



Good Afternoon Everyone,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of September 7, 2020.

Lakeshore Drive Erosion – The City continues to monitor the top side erosion at Lakeshore Drive south of Center Street. This week's rain caused no significant damage to the location because erosion protection measures were put into place at the top side of the embankment.

Douglas Beach – City Council approved a design proposal from Edgewater Resources of St. Joseph to complete five tasks to design a revetment system to protect the dune at Douglas Beach. Edgewater will begin survey work on site, Monday (Sept. 14).

Election Grant – A grant specifically for election assistance is available to communities to cover 2020 expenses. If received, the funds can be used to ensure a safe and efficient election, expand voter education and outreach, recruit poll workers, and cover training and safety efforts. The City Clerk will apply for the \$5,000 grant which is awarded on a first come, first serve basis, and requires no match.

Point Pleasant – Closing on the Point Pleasant acquisition is scheduled for early November. City Council adopted a resolution to direct the City Manager to prepare a written plan and schedule for the use of existing facilities located at Point Pleasant Marina. The existing facilities on the property must be converted to an appropriate use that complies with the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Acquisition Project guidelines. An appropriate use for the existing facility may include a nature center, park office, maintenance building, and restroom buildings. The initial concept is to convert the existing house to the offices for the Douglas Harbor Authority and public restrooms to serve the marina.

Water Main Projects – The first sections of water main were installed this week on Whittier Street. Each of the three locations around the City will take approximately three weeks each to complete.

Isabel's – The Isabel's team is getting very close to opening and I was given a tour of the facility this week. Isabel's is a wonderful addition to the Douglas community and the passion and energy of the Isabel's team is infectious. We are looking forward to the announcement of the opening date.

Recycling – A recycling survey is available on the City of Douglas webpage. Please take a minute to visit and provide information for the Tri-community recycling committee.

DPW Supervisor – Congratulations to the new DPW Supervisor Rick Zoet. Rick was selected from two internal candidates who applied for the vacant position.

Staffing – An interview panel conducted an interview for a DPW equipment operator this week and a job offer is being prepared for the candidate. If the candidate accepts the offer, we will only have one position left to fill in the Clerk's office and the City will be back to full staff.

That is all I have for now.

Rich LaBombard
City Manager