

Presque Isle Harbor Association  
Message from the Board President  
October 2025

As I write this, it does appear that we are close to peak fall colors, and the leaves are dropping especially after a fall storm comes through the area. As we all transition from fall to winter, there is still much activity happening within the Association.

While the Special Assessment vote failed to reach the 66.67% majority, we did have a 64% majority “Yes” and the Pool Committee is busy working on a revised project to bring back to the membership for a vote as most of the members all want to have a pool. At the present time, we will be working with our architects to scale down the size of the pool building but preserve the size of the pool, spa, and wading area. This will take some time to complete and get updated cost estimates. We do not have a firm date as of today when we will hold the next vote, but I would estimate it will occur in early 2026.

We are planning on making changes in how we handle credit card payments as the credit card processing fee's have continued to climb. The Association has had to pay over \$6,000 so far, this fiscal year in credit card processing fees. As soon as the programming is completed, there will be a 2-price system in place. One price for cash/check/debit and a 2<sup>nd</sup> price for credit cards which will include a 3% credit card processing fee.

We just signed the final contract with MVP to complete the Clubhouse repairs from the May 2021 hailstorm. This project will replace the exterior siding, trim, fascia, gutters, downspouts, and windows that were included in the insurance claim, (note: the outside walls of the pool are out of scope). It is expected this will be completed yet this year. The last outstanding repair from the hailstorm is the outdoor air handling units on the roof of the Activity Hall/Gym. We want to bring these units off the roof and replace the 4 units with 2 units that would be located on the ground behind the building. However, we need 3-Phase power for these units. We are waiting on PIE&G to give us a quote and they informed us they are waiting on approval from IIC to allow PIE&G to install new underground line in the IIC easement as this would be the shortest distance to the Clubhouse from a PIE&G power hub.

We continue to work the past-due member accounts. Additional invoices are being mailed, phone calls are being placed, and small claims court cases continue to be filed. Every case that we have filed, the court has agreed on our position and awarded us the judgement. Taking these cases to court adds to the members amount due as they must pay all the court costs which can include the cost of process servers when required.

The maintenance staff has completed the annual closedown of the summer Beach Houses. The water will be turned off at the Campground on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the water lines will be blowout soon afterwards. There will be a porta-pot placed at the Campground Pavilion for the month of November.

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. The new process for awarding a Seasonal Camping rate to those members that camp for the entire season has been posted on the website and Facebook. The drawing date has been set for Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm at the Clubhouse, members do not

need to be present. They will be contacted by the Campground Manager to make a site selection post the drawing.

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; On Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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. Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> 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. On Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>, join the PIHA family for Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse! The Social Activities Committee will provide turkey, gravy, and drinks (water, coffee, tea). Members to provide side dishes. Register at the Clubhouse desk and receive a ticket for entry & sign up to bring a side dish. You MUST have a ticket to enter as the Clubhouse is closed on Thanksgiving Day. Doors open at 3:00pm with dinner served at 4:00pm. On Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> is the annual Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 7PM. Enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas caroling to celebrate the start of this beautiful season! Tree lighting will occur in the PIHA Clubhouse parking lot.

I am sure I missed something and did not cover all the organizations in the area that may be 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. There is a new jumbo Jenga set at the Clubhouse donated by the Larkin family with much assistance from other members. Check it out, they did a great job!!!

The Natural Resources Committee has declared October to be a trail brushing month. When you are out walking the trails, please bring a handheld pruner and assist the Natural Resources Committee members in maintaining trails by cutting back vegetation that has grown into the trail over the summer month.

The next PIHA Board meeting will be Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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