

Presque Isle Harbor Association  
Message from the Board President  
August 2025

Wow, it's now mid-August and the end of summer Labor Day weekend will be on us before long. As mentioned last month, the goal of this newsletter is to try and cover all the significant happening within the Association.

In July, Pauline Lang retired permanently from the Association after 30+ years of service as the PIHA Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper. Pauline was the "behind the scenes" resource that took care of our Bookkeeping, did the Banking for the Association, and assisted in fulfilling the role left vacant when the prior Executive Director resigned last July. The entire Board of Directors (BOD) has expressed their appreciation for Pauline's dedication to the PIHA Association over the course of her employment. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Lori Paul accepted the position of Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper and started in the role on Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Next time you are at the Clubhouse, ask the attendant to be introduced and get to know our newest staff member.

The BOD has set the date for the Special Meeting regarding the proposed ONE-TIME Special Assessment for Capital Improvements to fund the new Pool and Fitness Center Project. The meeting will take place on **Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:00pm** at the Presque Isle Harbor Association Clubhouse, 6424 Kauffman Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777. In following the Restrictive Covenants of the Association, we are mailing all members notice of the meeting along with a Proxy Ballot allowing members to cast their vote without having to attend the meeting in person. We must meet the requirements of a 60% quorum of member votes and obtain a 2/3's majority of those votes for the Assessment to pass. We are expecting the mailing to go out no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and most members should receive the letters within 1 to 3 business days. The BOD is asking all members to cast your vote and not disregard the mailing. There is new website available with all the Architectural renderings along with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) now available, the URL is: <https://www.pihapool.com/> There will be a Question & Answer session for members on the proposed new Pool and Fitness Center project on **Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6pm** held at the Clubhouse, 6424 Kauffman Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777 and available via Zoom using this link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/CbCg97daSJ2jtnPL4O4NtQ> Anyone joining the meeting via Zoom will need to register for the meeting, this can be done in advance of the meeting date.

We continue to work with PIE&G regarding the issue of them not supplying sufficient power capacity at the Campground, this remains as work-in-progress. There has been renewed interest from members in serving on the Campground Committee and the first meeting of the newly expanded committee will occur in August. It was mentioned several times at the Annual Meeting that most of our committees can use additional members. If you are interested in serving on a PIHA committee, please reach out to the Chair of the committee or any of the BOD members. You can find the contacts for the Committees on the "About Us" tab on the PIHA website.

We are experiencing an issue at the Grand Lake Beach Boat Launch with boater's power loading their boats resulting in deep holes at the end of the boat launch dock. This causes sand to become suspended in the water that gets pushed ashore through natural wave action. Our Maintenance team must push this sand

back into the launch site on a weekly basis. We will be installing signage stating that power loading of boats is prohibited and researching additional steps if this practice does not come to an end.

From a Social Activities standpoint, here are events planned out for the next 30 days; The Natural Resources Committee is sponsoring a Guided Hike on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 1:30pm, another on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, led by Heather Rawlings, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, refer to the PIHA website for additional details and note that the Summer Trail Challenge will be coming to an end on Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The Annual Hobo Dinner is scheduled for 5pm on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and held at the Campers Pavilion. And let's not forget Live Music every Thursday at 6:30 until Labor Day at the Grand Lake Beach House. I am sure I missed something and did not cover all the organizations in the area that are hosting events. Please always review the PIHA website, Grand Lake Association website, & Presque Isle Township Museum Society websites for the most accurate details on all these events.

In addition to all the events and activities mentioned above, don't forget we have shuffleboard courts at the Clubhouse, basketball equipment is available at the Clubhouse, indoor games, volleyball, horseshoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboard (SUPs), and our brand new all aluminum paddleboat now available at the Grand Lake Beach house for your use and enjoyment. Let us not forget North Bay Beach House that has both volleyball, horseshoes and the private PIHA Beach area.

We did very well participating in the GLA Garage Sale Days on July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> selling surplus items from our Maintenance area. Ironically, the "vintage" PIHA signage was a huge hit with folks, and we quickly sold out on Friday. Some of the larger ticket items were placed on Facebook Marketplace with good success. We are considering participating next year to clear out unused items stored at the Clubhouse and other PIHA locations. As for anyone that has hosted a garage sale, it takes a tremendous amount of preparation work as well as dedicating your time to staffing the sale. If we do participate next year, we will plan for Friday only as the customer traffic really dropped off on Saturday.

The next PIHA Board meeting will be Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, starting at 6pm.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Grochola". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Grochola

President, PIHA Board of Directors