

Presque Isle Harbor Association
Message from the Board President
September 2025

Fall is right around the corner with the autumnal equinox occurring on September 22 at 8:19 AM EDT. As we all transition from summer to fall, there is still much activity happening within the Association.

The meeting date to announce the results of the proxy votes for the pool replacement and expanded fitness center project will be on **Saturday September 20th, 2025, at 12:00pm** at the Presque Isle Harbor Association Clubhouse, 6424 Kauffman Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777. If you have not yet returned your proxy ballot, there is still time, and we encourage everyone to participate in this important decision of our Association. The volunteer's that helped with the Board Election ballot counting at the Annual meeting this year have agreed to help us with the proxy counting. We have improved the process allowing all the votes to be captured directly in our Member Management System (MMS) providing us with an audit trail. I remain optimistic that we will be able to meet the 60% quorum requirement for the initial meeting, however there are provisions in the Restrictive Covenants that allow another meeting to be called with a lowered quorum requirement in the event a quorum is not reached in the initial meeting.

A Question & Answer session for members on the proposed pool replacement and expanded fitness center project was held on Wednesday September 3rd, 2025, at 6pm held at the Clubhouse and available via Zoom. A summary of the meeting was sent out via email to all members that have an email address on file with us. If you are not receiving emails from the Association, please contact the Clubhouse, 989-595-2411 and have your email address updated in MMS.

At the September board meeting, there was considerable discussion regarding past-due member accounts. As of September 5th, 2025, 24% of the membership in the Association have a past due balance. Our Executive Director and other staff members have been working several fronts (additional billings, phone calls, and court filings), to work down the past due accounts. While we are seeing positive results with the efforts to-date so far, it was agreed to move forward with a more aggressive type of collection process with a small portion of the membership with large outstanding balances.

Our maintenance staff has begun the annual closedown of the summer Beach Houses. The Board will be reviewing several small upgrades for the Beach Houses that have come forward around electrical and heating/cooling for these facilities to possibly include in next year's budget.

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. We have a new multi-member Campground Committee and continue to receive positive feedback on our Campground Manager Lee Compton. As I have mentioned before, 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.

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 September 27th, 2025, led by Heather Rawlings, Fish and Wildlife Biologist. Plan to meet at the trailhead at the Besser Natural Area (enter from

Grand Lake Road) @ 2pm. The Annual Hobo Dinner is scheduled for 5pm on Saturday September 27th, 2025, held at the Campers Pavilion. The Hobo dinner is free to all members and \$5 for non-members. You will need a ticket to participate, and they are available at the Clubhouse through September 22nd. Health Day is Wednesday October 1st with Flu & Covid Shots available at the Clubhouse from Noon to 2pm. Pre-registration is suggested to help the pharmacy plan for the quantity to bring, but walk-ins will be accepted. On Friday October 10th starting at 7pm, there will be a pumpkin carving event at the PIHA Campground Pavilion. Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. You can take your pumpkin home or donate them for the Pumpkin Stroll at the Old Presque Isle Lighthouse. The Natural Resources Committee will be sponsoring a Nature Hike on Saturday, October 18th, 2025 led by Heather Rawlings, Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Heather will take us out to explore the fall colors at the Rockport Recreation Area, meet at the Clubhouse at 1:30pm and we will carpool to the trailhead located off East Grand Lake Road. Please join us for a cook-out at the end of the hike! All are welcome to attend for a couple hours of enjoying our trails, meeting new friends, and getting out in the great outdoors. Dogs are welcome but must be on leash. Please dress for the weather. On Tuesday October 21st, there will be a Blood drive at the PIHA Clubhouse from 10AM-2PM. Please sign-up for your time slot in advance (sign-up sheet located at the Clubhouse). Walk-ins may have a waiting period. Lastly, on Friday October 31st, 2025, is the annual Trunk or Treat at the Clubhouse from 6-7PM. Come early to decorate your trunk for the treaters. Participating cars will circle around the perimeter of the parking lot. Bring candy/treats for the youngsters and feel free to dress up for the event.

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.

The Natural Resources Committee will be sponsoring a trail brushing event in early October as some of our trails seemed to have narrowed with all the growth from this summer's beautiful weather.

The next PIHA Board meeting will be Tuesday October 14th, 2025, starting at 6pm.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Grochola". The script is cursive and fluid.

Michael Grochola

President, PIHA Board of Directors