Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Rolf at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Mike Rolf, John Nash, Joe Bush, Vance Meyer, Roger Bergman and Roger Vanderstreet

Members Absent: Brenda Moore, Samantha Verplank and Dave Split

Also Present: Tony Groves and Paul Hausler, Progressive AE

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: No additions or corrections.

Draft Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2023 meeting minutes reviewed and accepted with no corrections or revisions.

Treasure's Report: Bush presented a Financial Report for the 11-18-22 through 6-9-23 timeframe that indicated a current fund balance of $179,099.32. Fruitport Township assessments have been paid in full. Hausler presented a summary of treatments of the lake conducted in May and indicated an invoice from PLM Lake and Land Management in the amount of approximately $24,000 is pending. Motion by Bergman seconded by Rolf to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Muskegon County Commissioner Representative: Currently, the Muskegon County Commissioner representative position on the lake board is vacant. Groves will contact the commissioner that represents the district bordering the lake to inquire about filling that vacancy.

Consultant's Report:

Draft Budget and Special Assessment Criteria: A draft budget for a new program was presented and discussed. The new program is proposed to include the same components as in previous years (i.e., aquatic plant control, plant control coordination/field evaluations, water quality monitoring, information and education, watershed management plus an alum treatment). If an alum treatment is approved, it is proposed to be financed over a 10-year period. The special assessment criteria for the project was reviewed and discussion ensued about how to assess businesses and marina facilities. After considerable discussion, a tentative apportionment for commercial businesses and marinas was devised (copy attached). Assessment apportionments will be revisited and discussed further at the July meeting.

Public Hearings and Legal Counsel: Two public hearings will need to be held to proceed with a new project. The first hearing called the hearing of practicability is to obtain public input on the necessity of the project and the second hearing is on the special assessment roll.

The hearing of practicability was scheduled for August 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and the hearing on the assessment roll was scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., locations pending. Nash will check on availability of school. A court recorder may be retained to keep an official record of the public hearings.

Given the costs associated with the proposed new project, Groves recommended that consideration be given to retaining legal counsel to assist with the public hearing proceedings and the bonding process. The law firm of Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes was recommended to assist with the hearings and the firm of
Dickinson Wright was recommended as bond counsel. Both firms have been contacted and Groves will follow up with the firms regarding letters of engagement.

**Meeting with Assessors:** Groves will contact the local assessors to discuss the pending hearings for the new project and the need for an updated assessment roll.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., at the Spring Lake Township Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm.
June 26, 2023

Mr. Dave Walters
BLP General Manager
1700 Eaton Drive
Grand Haven, MI 49417

RE: Ferrysburg Representation on the BLP Board

Dear Mr. Walters:

The Board of Light of Power (BLP) is governed by a Board that is limited to City of Grand Haven residents.

A majority of City of Ferrysburg households and businesses are serviced by the BLP, however, the City of Ferrysburg does not have representation of the BLP Board. The BLP also services other communities who have no representation on the BLP Board.

The City of Ferrysburg respectfully requests the BLP to consider adding one representative from each community it serves to the BLP Board.

Sincerely,

CITY OF FERRYSBURG

Scott Blease
Mayor

c: City Council
   Amber Schaner, City Clerk
   Craig Bessinger, City Manager
From: Craig Bessinger  
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 8:04 AM  
To: Tom Godfrey  
Subject: RE: Grand Haven Beach Association - Ice Cream Social July 8th

Tom,

The City is pleased to approve your request to close Maryland Court on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The approval is conditioned upon you placing barricades where Maryland Court will be closed.

The Ferrysburg Department of Public Works will drop off barricades at the intersection of Maryland Court and North Shore Drive on Friday, July 7 for your use.

Thank you for the invitation to attend your event, I will pass this on to the other parties.

Craig Bessinger  
City of Ferrysburg  
17520 Ridge Avenue, P.O. Box 38  
Ferrysburg, MI 49409-0038  
P: 616-842-5803  
C: 616-843-5028

From: Tom Godfrey <northwind12@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:35 PM  
To: Craig Bessinger <cbessinger@ferrysburg.org>  
Subject: Grand Haven Beach Association - Ice Cream Social July 8th

Hi Craig. As a follow up to our phone conversation, I am helping to coordinate this year’s GHBA Ice Cream Social. The event would involve serving ice cream sundaes for the North Shore Beach neighbors and friends, children’s games and family fun. The event is scheduled for July 8, 2023 from 10:00am to 3:00pm, including set-up and clean-up.

We are asking the city to allow us to block off (close) Maryland Dr. for this event.

Also, we would like to invite you and city council/employee families to join us in a delicious Ice Cream Sundae and family fun. Any representation from the Police and/or Fire department would be welcomed too. A shiny cruiser or Fire Truck always creates excitement for children and adults alike.

I would appreciate your consideration.

Thanks

Tom Godfrey  
616-560-4629
New Contact Us Form Submission - Sarah Isacksen

no-reply@ferrysburg.org <no-reply@ferrysburg.org>
Wed 6/28/2023 8:53 AM
To: info <info@ferrysburg.org>

Name
Sarah Isacksen

Email
sisacksen@aol.com

Subject
Flowers

Message
The hanging pots of Flowers on the light posts are absolutely beautiful! Thank you for sharing them as we drive thru the area.
"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

President Harry Truman

To the citizens of Ferrysburg,

Thank you for your $300 donation to our organization that helps offset the honor and price of having photos of our 200 area deceased veterans for 2023. We are most appreciative of your support.

Sincerely,
The Memorial Day Association
New Contact Us Form Submission - Margaret Van Houdt

no-reply@ferrysburg.org <no-reply@ferrysburg.org>
Thu 6/29/2023 10:03 PM
To: info <info@ferrysburg.org>

Name
Margaret Van Houdt

Email
ivavh@yahoo.com

Subject
Speed bump

Message

This is for Craig Bessinger City Manager.
First speed bumps were installed without any communication to property owners about them or when they were being done on North Shore Drive. Second they are not accomplishing what the city commission chose to address by voting them in. This street has constant large truck and trailers going down it every day plus people who don’t live here going to the fishing pier. Tourists going down the street and coming back when they see it does not lead to anything. Big boats on trailers going to North Shore Marina. We are full time residents while the other properties around us are not. The trucks are bottoming out from landscapers to delivery trucks. I would ask that someone from city hall come and sit at this location. And deal with the noise and traffic that are happening since these were installed. We work at home and live here again full time! The noise the backup and the bottoming out are a continuous consistent issue that is felt and heard by our family all day and at night. People who actually live here will know about them but that is not who is traveling this street every day. Construction trucks, big machinery trucks, landscaping crews, builder pickups and trailers are constantly traveling this road. We know because we live here full time and know about the traffic that runs in front of our property. We also park and leave from here which is now more difficult with the location of the speed bump and traffic. This is a poor solution and is affecting our daily lives. The only way is for those who implemented it is to experience the real effects of what was done.

Margaret VanHoudt
19076 North Shore Drive
Waterfront brewery to open inside marina on Spring Lake

Abby Poirier - June 23, 2023

No Wake Brewery plans to offer a range of beer and food options to patrons and boaters on Spring Lake. Credit: Courtesy image

A new waterfront microbrewery and tasting room on Spring Lake plans to offer a range of beverage and sandwich options to customers, including boaters.

Owner Jack Thronsen hopes his concept for No Wake Brewery LLC brings "something really good" to the community of Ferrysburg.

Drawing on his experience at Grand Haven-based Odd Side Ales where he learned the craft of brewing, Thronsen is planning a small lakeside brewery and tasting room at Keenan Marina, located at 522 Pine St. in Ferrysburg, where he intends to serve locals and boaters on Spring Lake.

Thronsen joined the Odd Side team in 2016 and "fell in love" with craft brewing, working in positions ranging from production to bartending. When he went to college, he carried that passion for beer with him.

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"I wrote my thesis about beer because I didn’t know what the heck to write," he said.

After graduating college in 2020, he moved home and he and his father transformed their garage into a brewing space for him to start experimenting with his own brews.

Now, three years later, he’s signed a three-year lease and has started renovations on the former site of hair salon Studio V, which he’s transforming into a 540-square-foot production area for brewing and a small kitchen and a 780-square-foot tasting room that seats 75 customers. Grand Haven-based Pushaw Builders LLC is handling construction for the project.

While Thorsen had planned to open in March 2023, building out the space has taken longer than anticipated as construction work has yet to begin at the site. He’s currently shooting for a November 2023 opening.

"It’s going to be well worth it and it’s going to be an amazing space," he said.

Thorsen anticipates brewing a little bit of everything to offer his customers a wide range of flavors. Lately, he’s been brewing wheat beers, Belgians, saisons and a brown ale. He also hopes to experiment with seltzers, using real fruit and in-house syrups for flavor and a more authentic taste.
No Wake Brewing is renovating the space formerly occupied by Salon V at Keenan Marina. Credit: Courtesy image

Thornsen said he leans toward fruity, floral, aromatic flavors in his brewing and tends to stay away from dark and bitter flavor profiles.

"I’m really excited about experimenting with adding fruits and all sorts of weird flavor combinations and doing some funky stuff," he said.

In addition to beer, Thornsen also plans to offer a menu of sandwiches and sides at No Wake, giving patrons and boaters at the marina a variety of take-out options.

“When I’m thinking about being one of the only places to drink in a town, one of the only places to get food after 2 p.m. in a town, variety and quality are the two biggest things to me,” he said. "(I want to) make sure we have a bunch of options and no one's feeling left out or like they can't find something they like.”

When it opens, No Wake Brewery will join a growing number of alcoholic beverage makers in Ottawa County. That includes Fox and Hen Winery in Robinson Township, which targets an Aug. 5 opening for its tasting room.

More from Crain’s Grand Rapids Business:

Boutique hotel would bring lodging option to Grand Rapids’ bustling Bridge Street

GRCC evolves craft brewing program to meet changing industry needs

Secchia scion plans entertainment space, with plenty of Grand Rapids nostalgia, in Monroe North

Abby Poirier

Here is our personal check to help defray the cost of materials for the mural at the Coast Guard Dog Park.

It is my hope the Jaycee Fund will match our gift and pay the other half.

STEVE HARVEY
1030 Oak Lane
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Sincerely,
Steve Harvey