

Press Release
Bois Blanc Township, Mackinac County

(November 13, 2019)

Bois Blanc Township is pleased to announce that it has purchased a 3.25 acre parcel with about 458 feet of frontage on Lake Huron at the west end of Bois Blanc Island. The lake parcel is at the location of the old pier (which existed for decades before 1960) and immediately to the east of the open field where people have enjoyed watching fireworks on July 4 for many decades. Pursuant to the transaction, recorded easements/rights of way for several area roads were properly documented, ensuring permanent and undisputed access for a significant number of the private properties at the west end. A map of the area where the new parcel is located is attached to this Press Release. This important piece of property will give the public significant access to Lake Huron at the far west end of the Island. This was the culmination of two and a half years of negotiations and planning.

It is likely that in the future, the property will be improved for a public boat launch, day use pier, parking, trails and other low impact activities. The cost for most such improvements will likely be paid for by grants.

There is also a safety and public health benefit to the Township obtaining the parcel for public use. First, it will allow the Bois Blanc Township Fire Department access to water at the west end. Second, it will enable rescue boats from Mackinac Island to quickly access Bois Blanc Island for transport of any injured persons who are located closer to the west end than the Township marina.

Please respect the private properties (and related signage) in the vicinity of the new Township property.

The Township would like to thank the Douglas and VanHorn families who have sold the parcel to the Township and whom the Township will work with in improving the Township parcel in the future. The new property will likely benefit Island residents, property owners and visitors for many decades to come.

Sincerely,

The Bois Blanc Township Board