, and that local funding will be needed. Private funds will not be sustainable, but should be available for emergency use. The most likely sources of durable funding are the Village, Township and Lake Improvement Board. We recommend that \$15,000 per year should be budgeted by each of these entities. There are a variety of issues, but these should all be resolvable.

**Website.**

An unofficial website has been built at <http://pentwaterchannel.org>. This contains detailed historical information, and several depth charts.

**Importance.**

The channel is extremely important to the continued prosperity of Pentwater, Pentwater Township, and the surrounding area. The maintenance costs are extremely reasonable when compared to the probable costs of having the channel become closed to boat traffic. It seems highly likely that a non-navigable channel would decrease the volume of business in Pentwater and surrounding areas, and would also decrease property values and tax revenues. In short, it would lessen the desirability of visiting and living in the Pentwater community.

Respectfully,

David Roseman, MD  
Chairman

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<sup>i</sup> Committee members

Paul Anderson	Chip Gwillim	Joe Primozich
Ed Bigelow	Dan Hoekstra	Milt Pugsley
Bill Bainton	Pat Hooyman	Bill Ribbens
Bruce Birney	Dean Jessup	Kathy Ribbens
Tammy Carey	Dan Kelly	Gordon Rogers
John Carlson	Bruce Koornodyc	Dave Roseman
Lynne Cavazos	John Kran	Barry Rought
Phil Ceton	Amy Labarge	Jean Russell
Jim Chapman	Frode Maaseidvaag	Norm Shotwell
Bob Childers	Mac McCaleb	Chuck Smith
Dan Conley	Christina McVie	Tom Spees
Bob Cornelisen	Jim Miller	Ron Steiner
Ted Cuchna	Andy Noble	Tom Sturr
Mike Flynn	Paul O'Grady	Andy Todd
Marian Garbowski	Tom Osborn	David Webster
John Grant	Denny Powers	Jack Witt
Jared Griffis	Jack Patterson	Larry Zahner
Dean Gustafson	Juanita Pierman	

<sup>ii</sup> [http://pentwaterchannel.org/Army%20Corps%20data/dredging%20history%201963-2009\\_files/Dredging%20history%20USACE%201963-2012.xlsx](http://pentwaterchannel.org/Army%20Corps%20data/dredging%20history%201963-2009_files/Dredging%20history%20USACE%201963-2012.xlsx)

<sup>iii</sup> [local newspaper clipping from Pentwater Historical Society dated 4-26-21]

<sup>iv</sup> [http:// http://burlisontech.com/](http://http://burlisontech.com/)

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**Appendix J**

**Copies of Public Notices, Postings of Public Hearings and Meetings, and Minutes  
of Public Meetings and Hearings**

**Public Meeting Notice**  
**Village/Township of Pentwater**

The Village of Pentwater, Township of Pentwater, and Pentwater Public Schools need public input to amend the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan. Citizens are invited to a meeting to develop the amendment on Monday, November 3, 2:00-3:15 P.M. at Pentwater Public Schools, Room #307.

Call Mary Stiphany, 231-869-4107 with any questions.

*10/30/14 Ocean Herald J.*



## **Recreation Plan Amendment Public Meeting Agenda**

**November 3, 2014**

**2:00 P.M. Pentwater School Room #307**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Rationale behind the amending of 2013-2018 Recreation Plan**
- 3. Focus and update on the following: See handouts)**
  - Village Municipal Marina**
  
  - Harbor/Channel**
- 4. Input on any and all aspects of the Municipal Marina and Harbor/Channel**
- 5. Other input to the existing Recreation Plan**

## Minutes of Recreation Plan Amendment Meeting November 3, 2014

In attendance: Barb Sheren, community member; Rob Allard, Village Manager; Chuck Smith, Township Supervisor; Mike Flynn, Township Representative, Dan Nugent, Pentwater School Representative; Juanita Pierman, Village President; Ron Stoneman, community member, Alicia Kolenda, community member, Mary Stiphany, Recreation Plan Committee Chairperson.

Chairperson Stiphany opened the meeting to describe the key elements of the Recreation Plan Amendment:

1. To document data for the Pentwater Municipal Marina and the Pentwater Harbor/Lake Michigan Channel
  2. To further develop an existing Marketing Plan, an Events Plan, and a Partnering Plan with the purpose of highlighting the Pentwater Municipal Marina and the Pentwater Harbor/Lake Michigan Channel.
  3. Adding the above to the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan will allow Pentwater to apply for a 2015 Waterways grant.
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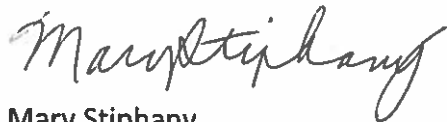
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Links for the Village Marina should include

- Yacht Clubs
- Lake Associations
- Sport fishing Associations
  
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Stiphany". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Stiphany



## **Public Meeting Notice of the Pentwater Area Five Year Recreation Plan Amendment**

The Pentwater Area Recreation Committee is holding a Public Meeting on Monday, December 15, 2:00-3:00 P.M. at Pentwater School, Room #307. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve a draft copy of the Pentwater Area Five Year Recreation Plan Amendment.

A draft of this plan will be available on December 15, 2014- January 12, 2015, for the public to review in the following locations: Village Hall office, Township office, Pentwater School, and the Pentwater Township Library.

*O A Journal 12/11/14*

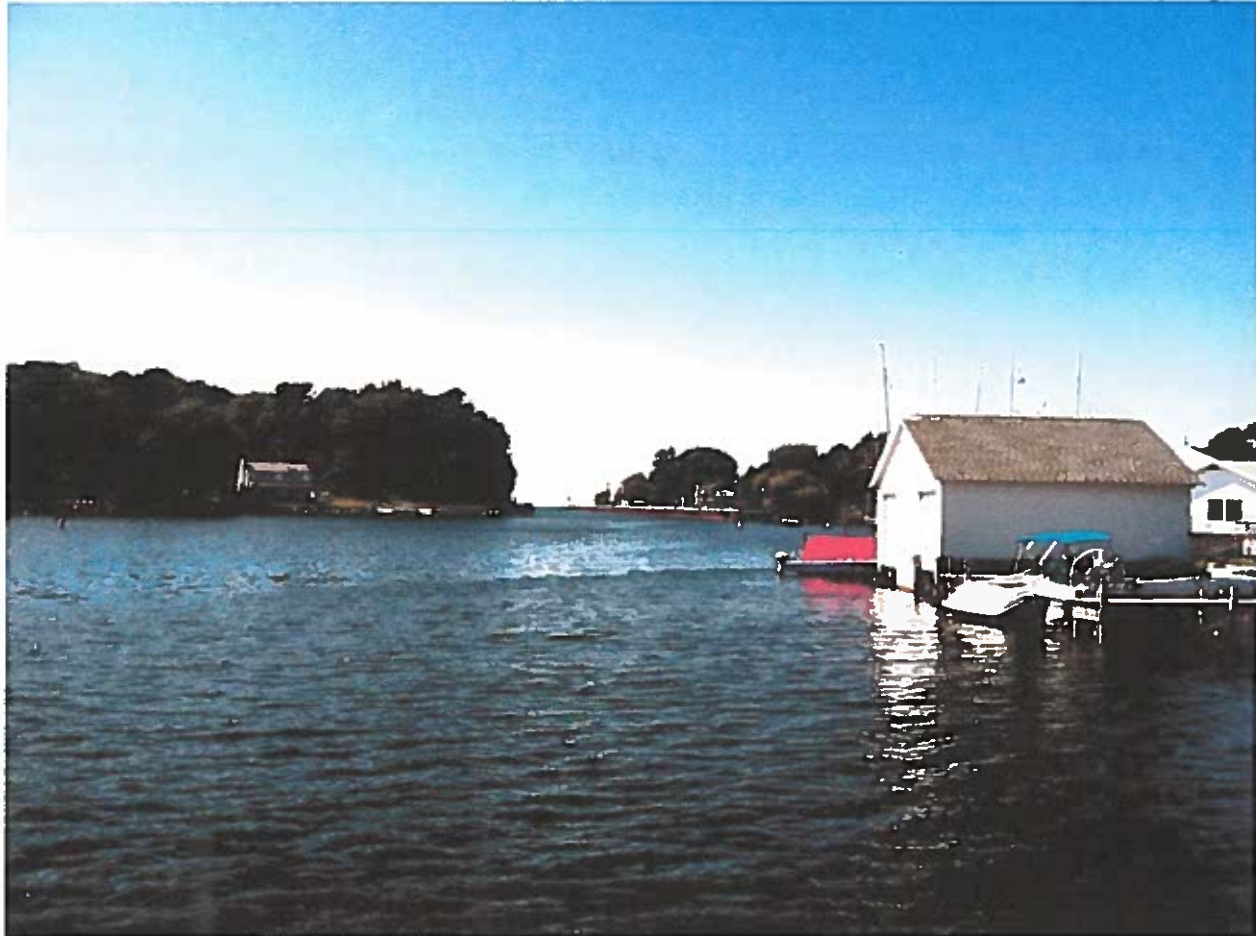
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**VILLAGE OF PENTWATER  
TOWNSHIP OF PENTWATER  
PENTWATER SCHOOLS**

Village of Pentwater  
Township of Pentwater  
Pentwater Schools



## **AGENDA**

### **Recreation Plan Committee**

**Public Meeting for the Pentwater Area Five Year Recreation Plan Amendment**

**December 15, 2014**

**2:00-3:00 P.M. Pentwater School, Room #307**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Review Minutes/Approve**
- 3. Review Recreation Plan Amendment Materials**
- 4. Vote to adopt the Recreation Plan Amendment through a resolution**
- 5. Other**

## Minutes from the December 15, 2014 Recreation Plan Committee Meeting

In attendance from the Recreation Committee: Mary Stiphany, Chuck Smith, Mike Flynn, Dan Nugent

Community Members attending: Sara Bizon, Norm Shotwell, Bruce Koorndyk,

Absent: Juanita Pierman, Rob Allard, Alicia Kolenda

Minutes from the November 3 meeting were reviewed; motion by Dan Nugent, second by Chuck Smith to approve the minutes; motion approved.

Discussion regarding the Amended Recreation Plan ensued. The need for a cohesive Marketing Plan that combines the Chamber, DDA, Township, and School was discussed. A local group is working on the concept of the importance of a Pentwater "brand". Norm will give Mary's name to the group for integration of the Recreation's work on marketing.

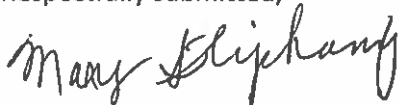
Norm Shotwell, a Village Council member, asked that the Recreation Committee prioritize its list of projects in the Recreation Plan 2013-2018, and develop cost figures to give to the Village's Building and Grounds Committee for discussion and possible implementation. This process would also apply to the Township and Pentwater School.

Chuck Smith made a motion to approve the draft of the Recreation Plan Amendment, seconded by Dan Nugent. Motion passed.

(Note: This approval allows the draft to be placed along with a notice, allowing the community to provide input into the draft. A Public Hearing will be held **January 6, 2015, 5:30 in the Pentwater Community Hall** for final public input. At this time the Recreation Plan Committee will approve a resolution to adopt the Recreation Plan Amendment. The Village, Township, and School will have their respective Board Meetings to do the same. )

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Stiphany

Chairperson of Recreation Plan Committee

# NOTICE

A "DRAFT" COPY OF THE Pentwater Area Recreation Plan is available for review by the Public. You are encouraged to review this draft plan and provide the Recreation Committee with comments that can be left at the Village Office.

*Posted December 15, 2014-January 12, 2015*

Village of Pentwater Office

Pentwater Township Office

Pentwater School Office

Pentwater Library

Note: This notice was posted on the bulletin boards of the Village, Township, School, and Township Library.

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

## **Pentwater Area Five Year Recreation Plan Amendment**

The Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Committee is holding a Public Hearing on January 6, 2014, 5:30 P.M. at the Pentwater Community Hall Council. The purpose of this meeting is to hear public input regarding the Recreation Plan Amendment.

OHJ 1-1-15



## **Recreation Plan Amendment Public Hearing Agenda**

**January 6, 2015**

**5:30 P.M. at Pentwater Community Hall**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Public Input**
- 3. Public input previously given**
- 4. Vote to include new input into Amendment**
- 5. Review the resolution**
- 6. Vote to adopt the resolution**
- 7. Other**

**VILLAGE OF PENTWATER**  
**ON PENTWATER LAKE AND LAKE MICHIGAN**  
327 South Hancock Street – P.O. Box 622  
Pentwater, Michigan 49449  
(231)869-8301 – FAX (231)869-5120

**Recreation Plan Amendment Public Hearing**

**January 6, 2015**

Chairperson Stiphany called the Public Hearing of the Pentwater Recreation Plan Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Mary Stiphany, Chuck Smith, Juanita Pierman, Rob Allard, Alicia Kolenda

Members absent: Mike Flynn, Dan Nugent

Others present: Sara Bizon, Norm Shotwell, Bruce Koorndyk,

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA:** *Motion* to approve agenda as amended by Pierman, second by Smith. Voice vote: Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion* to approve December 15, 2014 minutes by Smith, second by Kolenda. Voice vote: Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Public comments include trail extensions from Hart or Golden Township, addition of pickle ball courts, improvements to the marina, and a destination restaurant.

**NEW INPUT INTO THE AMENDMENT:**

Stiphany reviewed the 15 elements that are required to be in the Recreation Plan amendment. Some minor changes were provided by the committee that will be incorporated into the final document.

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION:** *Motion* by Kolenda, second by Pierman to adopt the Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Amendment. Voice vote: Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairperson Stiphany adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sara S. Bizon  
Zoning Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN**

**Appendix K**

**Certification Checklists from the Village of Pentwater, Pentwater Township, and  
Pentwater Public Schools**





## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

### AMENDMENT

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan amendment.

All community recreation plan amendments are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plan amendments must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

#### PLAN AMENDMENT FORMAT

Plan amendments **must** consist of either:

- 1.) A complete, revised plan with a letter of explanation that indicates what aspects of the original plan have been revised and how; or
- 2.) Revised or additional pages to the approved recreation plan, with an explanation of where the new pages fit within the original plan. If the amendment is to be inserted into the existing plan, it must be similar in format to the approved plan and indicate the location for insertion.

Name of Plan: <i>Recreation Plan Amendment to 2013-2018 Pentwater Area</i>	Date Current Plan Expires: <i>2018</i>	
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
<i>Village of Pentwater</i>	<i>Oceana</i>	<i>January 2015</i>
<i>Township of Pentwater</i>	"	<i>January 2015</i>
<i>Pentwater Public Schools</i>	"	<i>January 2015</i>

#### PLAN AMENDMENT ELEMENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the plan amendment submittal.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

- Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
- Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment
  - Date of the Notice December 15, 2014
  - Type of Notice print, electronic, Village website
  - Plan Location Library, Township Hall, Village Hall, Public School
  - Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least Two Weeks) 4 weeks
- Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the Two-Week Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)
  - Date of Notice Jan 1, 2015
  - Name of Newspaper Oceana Herald Journal
  - Date of Meeting January 6, 2015
- Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

AMENDED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

OTHER ELEMENTS: If the plan amendment includes other updated plan elements, list and briefly describe.

PLAN AMENDMENT ELEMENT

1. Infrastructure replacement Schedules, future expansion of Mun. Marina + Channel
2. Development of Marketing, Event, and Partnering Plans for V. Marina + Channel
3. Develop action plan for outdoor winter sports

PLAN AMENDMENT ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level governing body (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: Jan 19, 2015
- 2. Official resolution of the <sup>Pentwater Area</sup> Recreation Committee Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 6, 2015
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 31, 2015
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 31, 2015

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Village of Pentwater  
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

Shanda Peermann  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/12/2015  
Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING, MI 48909-7925

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants Management \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Pentwater Public Schools

(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated

above and as set forth by the DNR.

May Marshall  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/9/15  
Date

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
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includes the required content, as indicated

[Signature] 1-14-15  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING, MI 48909-7925

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants Management Date

**PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN**

**Appendix L**

**Resolution documents from the Village of Pentwater, Pentwater Township, and  
Pentwater Public Schools**

# VILLAGE OF PENTWATER

ON PENTWATER LAKE AND LAKE MICHIGAN  
327 South Hancock Street-P.O. Box 622-Pentwater, Michigan 49449  
(231)-869-8301-FAX (231) 869-5120

## Pentwater Area Recreation Committee

### Resolution of Adoption

#### PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the PENTWATER AREA RECREATION COMMITTEE has undertaken an amendment to the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan for future Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor projects and developed Marketing, Events, and Partnering Plans for the Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor, as well as included outdoor winter sports actions to be taken in the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS WERE HELD ON November 3, 2014 at Pentwater School and December 15, 2014 at Pentwater School, and a Public Hearing on January 6, 2015 at the Pentwater Community Hall, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan Amendment, and

WHEREAS, after the Public Meeting on January 6, 2015, the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee voted to adopt said Recreation Plan Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee hereby adopts the Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Amendment as a guideline for improving recreation for the area residents, and recommends adoption of the plan amendment by the Village of Pentwater, Pentwater Township, and the Pentwater Public Schools.

Yeas:

5

Nays:

0

Absent:

2

I, Juanita Pierman, the Village of Pentwater President, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee at a Special Meeting thereof held on the 6th day of January, 2015.



Juanita Pierman



Date

# VILLAGE OF PENTWATER

ON PENTWATER LAKE AND LAKE MICHIGAN  
327 South Hancock Street-P.O. Box 622-Pentwater, Michigan 49449  
(231) 869-8301-FAX (231) 869-5120

## Pentwater Village Council

### Resolution of Adoption

#### PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the PENTWATER AREA RECREATION COMMITTEE has undertaken an amendment to the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan for future Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor projects and developed Marketing, Events, and Partnering Plans for the Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor, as well as included outdoor winter sports actions to be taken in the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS WERE HELD ON November 3, 2014 at Pentwater School and December 15, 2014 at Pentwater School, and a Public Hearing on January 6, 2015 at the Pentwater Community Hall, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan Amendment, and

WHEREAS, after the Public Hearing on January 6, 2015, the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee voted to adopt said Recreation Plan Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pentwater Village Council hereby adopts the Pentwater Area Recreation Plan, as amended, as a guideline for improving recreation for all the residents of the Village Of Pentwater.

Motion by Palmer, seconded by VanTassal.

Ayes: Palmer, VanTassal, Griffis, Maxwell and Shotwell

Nays: None

Absent: Hockstra

I, Colleen Moser, Village Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Pentwater Village Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

1-13-2015

Date

Colleen Moser

Colleen Moser, Clerk/Treasurer

PENTWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
"Where everybody is somebody!"  
600 Park St.  
Pentwater, MI 49449  
231-869-4100

Pentwater Public Schools Board of Education  
Resolution of Adoption

PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Pentwater Public Schools Board of Education, has undertaken an amendment to the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan for future Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor projects and developed Marketing, Events, and Partnering Plans for the Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor, as well as included outdoor winter sports actions to be taken in the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, PUBLIC COMMENT SESSIONS WERE HELD on November 3, 2014 at Pentwater School and December 15, 2014 at Pentwater School, and a Public Hearing on January 6, 2015 at the Pentwater Community Hall, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan Amendment, and

WHEREAS, after the Public Meeting on January 6, 2015, the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee voted to adopt said Recreation Plan Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pentwater Public Schools Board of Education hereby adopts the Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Amendment as a guideline for improving recreation for the area residents, and recommends adoption of the plan amendment by the Village of Pentwater, Pentwater Township, and the Pentwater Public Schools.

Yays: McClane, VanDerZanden, Adams, Wagner, VanGills

Nays: None

Absent: Doran, Collins

Motion: Carried

I, Linda VanGills, Pentwater Public Schools Board of Education President, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Pentwater Public Schools Board of Education at a regular meeting thereof held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Linda VanGills, President



Toni Glover, Recording Secretary





**TOWNSHIP OF PENTWATER**  
**COUNTY OF OCEANA, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Pentwater, held at the Pentwater Township Hall, 327 South Hancock Street, within the Township, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Smith, Ruggles, Siska, Holub

ABSENT: Members: Flynn

The following resolution was offered by Member Smith and supported by Member Siska:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2013-2018  
PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee has undertaken an amendment to the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan for future Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor projects and developed Marketing, Events, and Partnering Plans for the Pentwater Municipal Marina and Harbor, as well as included outdoor winter sports actions to be taken in the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, public comment sessions were held on November 3, 2014 at Pentwater School and December 15, 2014 at Pentwater School, and a Public Hearing on January 6, 2015 at the Pentwater Community Hall, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Public Meeting on January 6, 2015, the Pentwater Area Recreation Committee voted to adopt said Recreation Plan Amendment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pentwater Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Amendment as a guideline for improving recreation for area residents.

AYES: Smith, Ruggles, Siska, Holub

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean Holub, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OCEANA    )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Pentwater at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean Holub, Township Clerk

**PENTWATER AREA RECREATION PLAN**

**Appendix M**

**Letters sent to Oceana County Planning Commission and West Michigan Shoreline  
Regional Development Commission**

Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Committee  
327 Hancock Street  
Pentwater, Michigan 49449

Oceana County Planning Commission  
Sue Ann Johnson, County Administrator, Fiscal Officer  
P.O. Box 14  
Hart, Michigan 49420

Re: Amendment to the Pentwater Area Recreation Plan, 2013-2018

January 31, 2015

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment to the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan, representing the Village of Pentwater, Pentwater Township, and Pentwater Public Schools. A copy of the plan has also been sent to the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Stiphany  
Chairperson: Pentwater Area Recreation Committee

Pentwater Area Recreation Plan Committee  
327 Hancock Street  
Pentwater, Michigan 49449

Mr. Sandeep Day  
West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission  
P.O. Box 387  
Muskegon, Michigan 49443

Re: Amendment to the Pentwater Area Recreation Plan, 2013-2018

January 31, 2015

Dear Mr. Dey,

Enclosed is a copy of the Amended 2013-2018 Recreation Plan, representing the Village of Pentwater, Pentwater Township, and Pentwater Public Schools. The table of contents indicates the portion of the plan that has been amended. A copy if this amended plan has also been sent to the Oceana County Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Stiphany".

Mary Stiphany

Chairperson: Pentwater Area Recreation Committee