

Pier Cove

1 message

Sara Cullen <sarascott919@gmail.com>
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com
Cc: Sarina Renaldi <srenaldi@aol.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 10:51 PM

Mr Herbert.

I am adamantly opposed to the purchase of an additional parcel at Pier Cove. This is utter nonsense. This parcel is nothing more then a sliver of a diminishing bluff behind a guardrail overlooking a graffiti covered drainpipe. It is non buildable, is not sellable and therefore worth zip. Why buy it? Beach goers and children have used and enjoyed the creek for over 50 years and they will continue to do so. The owners don't enforce their beach rights because no one lives above the drain pipe. (And at this juncture let's not continue to fool one another and just admit "no on enforces any private beach rights" anyway at Pier Cove.) I object emphatically to your pursuing a grant and spending tax dollars on a foolhardy endeavor that has no merit.

Furthermore Ganges has never taken any responsibility for Pier Cove in its maintenance or safety. It is a garbage strew mess with poor stairs, weeds and an over crowded parking lot with used diapers tossed amongst the litter. Why the heck would you enlarge what you already carelessly neglect? It is shameful that you leave this lakeshore treasure in the state that you do! Shame on Ganges. Don't you dare even contemplate spending tax dollars on an additional parcel for something that you already treat with such disregard.

The community is sick and tired of the manner in which Ganges treats this park, it's surrounding neighbors and the beach goers who love this tiny slice of our magnificent lakeshore. It's way past time to form a review council that addresses all the ongoing issues at Pier Cove. Begin by earning the respect of the surrounding community by listening to issues, addressing the problems, cleaning and maintaining the parking lot, enforcing the parking, and being the caretaker you should be for this park.

Start with this first. Build the trust of the community. Stop this foolhardy plan and begin with caring for this park as it is. Sara Cullen 6952 Lakeshore Court Fennville Michigan



Pier Cove Addtion

1 message

Patricia Varco-White <pvwdds@comcast.net>
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com
Cc: Sarina Renaldi <srenaldi@aol.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 8:01 PM

Good Evening-

I am writing to oppose the addition at Pier Cove. This appears to benefit the current property owners and is not needed. I do not know...but I think this parcel cannot be built on. Isn't this beach property that is being proposed already being used by beach goers? The \$41,000.00 of tax payer monies would be better used for the maintenance of Pier Cove. There needs to be better stairs. A better garbage bin for refuse. What about the unsightly Porto Jon!? Parking is a nightmare and needs to be enforced. Why purchase the Creek when I see the kids playing in it already and will continue to do so without this purchase. Now that the road is completed....the speed at which cars take this turn with families unloading their children and beach gear.....an accident is waiting to happen. The liability, the maintenance and hidden cost like a seawall all must be taken inconsideration. I oppose this parcel purchase. There is already a great beach and picnic area with bathrooms and adequate parking (which is also safe for families to unload) at Westside County Park....just a couple of hundred feet up the road from our home.

Sincerely-

Patricia Varco-White (Summer Home)

6970 Lakeshore Court

Fennville MI 49408

Email: pvwdds@comcast.net



Attention John Hebert

1 message

srenaldi@aol.com <srenaldi@aol.com>

Reply-To: srenaldi@aol.com

To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 10:15 PM

Dear John,

I am a homeowner just down the road from Pier Cove. I am writing to express my total opposition to the proposed expansion of property at Pier Cove. There are already many problems with Pier Cove we residents deal with daily, and these issues would be greatly compounded if Pier Cove is expanded. They include:

*speeding cars which endanger the safety of everyone

*undesirable people hanging out at all hours of the night doing drugs, drinking alcohol, having sex, and sleeping in their cars or on the beach

*too many people on the beach who disrespect, abuse, and damage neighboring private property

*inadequate garbage/clean up

*inadequate bathroom facilities,

*inadequate parking

*liability

*maintenance

*loss of tax dollars

*the potential for needing a seawall

It truly is ridiculous to even consider the possibility of expanding Pier Cove when there is literally no benefit to anyone and is only rife with very serious problems. Additionally, West Side County Park is just a half mile down the road which can handle large crowds, has plenty of parking, dumpsters, bathrooms, and beach front. Pier Cove was never intended to be a large public beach. It was made only as an access point for local resident to walk the beach. I strongly oppose the addition of more property to Pier Cove. Instead of expanding Pier Cove, people's effort should go into making Pier Cove *much* more safe, clean, and protected from erosion.

Thank you, Sarina

Sarina M. Renaldi 6970 Lake Shore Ct. Fennville, MI 49408 630-567-8438

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Pier Cove Expansion Re: Resident Comment

1 message

Dana Burd <dburd01@yahoo.com>
Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 11:15 AM
To: Kay Trull ktrull@peoplepc.com, Peter Trull peter.j.trull@gm.com, John Hebert gangessupervisor@gmail.com, Robin Phelps gangessupervisor@gmail.com,

Hi Kathryn,

Thank you so much for this note of support for the proposed beach expansion. I am passing this along to John and Robin at the Township. I copied Peter here who also let me you know you sent this.

Best Regards, Dana Burd

On Thursday, September 9, 2021, 09:36:58 PM EDT, Kay Trull ktrull@peoplepc.com> wrote:

Dana, will you please get this to Supervisor Hebert? I sent it, but it came back so Pete said I could ask you to get it to Mr. Hebert. Thank you. I suspect I had an incorrect address. Kay Trull ——Forwarded Message——

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Dear Supervisor John Hebert.

I am writing to place a comment before the participants at the Ganges Township Public meeting September 14th.

I am the owner of the Lake front property just north of the Ganges Township Beach at Pier Cove. My family and I are in complete agreement with the proposed beach expansion We are grateful for the efforts of the Friends of Pier Cove group and have supported their work with financial donations.. We believe that the considered expansion will just add the part of my property that the public already uses. We love the Pier Cove beach and want it to be available for the public to enjoy for eternity, whether for more sunbathing space or playing in the creek. Kathrvn S. Trull



Pier Cove letter of Support

Jane Ann <nancyonadams@outlook.com>

To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 11:31 AM

Morning John.... Jane Hungerford 1440 Adams Rd Glenn, Mi 49416

I'm emailing you to submit a letter of support for the proposed expansion. I frequent Pier Cove often due to its accessibility but the beach is very small. .the expansion will only improve this. So I'm saying yes, yes, yes to it. Thank you

Sent from my iPad



Re: Pier Cove Park Expansion

Waypost Brewing Co. <info@waypostbeer.com>
To: John Hebert <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 2:18 PM

Hello John,

We are writing to express support for the proposed expansion of Pier Cove Park to include the adjacent creek area. As you may know, Waypost Brewing Co. has partnered with Friends of Pier Cove Park to promote park maintenance and improvement efforts. We are pleased to hear that Ganges Twp. has the opportunity to expand the park and increase public beach access.

Thank you, Hannah Lee & Chuck Steinhardt Waypost Brewing Co. 1630 Blue Star Hwy. Fennville, MI 49408



Additional Lake MI Frontage Support

Bumpers, Paula (CHICO) <paula.bumpers@hyatt.com>
To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>
Cc: Paula Bumpers cprbumpers@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 3:10 PM

Dear Supervisor Hebert,

I am writing in support of the potential purchase of additional Lake Michigan frontage at Pier Cove Park. The proposed expansion is a great investment for the Township to increase its beach area that so many love. While tourists may flock to North and South Beaches in South Haven and Oval Beach in Saugatuck, these little "neighborhood" beaches are absolute heaven for locals!!! There is so much commercial and residential development in the whole area, that anytime there is a chance to invest in the natural landscape and beachfront for use/enjoyment and preservation, it should be a top priority. Further, even if parking will not be expanded, people can ride their bikes from nearby towns and/or walk from nearby homes. Limited parking capacity should not influence the investment decision at all! Particularly at a time when climate change has become so prevalent, we have seen how the changing water levels impact our beachfront and the acquisition of additional shoreline will ease pressure at times when the levels are high and provide more space at times when the levels are low. The Township should jump at this opportunity to expand its ownership of beachfront in Pier Cove!!! It is, without a doubt, a wise investment decision.

Thank you.

All the best,

Paula Bumpers

Paula Bumpers

6409 Ototeman Trail

Saugatuck, MI 49453

(Saugatuck Township)

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Pier Cove

1 message

Julie Barman <juliebarman1@gmail.com>
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 5:04 PM

Hi John!

I wanted to reach out and let you know I am in full support of the Pier Cove land acquisition. It would so amazing! My husband and I grew up in Holland and moved to Fennville, 6 years ago. Our kids attend Douglas Elementary. We love this area and would be elated to see this property move to a larger public access!

Thank you,

Julie & Ryan Barman 5714 126th Avenue Fennville, Mi 49408



Pier Cove expansion

1 message

Scott Robbins <robbinsfamily5@hotmail.com>
To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 4:01 PM

Dear Mr Hebert,

This is to let you know that I fully support the proposed expansion of Pier Cove beach. I also support not adding more parking. My family is currently on the ninth generation (my grandchildren) of living/playing in Pier Cove, and my third great grandfather, Samuel Thompson was one of the founders of the village of Pier Cove. I spent most of my summers growing up there, and will soon be retiring there full time. I would be devastated if the owners of the slice of land north of the park started enforcing a ban on the use of the creek and beach there. (as the owners to the south do - fully in their rights, even though I never see them using the beach!). The current owners apparently don't mind, but if it came into new ownership they may begin enforcing it. So again, I would love to see the access expanded!

Scott Robbins 6885 Ravine Road Kalamazoo 49009 2361 Lakeshore Drive, Fennville 49408 (269) 743-9708

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1 message

Michael Usher <usherm09@gmail.com> To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 7:26 PM

Hello, we are Mike Usher and John Jerome. We live at 6971 Park Lane, Fennville. We are in favor of expanding Pier Cove Park. We feel it's important to increase public access. Thank you



pier cove enhancement

1 message

Edward Gregory <edward.gregory1@gmail.com>
To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 8:58 PM

My name is Edward Gregory I live at 1699 Lake Michigan Drive in Ganges Town ship.

Pier Cove is a priceless asset of Ganges Township. A historic treasure which we must continue to invest in to preserve and improve for our future generations. This public lake shore sanctuary is cherished by our young and our old. It is also a scenic landmark viewed by many who come to Michigan and support our county and state. Let us do our part today to environmentally secure and enhance the future of Pier Cove. Let not greed or selfishness stand in the way of our progress as a county of dedicated Americans......



Robin Phelps <gangesclerk@gmail.com>

Hearing of September 14 re Pier Cove project

1 message

MARY PUGLISE <pugsmom7@comcast.net> To: Ganges Hall <gangestwp@i2k.com>

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 10:18 PM

Hello Robin:

I want to thank the Township for the efforts put forth in potentially expanding Pier Cove.

I will be out of town on September 14 for the hearing regarding Pier Cove expansion.

I am thrilled that expansion of Pier Cove is a possibility.

Because Michigan law allows private beaches, access to the large body of water, that we are so lucky to have in our township, is severely restricted. The fact that the proposed expansion would include the stream that children adore is exciting. Dana Burd has gone over and above what we initially expected at the start of this project.

Pier Cove is an important asset to the township. As I get older, even though I live directly across from Westside County Park, I appreciate the easier access to the lake that Pier Cove affords. I know I'm not alone.

That lake is beautiful, and the more people who can get access to it, the better.

MaryPuglise.vcf



Pier Cove

1 message

Bob Horner <abhorner@gmail.com> To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 11:08 PM

I live at 2369 Lakeshore Drive and use the beach frequently. I am in favor of expansion. Ann Horner Sent from my iPhone



Pier Cove Beach

1 message

Meagan Johnson Cotton cotton.meagan@gmail.com To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 4:28 PM

As former homeowners in Ganges (now Saugatuck) we support this!

Sent from my iPad



Pier Cove Public beach expansion

1 message

Jennifer Bailey <jennylbailey@icloud.com>
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 12:32 PM

Hello John,

Jenny and Curt Bailey at 2256 Lakeshore Dr. are strongly in favor of the beach expansion. We support the public being able to share in the beauty of the lake and walk our gorgeous shoreline.

Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Best,

Jenny Bailey 248-420-1519 Curt Bailey 248-909-4935



Pier Cove Property Purchase

1 message

John adams <jaquincy48@gmail.com>
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com
Cc: Dana Burd <dburd@preinnewhof.com>

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 10:12 AM

My name is John Adams. I live at 2222 Lakeshore Drive, Fennville

I fully support the purchase of land adjacent to the Pier Cove park. This is an important beach access point for neighbors and visitors, allowing more people to enjoy a major asset of our local community. The additional park space will reduce tension with neighboring properties without expanding parking capacity.

John Adams

Sent from my iPad



Fwd: Pier Cove - Public Hearing For Potential Public Beach Expansion

Donald Ryder <ryderwon@aol.com>
To: Hebert John <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 12:46 PM

John

It seems to me if the township has \$120,000 to spend on a beach we should use it at the huge beach at 114th Ave

Win Ryder 2082 Ryder RD Fennville , MI 49408 616.834.3795

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lake Michigan Shore Association < lmsa@lmsa.us>

Date: September 10, 2021 at 7:00:46 PM EDT

To: ryderwon@aol.com

Subject: Pier Cove - Public Hearing For Potential Public Beach Expansion

Reply-To: Lake Michigan Shore Association < Imsa@Imsa.us>



Pier Cove Public Hearing For Potential Public Beach Expansion Grant September 14th 7:00 PM

Friends of Pier Cove Park is seeking letters of support for the following:

Ganges Township may have the opportunity to acquire an additional 120 feet of public Lake Michigan frontage directly north and adjacent to Pier Cove Beach.

The Township is holding a public hearing Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm at Ganges Township Hall 1904 64th Street. The public is invited to comment on the proposed public beach expansion at the public hearing. Comments may also be directed to Supervisor John Hebert at gangessupervisor@gmail.com. Please include name and address in all comments and clearly state that you are in support of



Pier Cove Expansion Proposal

1 message

Darell <darell.zerbe@sbcglobal.net>
To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 3:06 PM

Mr. Hebert,

I am writing to you to ask for proper consideration for full-time residents of Ganges Township. There are many proponents of the expansion who do not live in the township, who do not contribute to it financially thorough tax payments (or in any other respect), who do not care for the beach and its environs the way local residents do, and who do not vote here for our elected leaders such as yourself.

We are not a Township with unlimited resources. We do not have a police force to enforce proper use of the beach, or the parking area. We do not have the resources to prevent theft from neighboring properties. Making the Pier Cove Park even larger will add costs and liabilities to the Township, and ultimately to its residents, without compensating financial benefits. Please take such increased negatives into your consideration and respect the concerns of your constituents with higher priority than the wishes of highly motivated outsiders. The outriders who are pushing their agenda do not finance the community, do not properly care for the park and its neighbors, do not police the area, and do not elect Township officials. Please support the people you are elected to serve.

Respectfully,

Darell Zerbe 2110 Lakeshore Drive

Sent from Mail for Windows



Additional money spent to improve Pier Cove

1 message

Ann Dietz <dietz_ann@yahoo.com>
To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 10:43 AM

As a member of LMSA I feel it's important to serve the majority of those using the lakeshore of Michigan. It raised a question to my mind when first hearing of the improvement to Pier Cove. Why were we enlarging Pier Cove when it seems it is serving its purpose currently? The parking in the area for Pier Cove is land locked, so it is at capacity. Apparently, it is full filling it's purpose as it is as far as beach space based on the parking spaces. Why would we increase beach space? Per capita why do we want to increase Pier Cove beach when West County Beach per capita should be the place we are looking to improve because of the number of beachgoers that it can serve as opposed to Pier Cove.

Not to say some improvements shouldn't take place at Pier Cove, but those improvements shouldn't be to grow the beach area. I would rather see access to West County beach improved to give better beach access to more users since the number of beachgoers at Pier Cove cannot increase. Seems logical to service the number of beachgoers that can access the beach at West County and not the few that can use Pier Cove.

Ann Dietz Lakeshore Court



Pier Cove

1 message

Sara Cullen <sarascott919@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 12:03 PM

To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Cc: Sara Cullen <sarascott919@gmail.com>, Mark Ridley <markrid@gmail.com>

Mr Hebert,

I have written several times concerning Pier Cove and feel I must do so again.

I asked that Ganges have a "charette" so that tax payers could have an opportunity to come together to find solutions to ongoing issues at Pier Cove. (A charette is a group endeavor of all interested parties to debate issues and to arrive at solutions to find a community supported consensus.) My request for a charette over eight months ago was never addressed. Perhaps you think that a council meeting with a full agenda in a crowded room allows for that opportunity. It does not. At a council meeting people in attendance voice their concerns and issues. There is no debate, no efforts to find a consensus, no thoughtful group planning nor the careful implementation of solutions. It is good democratic governance to allow all persons who have expressed a grievance, concern or conflict to come together in a group to work beside each other in finding respectful solutions to problems. This is how plans at West Side County Park were handled. Interested parties met together and worked through issues, provided good ideas and insights and all persons were given the opportunity to be heard. As a result West Side plans moved forward. This has not happened at Pier Cove.

The plans for Pier Cove should be developed inside a "charette". The formation of a park plan needs to be community based not driven by one individual. It's absolutely essential that neighbors adjacent to Pier Cove, beach goers, elderly or handicapped persons, parents, rock collectors at night, enforcement officers and the general public all have the opportunity to express their concerns and ideas of what the best park plan for Pier Cove is.

Mr Hebert you of all people most certainly know that Pier Cove has a lot of problems. You have heard the issues for years, the complaints, the differing sides to a problem that just can't seem to get improved or fixed. We need a charette. We need an opportunity for people to come together in a hard working respectful environment to devote their time over a period of hours to listen, explore compromises, and develop a plan that has the community's support.

We are not there yet. Please stop any further plans and any efforts to secure grants or funding until the township has agreed to have a well publicized and well organized charette administered by an independent qualified individual. Please delay the vote to acquire an additional parcel until this charette has happened. Let's come together as a group and move carefully and thoughtfully forward to protect and secure Pier Cove's future.

Respectfully Sara Cullen and Mark Ridley 6952 Lakeshore Court Fennville, Mi



Ganges / Pier Cove Public Access

1 message

John 'Ric' <Ric_Curtis@comcast.net>
To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 11:59 AM

John;

I understand the Township meeting, this Tuesday, includes consideration to purchase the "Trull Property", or a portion, thereby expanding the usable frontage for the public at the Pier Cove Public Beach Access.

What a wonderful idea to relieve much of the public's friction in choosing Pier Cove access over other options.

However; As has always been the case, enforcement is the bugaboo to the happy ending. [Regulations have been well considered by the Township Board, and in place. Enforcement seems to come and go.]

The added safety officer presence and/or enforcement of existing regulations (porta-potties, signage, fencing, etc., included) is greatly appreciated but needs to be consistent, and ongoing, as well as, expected by the public as they recognize and use such a wonderful Township asset.

I am continuing my trust in the Township Board's stewardship of this asset in that they will completely consider the additional, ongoing need for enforcement of the well considered regulations that are currently in place.

[Additional parking, if considered, should be reviewed skeptically].

As always, thank you for your efforts on the community's behalf.

John F 'Ric' Curtis 2264 Lakeshore Drive Pier Cove Fennville, MI 49408-9715

Ric_Curtis@comcast.net 269.543.4444 phone 616.644.4059 cell



Pier Cove Project

1 message

Jeanne <gagapoppop@sbcglobal.net> To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" <gangessupervisor@gmail.com> Sat, Sep 11, 2021 at 8:03 PM

Dear Mr. Hebert,

We sincerely hope you and the township council will take the necessary measures to involve the local community in the issues surrounding the Pier Cove Park project.

As Lakeshore Drive residents we are very aware of conflicting viewpoints among neighbors regarding the current and future plans for the Pier Cove Park area.

Having been alerted to these concerns last year, we attended the council meeting when Dana Burd's proposal was presented.

At that time we were able to view the same series of images taken by nearby cameras as you were. Those photos clearly demonstrated dangerous and disturbing activities of visitors parking at Pier Cove Park.

We are NOT in favor of Mr. Burd's proposal or the idea of purchasing additional property for Pier Cove Park. Ganges Township does nothing to patrol or maintain the existing property. Why would we agree to have you purchase more property?

Beach goers rarely adhere to the property rights of neighboring owners and the parking situation has NOT improved. Cars still park illegally and make ridiculous K-turns on that curve when leaving their spaces to return to head North.

The West Side County Park is less than one mile down the road. It can much more adequately provide proper parking and access to Lake Michigan than Pier Cove Park.

Please stop throwing our money into this ill conceived plan.

Respectfully,

Darell and Jeanne Zerbe

2110 Lakeshore Dr.

Fennville, MI 49408

Sent from Mail for Windows



Pier Cove

1 message

Helen <helencurtisfoster@gmail.com> To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Sun, Sep 12, 2021 at 10:15 AM

Hello Mr. Hebert,

I am writing to state my agreement with the letter written by Sara Cullen concerning the Pier Cove Park. I spent every summer of my early life at Pier Cove, literally, my grandparents owned what was Porches. I grew up hearing the history and have the family "Pier Cove books". I mention this so it is understood I have personally experienced decades of ongoing issues with the park.

As Sara said, the issues are still the exact same issues. The public and their opinions need to be heard and considered. Pier Cove is too special to "love to death".

Thank you for your time. Helen I. Foster 2265 lakeshore drive Fennville, MI 49408 269-455-8794

Sent from my iPhone



Letter of Support - Pier Cove Park

1 message

Krista Reuter < kristasue2@yahoo.com> To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Sun, Sep 12, 2021 at 8:29 AM

Dear SupervisorJohn Hebert,

My name is Krista Reuter and I currently live at 6564 Heron Ridge Road in Saugatuck.

This is a letter in support of the public beach expansion at Pier Cove Park.

I have utilized this beach for many years when I owned a home in Fennville. And when I moved to Saugatuck, I would take my toddler son to that beach - mostly because it was a perfect area from small children to play in the creek outlet. I know that little creek is very important to parents. It's an opportunity for them to feel a little safer for kids to play in the water and still enjoy the beauty of Lake Michigan.

Please add my support to this project.

Thank you for listening.

Krista Reuter