

Bois Blanc Township Parks and Recreation

September 14, 2022

Dear Friends of Bois Blanc Island,

We are reaching out to you on behalf of the Bois Blanc Township Parks & Recreation Commission. The Parks & Recreation Commission was officially started by resolution in 2017. It was created as an advisory committee to the Bois Blanc Township Board for the development, review and oversight of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, it's existing and future recreational facilities and sponsored events.

Since its inception, we have sponsored summer nature talks and secured a Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development Grant for the Bright Water Park Development on the west end of the island.

This year our new committee has been working with the DNR to install an outhouse on the North Shore camping sites at the end of Bible Road. We have also been working with the Liedel Family, who has donated land by Lake Mary for a parking area at the boat launch. We have sponsored a logo contest to give the commission an identity and a photo contest to involve island enthusiasts and showcase our beautiful island. Future planning is underway for next summer's events and activities. As our island grows, the need for recreational areas grows as well.

While we have made some great strides, Parks & Recreation still has a lot that we would like to accomplish. Since we do not have designated millage for support, budgeting dollars are very limited. We have tried to be good stewards of the funds allotted and have looked for other funding opportunities both currently and for the future. We have an opportunity for a project *NOW*, that we are very excited about; but we need your support.

In early 2022, Bois Blanc Township was contacted by the DNR regarding properties that would be going up for public auction. We, as a municipality, were to be given the first opportunity for anything that could be utilized for a public purpose. We identified an approximate 27-acre parcel on Nichols Point that would make a wonderful multi-functional park. A purchase price of \$63,000 was set and we secured an agreement with the DNR to

have until the end of the year to finalize funding and close. Although we have secured a small amount through participation at the Farmer's Market this summer, we still have a long way to go. This is where we need your help!

There are approximately 1,000 property owners within Bois Blanc Township. If everyone gave \$65, we would have the full purchase price of the property secured with part of the survey and closing costs as well.

Our goal for this property is to have nature trails, a pavilion, and bathrooms available to the public. This would be a great gathering place for the community where community picnics, craft shows, art shows, along with the use for reserving for weddings, family reunions, birthday parties and so much more.

We realize that not everyone can give. Some will be able to give even more than the \$65.00. Any donation, big or small, will help reach our goal. All funds received would be tax deductible. There are 2 ways in which you can donate:

- 1) You can send in a designated donation for "Nichols Point Park" and we have an anonymous donor that has generously agreed to MATCH all funds received by November 30th, 2022.
- 2) You may send in a general donation to Parks & Recreation. Both have been listed on the attached form.

Would you consider donating to help us achieve our mission? Please join us!
With your donation, we're one step closer to an awesome, family friendly community park.

Sincerely,

The Bois Blanc Township
Parks and Recreation Commission

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If you have any questions, we would be happy to provide you with more information about our projects or how you can help support our work. Our contact information is above.

Checks should be made out to Bois Blanc Township and designated as "for Parks & Recreation. You can use this form if you would like.

NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT DONATING TO BBI PARKS AND RECREATION
	\$
NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT DONATING TO NICHOLS POINT PARK PROJECT
	\$

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Mail this form with your donation to:
 Bois Blanc Township
 Attention: Parks and Recreation
 Po Box 898
 Pointe Aux Pins, MI 49775-0898

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