

Minutes of Master Planning Task Force

May 12, 2023

Diane Cody called the meeting to order at 10:06 am on May 12, 2023.

Attendance: Diane Cody, Ross Kerr, David Manecke, Bob Barnes, Nancy Wendling, Ed Trainor were in attendance. Absent were Harry Walder, Gina O'Halloran, John Hoover, Paul Leonard, Jerry Dyson.

Ross Kerr moved and Ed Trainor seconded to approve the agenda. It was unanimously approved.

Diane gave an update on the Master Planning Process. We are moving along with the original timeline thanks to the work of the Task Force Members.

The Task Force discussed the draft Vision Statement. Ross Kerr moved and Ed Trainor seconded a motion to approve the Village of Grand Beach Vision Statement. It was unanimously approved.

Diane reviewed the results of Survey 1. Questions 1-8 asked demographic information about the respondent. Questions 9 and 10 were open-ended questions and a summary of responses were shared. Small groups of the task force looked for responses that might need more information from those people who will be participating in the Focus Groups in June. This list will help in developing discussion topics at the Focus Group meetings.

Given the results of the survey, it was determined that the Task Force needs to dig deeper into the work of the New Buffalo Shoreline Alliance. This information should help guide Grand Beach in addressing the lack of a beach.

Dates were determined for the Focus Groups and an additional Task Force meeting. This information will be shared with the Village office for posting on the website.

In response to some of the survey comments, Diane provided a very simple explanation of the three tax bills received by Grand Beach homeowners. Grand Beach taxes are a small portion of what is paid to the New Buffalo Township.

A few of the task reports written by Task Force members were shared with the group. There are still some reports that need finishing which will be the focus for everyone before our next meeting.

Public comment was made by Ed Brandes. He expressed his appreciation to the Task Force for all their work so far and felt they are moving in the right direction.

Ed Trainor moved and Ross Kerr seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Cody

Signature Diane Cody
Date 5/16/23