



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of February 14, 2022.

COVID 19 – With the recent rapid decline in COVID-19 cases, the State Health Department announced Wednesday it is expiring the public health advisory on masking in indoor public settings unless an individual is under quarantine conditions due to exposure to COVID-19.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/FINAL_MDHHS_Masking_Guidance_2.16.22_748315_7.pdf

Allegan County Health Department announced it will discontinue COVID-19 testing, most vaccine clinics, school, and business outreach, and tracking local case data down to the zip code and school district. The department will also scale back its contact tracing and case investigation efforts.

Ice Rescue Training – The Saugatuck Fire District requested use of Wades Bayou for ice rescue training on February 23, at 6:00 p.m. This has been an annual request for the past several years. Residents shouldn't be alarmed by the training exercise. Local law enforcement has been notified of the event and information is being posted on the City's social media sites to inform the public.

Douglas Harbor Authority – The Authority met on Tuesday night and elected officers, received a written communication to make the entire area between the bridges a no-wake zone, reviewed a proposal to demolish the pool at Point Pleasant, and had a presentation from Planning and Zoning about Waterfront and Public Marina goals outlined in the master plans.

Slow No Wake Grant – Sgt. Ensfield of Allegan County Sheriff Department announced that the County Marine Patrol was unsuccessful in their bid to obtain a second grant to enforce slow no wake boating zones.

Pool Demolition – The removal of the in-ground swimming pool at Point Pleasant Marina has been a goal of the redevelopment of the property for maintenance, liability, and future development purposes. The pool removal project will completely remove the pool and surrounding deck, backfill, and regrade the slope, and add topsoil and seeding for \$13,200. The City budgeted \$15,000 for this work. This scope of work will be approved administratively per the purchasing policy because the project cost is under \$20,000. The City received a quote to demolish the house and pool combined; however, the Douglas Harbor Authority weighed the benefits and drawbacks of demolishing the house and pool together and determined it was more advantageous to keep the building as the offices of the Douglas Harbor Authority and attached public restrooms in service for now. Renting a temporary restroom facility with showers would be in the \$3,000 to \$7,000 range per month not including the routine monthly service fees.

Dock Repair – The City has received a quote for dock repair work at Point Pleasant Marina. The work would replace approximately 90 linear feet of deck boards, repair a falling finger dock, rebuild the main boardwalk at the halfway point where it's falling, and remove a dock that is below the water surface to eliminate a hazard. The quote for the work is \$12,000. \$25,000 was budgeted and the work will be approved administratively.

Consumer Energy Foundation – A meeting this week with a representative from the Consumer Energy Foundation involved a tour of the ravine over Tannery Creek where the City submitted a letter of intent to apply for grant funding to install a crossing as part of the trail extension project on Wiley Road. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the representative to familiarize himself with the project and site. Grant funding of up to \$250,000 is available for projects that preserve and protect land, air, and water resources.

Campbell Road Progress – Work on Campbell Road water main continues at a slow pace due to weather, but the crew is nearing the intersection of Campbell and Ferry Street. A persistent water leak in the 800 block of Campbell was proposed to be addressed this week as well. Residents receive routine communication via email list about the progress of the project.

Lakeshore Advantage – I have a meeting with Lakeshore Advantage to discuss how they can contribute to business growth along the Blue Star Highway Corridor.

That is all I have for now.

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