



John Hebert <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

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## Pier Cove Expansion

1 message

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**Robert Weist** <robertweist@me.com>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Sun, Sep 12, 2021 at 5:36 PM

Although we support the concept, the current lack of auto parking is of overriding concern to us.  
Bob & Sally Weist



John Hebert <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

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## Pier Cove Expansion

1 message

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**Douglas Hulst** <douglasbhulst@gmail.com>

Sun, Sep 12, 2021 at 8:15 PM

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

YES YES YES pls expand Pier Cove Beach!

Douglas Hulst  
2393 Lakeshore Dr.  
Fennville MI  
49408

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Sent from Gmail Mobile



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pier Cove Beach Acquisition**

1 message

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**John Hagen** <j.l.hagen@outlook.com>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 11:25 AM

To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

I am writing to express my and my wife Joy's support for the Township's proposed acquisition of additional beach frontage at Pier Cove. The park is heavily used and would greatly benefit from this acquisition.

We have owned property in Ganges Township since 1993. We and our children have utilized Pier Cove on many occasions. However, the amount of beach frontage at the Park is minimal, and we have always wished the Park were larger.

Moreover, beach erosion and increased privatization of lake frontage have increased pressure on public access to Lake Michigan. For example, a similarly sized access point to the Lake once existed at 121<sup>st</sup> Street. After a lawsuit by an adjacent owner closed access to that property, County officials failed to have the foresight to acquire the beach property, even though the owner offered to sell it at a public meeting for what now seems like a pittance. It would be a serious mistake for Township officials to make a similar short-sighted decision.

In closing, there is no better time for the Township to make an investment in this treasured amenity. If the Township were to forego this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, another buyer could acquire the property and forever close off the ability of area residents and visitors to enjoy an enhanced experience at the park. In fact, a new owner could erect fences and other obstructions that could seriously, perhaps, fatally erode the value of this valuable public amenity.

John Hagen

2127 Lakeshore Dr

Fennville, MI 49408



John Hebert <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

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## Support for purchase of Property

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**Linda Starring** <lindastarring4@gmail.com>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 2:22 PM

Ganges Township Board,

I'm writing this letter in support of purchasing the property to the north of Pier Cove Park. I think it will be an asset to the community to continue to have Lake access through Pier Cove Park.

Regards,  
Andrew and Linda Starring

1993 64th Street  
Fennville, Mi  
49408





John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

## Fw: Pier Cove - Public Hearing For Potential Public Beach Expansion

1 message

Gregory Dziewit <gdziewit@yahoo.com>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 12:45 PM

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

Hi John, I'm Greg Dziewit (Wind & Woods resident).

Thanks for holding the public hearing tomorrow. No doubt, the naysayers will be very vocal against this project. (like they were for the Lakeshore Drive repaving project (which turned out beautiful). I shared the response below with my HOA members.

I think it would be helpful if tomorrow you highlight why the county recommends the purchase and risks if the county does not purchase that land.

I plan on attending.  
Good luck, - Greg

To me the acquisition sounds interesting enough to hear the township proposal. I see several benefits to purchasing the land:

1. \$160k for 148 feet of beachfront sounds like a good price. The state grant will fund \$120k. I assume this grant could only be used for land acquisition. We can ask.
2. The current Pier Cove beach is very small -- less than 100 feet wide. There are signs telling people the beach ends just a few feet north of the stairs. So people using the stream are on private property. (Sara, I was walking through the stream a few years ago and the Allegan Sheriff told me to leave because I was on private property).
3. If the county doesn't purchase this land, I'm fairly certain the current owner will burden the sheriff to force people off his property.
4. I'm also concerned with one property owner, who's purchased much of the property in that area, making the purchase and paroling the beach.
5. I don't see how owning the land will increase beachgoers. Parking is limited and enforced.
6. A big concern is that the culvert is on property the county doesn't own. That seems like lots of problems waiting to happen.
7. Lastly, maybe I'm wrong on this, but from South Haven to M-89, I think Pier Cove is the only visible stretch of Lake Michigan. I love seeing it every day -- we are so lucky. Shouldn't the county own and protect this stretch of beach?

-Greg

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**From:** Patricia Varco-White <pvwdds@comcast.net>

**To:** Bill Diedrich <bd1960@icloud.com>; Adam Johnson <aajohns22@gmail.com>; Ann Dietz <dietz\_ann@yahoo.com>; Judy Chatterton <judy chatterton@yahoo.com>; Sara Cullen <sarascott919@gmail.com>; Michelle Daane <mmdaane@gmail.com>; Gregory Dziewit <gdziewit@yahoo.com>; Harold Fix <harold.fix4@gmail.com>; Dan Frigo <dannyfrigo@gmail.com>; George <heilmstout@aol.com>; Jack Howard <jhlake@yahoo.com>; Alan Jagnandan <alan@lasallenetwork.com>; Ryan Jagnandan <rbaril@gmail.com>; Alan Kaminski <rsecretgarden@att.net>; Suzy



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**Support of Pier Cove Beach Land Purchase**

1 message

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**William Wojcieszek** <williamwojcieszek@yahoo.com>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 2:07 PM

To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Cc: Robin Wojcieszek &lt;rowj@lundbeck.com&gt;

Mr. Hebert -

I am writing to voice my support to have Ganges Township purchase 120 feet of Lake Michigan frontage adjacent to Pier Cove beach on the northern boundary.

My rationale is that this land is essentially "semi public" today as it is currently accessed by Pier Cove beach goers. It is my understanding that this proposal would NOT increase the number of parking spaces, which I would not support.

My address is 6934 Ravine Trail. Fennville 49408

William Wojcieszek

Sent from my iPad



John Hebert <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

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**Pier Cove Park**

1 message

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**Julie McGee** <mjmcgee981@yahoo.com>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 2:50 PM

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

Ganges Township Board,

I'm writing this letter in support of purchasing additional property to expand Pier Cove Park.

Regards,

Julie and Mike McGee



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pier Cove Park expansion**1 message

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**Lisa Walker** <lisaann.walker@yahoo.com>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 7:45 PM

Reply-To: Lisa Walker &lt;lisaann.walker@yahoo.com&gt;

To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

Ganges Township Board,

I am writing to extend my support to the township for purchasing additional property to expand Pier Cove Park. It is extremely important to continue to protect Lake access not only for the residents but to attract tourism as well.

I am pleased with the Ganges Township Board for finding a way to improve and expand Pier Cove Park for the residents of Ganges Township.

Lisa Walker  
2097 - 66th Street  
Fennville

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android





John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pier Cove Park**

1 message

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**David Nash** <danash1@verizon.net>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 12:14 PM

To: Mr. John Herbert

Ganges Supervisor

It was a surprise to hear that the Township would like to help buy more land for Pier Cove. While we don't necessarily have a feeling either way on the subject we do have concerns. These have to do with safety and property rights.

These recent issues have taken place just this August and September of this year.

1. There was a young man attempting to camp on the Trull property that I asked to leave.
2. There were two women that went half way up the Chambliss Beach stairs while one went to the bathroom.
3. On a daily bases we have had to explain to people that Pier Cove is all of 66 feet.
4. There are people at both Pier Cove and on private property well after the 10 PM closing time.
5. There have been beach fires on the beach both at sunset after 10 PM.
6. There have been people with dogs letting them go to the bathroom both at Pier Cove and on private property and not picking up after them.
7. Trash left behind on a daily bases at Pier Cove that either washes south and north to others properties that has to be dealt with by that property owner.
8. What is the Town ships liability for the stream?
9. On the East Coast the water is tested daily and a warning is posted as to the dangers such as e-coli and other health issues. Parents should know these risks when their children are on the beach. One good lawsuit could bankrupt the Township.
10. The illegal parking is an issue. Walking by especially in the summer months people have almost hit us from both the road and / or pulling out and not paying attention. Again in attracting more people to the beach with a bigger beach is there a possible lawsuit? At the same time the parcel you are talking about is private property and all beach goers ignore the 66 feet; so is this changing anything if the Township buys it?
11. If you are going for a grant; don't you have to meet the state and federal government requirement for disability parking spaces? If yes where will they go?
12. Two summer ago I was asked by a young sheriff if I would help tell people to stay off of the private property because he was tired of coming out and telling people to get off. I have done what he has requested that summer and this summer. But in the future I will probably stop this practice because with society today someone might turn around and shoot me. Will the Township have more resources to handle these safety issues and property rights issue in the future?

There are more concerns by many people but as you can see there needs to be more input on this matter. Why the rush? The park has been there in my 69 years and will probably be for many more to come.

The Township seems to me having a hard time taking care of and enforcing rules of Pier Cove as it is. Should you be buying more property?

At this time from Dana Burds letter you seem to be 100% behind buying this property immediately. If that is the case I ask that the Township rescue yourself; and appoint a totally independent person or organization to look in to what is best for all parties (Ganges Township, Friends of Pier Cove, property owners, etc.) involved to come to a resolution that is best for all on the future of Pier Cove Park.

Thanks,

David and Martha Nash

2308 Lakeshore Dr.

Fennville



Robin Phelps &lt;gangesclerk@gmail.com&gt;

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**adjacent property proposal**

1 message

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**Jacob Petkus** <jacobpetkus@gmail.com>  
To: Robin Phelps <gangesclerk@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 9:57 PM

This email is for all board members...I am writing in concern of the adjacent property proposal for pier cove park...I have been attending monthly meetings now periodically for 2 years and almost each time there is a discussion on equipment for Ganges township first responders. I have watched the fire chief in a plea just for new tires on his trucks just to have no worries of breaking down himself in route to an emergency situation. I am hoping the thought of spending the proposed \$41,000 in discussion to be applied to the first responders to have assurance that our community and "their" equipment is safe.



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Pier Cove Beach Potential Expansion**

1 message

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**Charles Landefeld** <celandefeld@gmail.com>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 4:35 PM

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&gt; Mr. Hebert,

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> I am writing regarding the potential acquisition by Ganges Township of the beach property just north of Pier Cove Beach. I am the president of the Lake Michigan Shore Association and many of our members and other residents just recently became aware of this potential acquisition the end of last week. I am not writing to express an opinion of the LMSA Board, since there really has not been adequate time to learn about the issue and hear the opinions of our members. I am sure that the Ganges Township Board has been receiving either emails or letters from many residents expressing their opinions on the potential beach acquisition. I am simply asking that Ganges Township post on its website copies of all correspondence that it receives on the subject. This will give all area residents the opportunity to read through the opinions of other residents, on both sides of the issue, that came in to the Township. I believe it would reflect favorably on the Township by creating this transparency. In an effort to have residents fully informed on this issue, I would also suggest that the Township consider slowing down the discussion and review process by delaying its decision making target from October to November. Thank you for your consideration.

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&gt; Charles Landefeld

&gt; President, LMSA Board





John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pier Cove Public Beach, Fennville, Michigan**

1 message

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**Mary Jeanette Stackhouse** <shim.gum.do.zen@gmail.com>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 3:44 PM

Dear Supervisor John Herbert,

My family and I have some real safety concerns about expanding the size of the Pier Cove Public Beach. I am not able to attend the Public Hearing regarding the potential Pier Cove Public Beach expansion but would like to weigh in with my thoughts.

My family has owned the 2288 Lakeshore Drive house located just south of the Pier Cove Public Beach since 1906. Over the past several years, there has been an ongoing issue with visitors to the public beach parking on and trespassing on the private properties near the Pier Cove Public Beach.

Additionally, there is concern regarding drivers along Lakeshore Drive who already drive too fast as it is. The beach is located on Lakeshore Drive where the road makes an almost 90 degree turn and additional traffic raises concerns about traffic safety.

Enlarging the public beach will increase visitors, and also increase trespassing on the private beach areas both north and south of Pier Cove. There already has been an increase in partying after hours and the numbers will only increase. Increased visitors will increase the illegal parking on private property that is already a huge problem with all residents around the public beach.

A very large public beach, West Side County Park, is located about a mile south of the Pier Cove beach that has parking and facilities that the Pier Cove beach does not have.

Sincerely,  
Mary J. Stackhouse, daughter of Jeanette Studley  
Grand Niece of Jeanette Studley  
Great Grandchild of Myra and Wilbur Studley who bought our property in 1906



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pier Cove Park property purchase**

1 message

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**Philip Palley** <philpalley@aol.com>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 2:44 PM

September 14, 2021

To John Hebert and fellow Ganges Township Board members,

As a Pier Cove property owner and a life-long visitor, I object to Ganges Township purchasing property to expand the Pier Cove Park beach. Since Ganges Township doesn't have the means to manage and maintain the existing beach and parking, it's wrong to add additional liabilities, burdens, expenses and responsibilities.

Owning Lake Michigan lakefront property is a huge, expensive commitment as we have seen over generations of high lake levels and unforgiving storms. This is self-evident. Damage control and repairs require the commitment and responsibility that Ganges Township doesn't have.

To repair the recent damages from the 2019-2020 storms and high lake levels, it took a go-fund-me effort by Friends of Pier Cove Park and volunteer professional services to get started. Ironically, their Facebook page currently features alcoholic beverage sales to raise funds for the park.

There's the other set of problems that have been ongoing for decades: illegal parking, safety, trash, park misuse-including drinking and after-hours use, the lack of park maintenance and police authority oversight.

Expanding the beach will invite more traffic. The un-expandable shallow parking there creates a very dangerous traffic situation at a blind turn. We have all come around that turn to find people spilling out into the street getting around long cars and pickup trucks. It's a classic example of an accident waiting to happen. Sadly, illegal parking there isn't enforced through ticketing.

Ganges residents have a well supported public beach close by at the West Side Park which is county funded. There, residents find plenty of beach, recreational amenities, and parking!

A good price on a high maintenance asset is a bad deal without the ways and means to keep it up. Let's leave the property with all it's liabilities to private taxpayers.

Please share these points in tonight's meeting on the subject.

Philip Palley  
2278 Lakeshore Drive  
philpalley@aol.com



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Park**

1 message

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**Jordan Petkusxm Ziff44** <jpetkus4@gmail.com>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 12:52 PM

I would rather see money spent on safety of the community with the fire dept. Or having more patrols that our watching out for the community. Expanding the park makes no if you can't patrol it for the safety of our great community.



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pier Cove Park**

1 message

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**mbfosterva@triton.net** <mbfosterva@triton.net>  
To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 10:48 AM

Mr. Herbert -----I want to comment that I agree with Sara Cullens message on the park area.

The citizens from the area should be involved in any decisions concerning the park . Also, I am not sure these large amounts of money needs to be spent since we have a very nice West Side County Park.

Also, I understand you are looking into getting speed signs posted that show the cars speed----I hope this is moving forward . The speed continues to be a major concern on this road.

Betsy Foster

2260 Lakeshore Drive

Pier Cove

269-543-9021



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Purchase of additional property for Pier Cove**

1 message

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**Diane Broekhuis** <dkb2@hotmail.com>

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 10:15 AM

To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

Mr. John Hebert

Richard Hutchins

Barry Gooding

Robin Phelps

Cindy Reimink

I would respectfully ask you to stop pursuing additional property for Pier Cove - Lake Michigan access. The township currently has 66' of property that was deeded to them from the Simonds family. It has not over the years been properly maintained.

My late husband and myself have pointed out safety issues at the park and in the parking spaces on Lakeshore Dr. Drug sales and illegal parking and illicit sex outside a vehicle. Many people urinating in the parking area. Undressing on the beach and parking lot – adults and children! Drinking alcohol inside and outside cars and on the beach. Trespassing on private property with their alcohol and not leaving when asked. None of these issues have been addressed by the township.

Currently, this property that Ganges Township is wanting to purchase is open to the public by the landowner. Why buy the property when you can use it for free and not have the liability? It does not make any sense to buy property that needs a seawall and other safety and security items, especially when the current 66' feet of lake front has not been properly cared for over the years. I ask you to please not hire an appraiser or seek funds for this property. Do not lose the taxes that are assessed on this property.

A better use of the money would be a fulltime Ganges Township police officer that could cover the township with backup by the Allegan County Sheriff Department. The tickets alone should cover the cost of this officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Broekhuis

2297 Lakeshore Dr

Fennville, MI 49408

Current Ganges Township resident

Sent from my iPhone





John Hebert <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

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## In support of aquisition of Lake MI frontage adjacent to Pier Cove

1 message

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**Glenn Bosch** <glenn\_bosch@att.net>

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 8:57 AM

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

Dear Supervisor Herbert:

I want to add my voice to those of my neighbors who support the acquisition of the lake front property adjacent to Pier Cove. Expanding the property available to the public will enhance the neighborhood and make the beach that much more attractive.

Thank you for taking the opinion of the public into consideration.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Bosch  
6933 121st AVE  
Fennville MI49403  
317/341-2248



John Hebert &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

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**Support of Pier Cove Beach Land Purchase**

1 message

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**Dr. Lance Trexler** <lance.trexler@rhin.com>

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 9:27 AM

To: "gangessupervisor@gmail.com" &lt;gangessupervisor@gmail.com&gt;

Mr. Herbert-

I am writing to voice my support to have Ganges Township purchase 120 feet of Lake Michigan frontage adjacent to Pier Cove beach on the northern boundary. Thank you for pursuing this option!!!

My rationale is that this land is essentially "semi public" today as it is currently accessed by Pier Cove beach goers. It is my understanding that this proposal would NOT increase the number of parking spaces, which I would not support.

My address is 6935 Ravine Trail. Fennville 49408

Lance E. Trexler, PhD, HSPP, FACRM

Consulting Rehabilitation Neuropsychologist,

Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana;

Clinical Assistant Professor,

Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,

Indiana University School of Medicine

9531 Valparaiso Court,

Indianapolis, IN 46268

(317) 329-2411



Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana

4141 Shore Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46254-2607



Indiana University Health

Ascension  
St. Vincent

Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana is a community collaboration



Robin Phelps &lt;gangesclerk@gmail.com&gt;

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**Pier Cove Hearing Sept 14th**

1 message

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**Kathy Stanton** <kathyastanton@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 12:20 PM

To: Ganges Supervisor &lt;gangesupervisor@gmail.com&gt;, gangesclerk@gmail.com

Ganges Township Board-

We are in favor of the township purchasing the additional land north of Pier Cove. There is precious little beach for use by the public in Ganges Township and since the township has given away access points in the past (121st St. and Plumberville) it would be nice to gain a little back. Expanding the space means fewer people spilling over onto private property when the beach is full.

Please don't let public benefits that the township can provide be overshadowed by other issues that need to be dealt with anyway. I understand the frustration of neighbors regarding litter and traffic. Maybe it's time for the Township to establish a parks committee that can help resolve these issues that are separate from the question of land purchase.

The nighttime issues related to noise and partying are another separate issue. I assume those affected have called 911 when there are people there after hours? Locals on the lakeshore can avoid the bottleneck on the road (by Pier Cove) by driving another way around - and not adding to the problem.

There seems to be the perception that the traffic, parking, litter, and after hours issues are permanent and unsolvable. That isn't the case and a little effort put in could come up with some inexpensive ways to improve the situation if the Board would support such efforts.

Please make the decision about land purchase based on its benefit to the overall community.

Kathy Stanton  
Ronda Hall



September 14, 2021

Ganges Township Board  
1904 64th Street  
Fennville, MI 49408

**RE: September 14, 2021 Public Hearing – Dana Burd Comments on DNR Acquisition Grant to Expand Pier Cove Beach by 120 feet north**

Dear Township Board,

I want to thank you, the Trull family, and the Simonds family for considering this generous opportunity. I enthusiastically support the Township's application to the DNR!

I grew up between Pier Cove and West Side County Park. I've called that area home my entire life. My parents live just north of West Side County Park and have the last 42 years. Before that my grandparents Jean and Marv lived there and before them, my great-grandparents lived there. My children will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Burd generation to be caretakers of our special lakeshore.

Pier Cove Park has shaped my life and brought me peace in many ways. I became a civil engineer in large part due to my love of building bridges and dams on that creek as a child. My family has hiked and swam there in all seasons. We've enjoyed the beauty of nature there and remembered old friends, loved ones, and lost pets there.

By the Township acquiring this property it will ensure future generations the same for anyone who is lucky enough to spend time there.

Thank you,



Dana Burd  
Friends of Pier Cove Park  
6871 Wiley Road  
[Dburd01@yahoo.com](mailto:Dburd01@yahoo.com)

Ganges Township Board,

I'm writing this letter in support of purchasing the property to the north of Pier Cove Park. I've used the park since I was a child and never realized the stream was actually on private property. Purchasing this property will ensure generations to come will be able to enjoy the park like I have.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Higgins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Higgins" clearly distinguishable.

Steve Higgins

2366 63<sup>rd</sup> St.

Fennville, MI. 49408



Robin Phelps &lt;gangesclerk@gmail.com&gt;

**Fwd: Pier Cover Beach Purchase Statement**

1 message

**John Hebert** <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>  
 To: Robin Phelps <gangesclerk@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 9:38 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gregory Dziewit** <gdziewit@yahoo.com>  
 Date: Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 9:30 AM  
 Subject: Pier Cover Beach Purchase Statement  
 To: gangessupervisor@gmail.com <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>

Hi John, I'm Greg Dziewit, 6945 Lakeshore Ct (Wind & Woods resident).

Thank you for holding the public hearing. We appreciate hearing the board's proposal and the opportunity to respond. Below is the written response from our household.

We are in strong favor of the acquisition of the adjacent Pier Cover beach property. We see several benefits to purchasing the land:

1. \$160k for 148 feet of beachfront sounds like an attractive price. Assuming we get the state grant of \$120k, it would be foolish for the county to forgo the opportunity to purchase the beach for a net \$40k (plus some assumption for transaction costs).
2. The current Pier Cove beach is very small -- about 66 feet wide. There are signs telling people the beach ends just a few feet north of the stairs. So people using the stream are on private property. Beach users assume this all belongs to the beach, and it should be. A few years ago, I was walking through the stream, and the Allegan Sheriff told me to leave because I was on private property.
3. If the county does not purchase this land, I'm concerned that the current owner may burden the sheriff to force people off his property. This harms the community.
4. I'm also concerned that another private property owner may purchase and parole the beach, again harming the community.
5. I don't see how owning the land will increase beachgoers. Parking is limited and enforced.
6. Ganges Township is fortunate to have two great beaches along Lakeshore Dr. I believe our property values improve with these amenities.
7. My understanding is that the culvert leads through this private property that the county doesn't own. Perhaps it's appropriately deeded, but this seems like a problem waiting to happen.
8. Are there other potentially harmful results if the county doesn't purchase the land?
9. Lastly, maybe I'm wrong on this. From South Haven to M-89, I think Pier Cover is the only visible stretch of Lake Michigan. I love seeing it every day -- we are so lucky. Shouldn't the county own and protect this stretch of beach?

I am also aware of several community members wanting an overall beach improvement plan as a dependency to purchase the land. I believe they are independent plans and can be run in parallel. **Time kills deals!** We should start the process to acquire the land and simultaneously develop the longer-term beach plan. The purchase should not be held hostage to the community aligning on the combined plan.

9/16/21, 1:13 PM

Gmail - Fwd: Pier Cover Beach Purchase Statement

Thank you,  
-Greg Dziewit  
6945 Lakeshore Ct



Robin Phelps &lt;gangesclerk@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Pier Cove beach expansion**

1 message

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**John Hebert** <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>  
To: Robin Phelps <gangesclerk@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 4:44 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Paul Nasir** <lpaulnasir@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 4:38 PM  
Subject: Pier Cove beach expansion  
To: <gangessupervisor@gmail.com>  
CC: Kimberly Nasir <kimjdesign@gmail.com>

Dear J Hebert,

My wife and I joined the Pier Cove community 3 years ago, our home is 6915 Stone Bridge Trl, only 1/2 a mile or so from the beach. It is easy walking, and now that the road is in great shape, we'll take advantage even more frequently. We have had our kids, gkids, friends and visitors make the walk and work the shore or watch a sunset. This Great Lake is an asset to all residents, any expansion to access I think is in the best interest of the community at large and increase the appeal of Ganges towns and the area surrounding. Let's be generous with this blessing, I am sure it is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Louis Paul Nasir