



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
DOUGLAS HARBOR AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 AT 4:30 PM
86 W CENTER ST., DOUGLAS MI**

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Agenda - October 14, 2025

B. Approval of Minutes - July 15, 2025

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar of October 14, 2025 – voice vote

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES)

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - WRITTEN

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Veterans Park Fishing Deck Project Update

B. 2025 Project Updates - Presentation

C. Launch Revenue Update: Season Ending 2025

- a. Schultz Park Launch: \$25,313.18
- b. Union Street Boat Launch: \$10,968.92
- c. Douglas Marina Slips: \$18,000
- d. Douglas Marina Transient Slips: \$575

D. 2026 Meeting Schedule Discussion

8. REPORTS

A. Authority Members

B. Administration

9. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES)

10. AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Freeman

2. ROLL CALL: By City Clerk Kasper

PRESENT: Gregory Freeman, Jerome Donovan, Mike Hurley, Cathy North, Lisa Nocerini, Sue Guevara.

ABSENT: Patty Hanson

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: *Nomination by Donovan, seconded by Hurley, to nominate Freeman as Chair. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

Nomination by North, seconded by Nocerini, to nominate Donovan as Vice-Chair. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Nomination by Nocerini, seconded by North, to nominate Hurley as Treasurer. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Agenda - July 15, 2025

B. Approval of Minutes - April 15, 2025

Motion by Donovan, seconded by Hurley, to approve the Consent Calendar of July 15, 2025. – Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL: None

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN: None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schultz Park Dock Management/Issues Update (R. Zoet)

B. Union Street Boat Launch Updates (R. Zoet/L. Nocerini)

C. KLHA No Wake Survey Results (KLHA Members Freeman/North)

D. Douglas Marina Project Update (L. Nocerini/J. Pearson)

E. Schultz/Union Boat Launch Seasonal Passes Update (J. Pearson/L. Nocerini)

F. Invasive Plant Treatment Update (J. Pearson)

G. Harbor Project Update (S. Homyen)

8. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – VERBAL: None

9. AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS: None

10. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion by Donovan, seconded by Hurley, to adjourn the meeting.*



To: Douglas Harbor Authority

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

RE: Veteran's Park Fishing Deck Project Update

Date: October 14th, 2025

DPW employee Leo Maas has been diligently working for nearly a year to organize and advance a project to construct a fishing deck at Veteran's Park on Washington Street. This project is being developed entirely through donations of plans, materials, and labor, reflecting a strong spirit of community collaboration and support.

Leo will be providing an update to the Harbor Authority on the project's current status, progress to date, and anticipated next steps. This project represents an excellent example of initiative and teamwork within the DPW and the broader community.

As you will recall, this project has been discussed during prior meetings.



To: Douglas Harbor Authority

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager
Ricky Zoet, Director, Department of Public Works

RE: October 2025 Project Update Presentation

Date: October 14th, 2025

Attached is the October 2025 presentation outlining current and upcoming projects related to the City's waterfront areas. Topics include safety enhancements, dock and signage updates, ongoing aquatic treatments, and progress on both the Douglas Marina Pavilion and Restroom projects.

I will review each item in detail during the meeting and provide additional context on project status, next steps, and anticipated timelines.

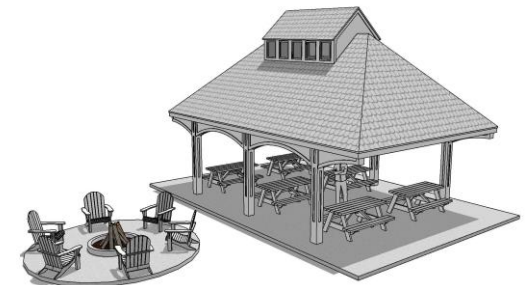
Thank you to the Douglas Harbor Authority for your continued support, collaboration, and commitment to maintaining safe, accessible, and welcoming waterfront spaces for all who visit Douglas.

Douglas Harbor Authority Report

October 14th, 2025

- **General Project Updates**

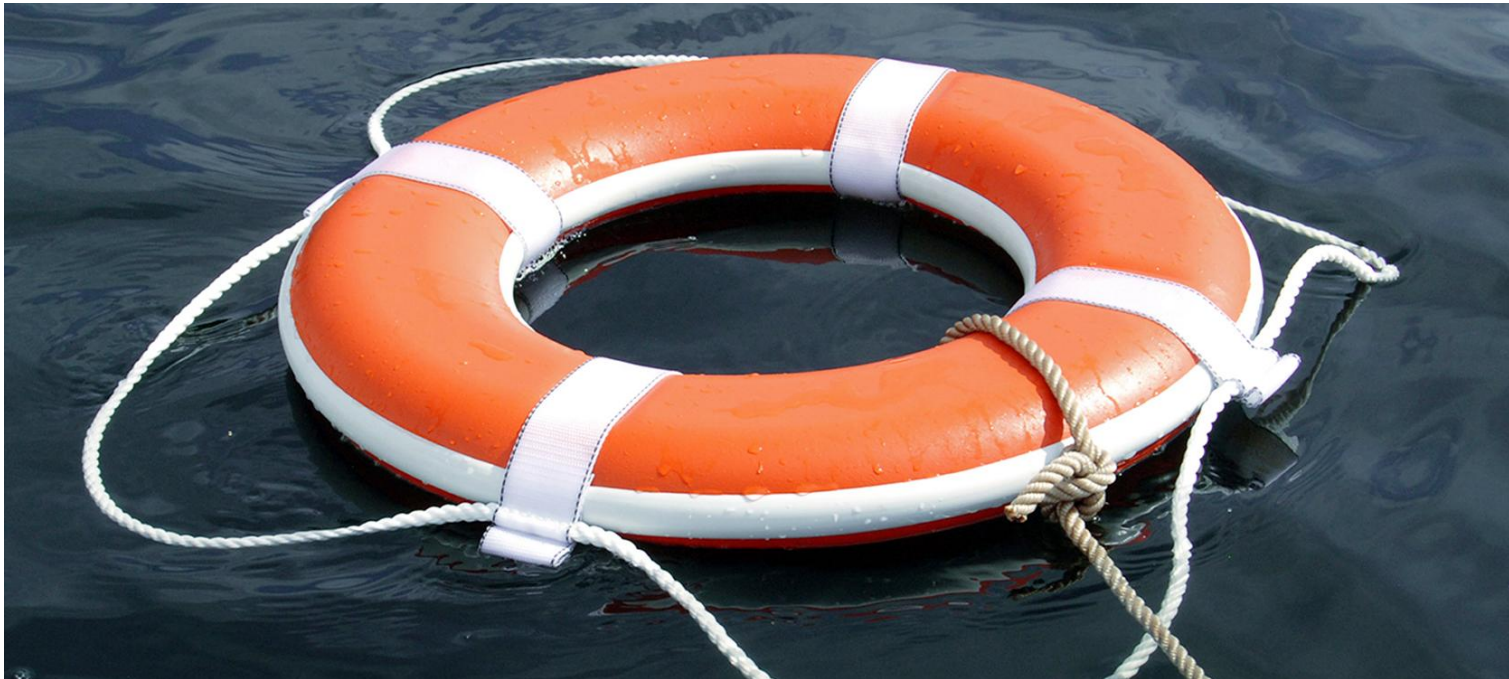
- Installation of Ring Covers/Throw Ropes
- Schultz Park Docks: Previous Repairs Update
- Non-Motorized Watercrafts Signage- Wade's Bayou
 - Union Street Boat Launch Dock Replacement Update
- Union Street Boat Launch Parking- Reduced Space 2026
 - Aquatic Treatment Update
 - **Douglas Marina**
 - Pavilion Project Update
 - Restroom Project Update



Installation of Rings & Throw Ropes-

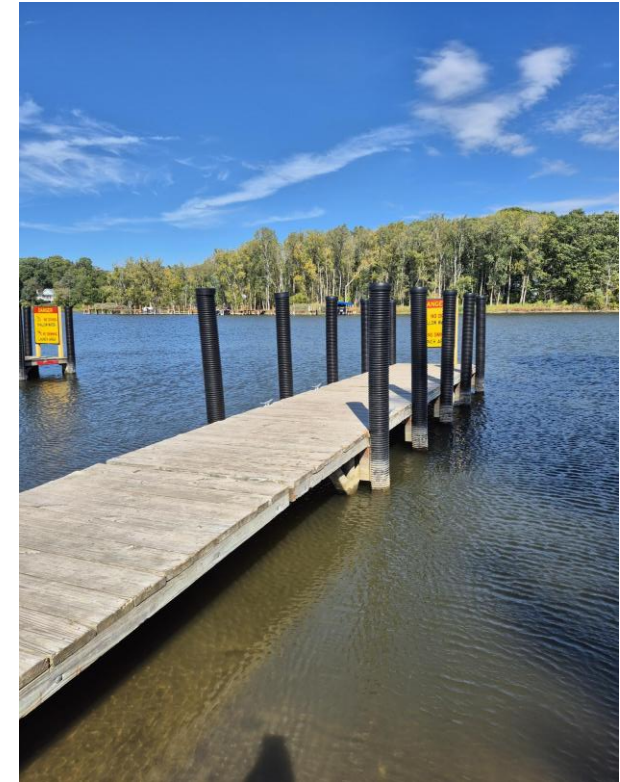
The Douglas Department of Public Works (DPW) recently installed new life rings and throw ropes at public launches and Veteran's Park to enhance waterfront safety. These additions ensure that lifesaving equipment is readily available in case of an emergency.

The durable, weather-resistant devices are positioned in visible, easy-to-access locations and include clear instructions for use. This project reflects the City's ongoing commitment to keeping public spaces safe and enjoyable for all who visit Douglas's waterfront areas.



Schultz Park Docks—

The Department of Public Works (DPW) deserves recognition for their persistent efforts at the Schultz Park boat launch, where repeated damage to the docks caused by improper boat launching had been a costly and ongoing issue. After numerous repairs and removals, the DPW identified and implemented a more durable solution that has proven highly effective. Their work not only stabilized the docks but also saved the City significant money in the long run. As the latest photos show, the docks have remained stable and unharmed—clear proof that their solution paid off.



Non-Motorized Watercrafts Signage-Wade's Bayou

The City recently installed new signage at Wade's Bayou indicating "No Motorized Watercraft Launching." This step was necessary after repeated instances of jet skis being launched from an area intended only for non-motorized watercraft, such as kayaks, canoes and paddleboards. The signs clearly mark the restriction and now give the Douglas Police Department the authority to issue citations to violators, helping to protect the shoreline and ensure safe, appropriate use of the launch area.



**Wade's Bayou
Memorial Park Launch**
Non Motorized
Watercraft's Only

Union Street Boat Launch -

The City continues to work closely with EGLE on the replacement of the dock at the Union Street Boat Launch. EGLE recently requested additional project details, which have been submitted for review. The City remains optimistic that the necessary approvals will be secured soon so that the work can be completed before the winter months.



Union Street Boat Launch-Reduced Parking 2026

Item 7B.

The City is facing challenges at the Union Street Boat Launch as the property owner is requiring the launch area to be moved 10 feet back from the property line. This shift will reduce maneuvering and parking space, making it more difficult for trucks and trailers to launch and park. If this continues, the site could lose valuable parking capacity, and adjustments will be needed to maintain safe and efficient access.



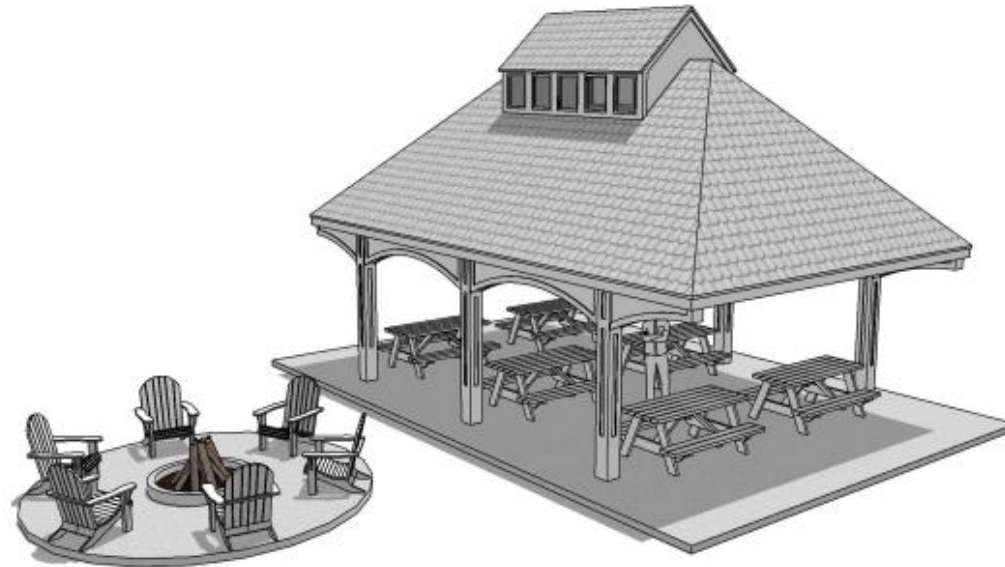
Kalamazoo Lake Treatment of Weeds/Algae

The ongoing treatment of weeds and algae in Kalamazoo Lake continues to show positive results. Regular applications have helped improve water quality, reduce excessive growth, and enhance overall lake usability for boaters and visitors. The City will continue these treatments as part of its long-term maintenance plan, ensuring the lake remains healthy, navigable, and enjoyable for everyone.



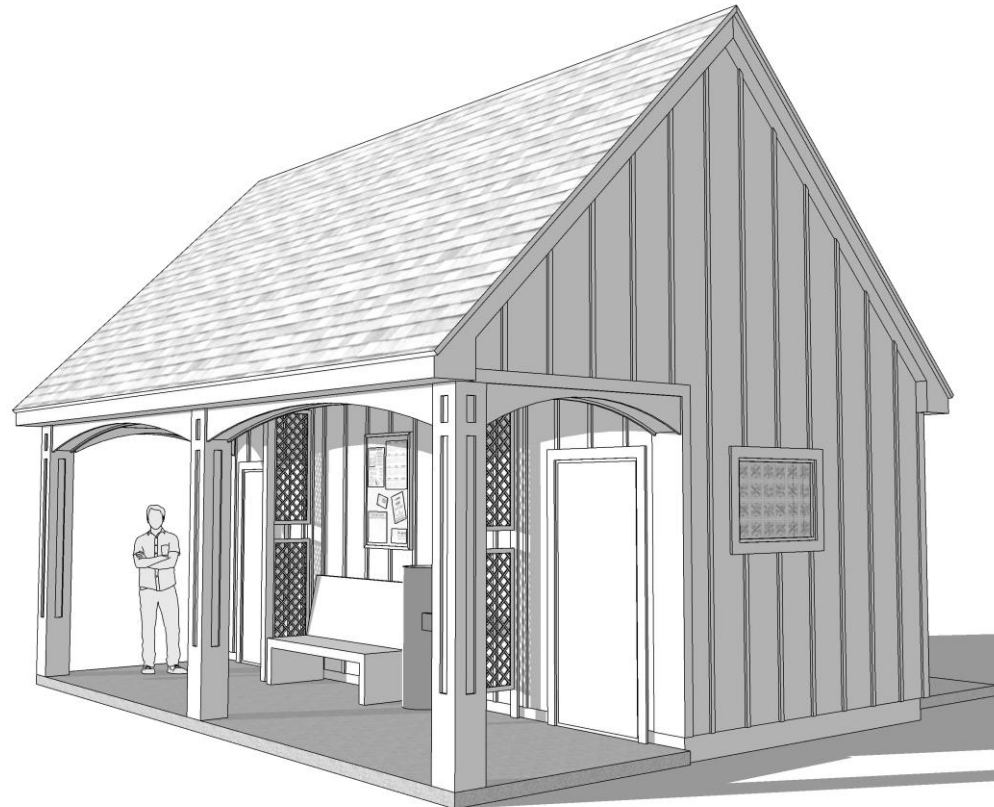
Douglas Marina Pavilion Project

The City recently received bids for the Douglas Marina Pavilion project and will be bringing them to City Council for consideration soon. This exciting project is moving forward thanks to the generosity of Bud Bady and Max Matteson, who matched the \$100,000 Consumers Energy Foundation grant dollar for dollar. Their support allows the City to move ahead with plans for a beautiful new pavilion that will serve as a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.



Douglas Marina Restroom Project -

The Douglas Marina restroom project remains a priority for the City, as it is an important next step in improving amenities and accessibility at the waterfront. However, additional fundraising and financial planning will be needed to make the project possible. As a result, the restrooms will be pursued as a **Phase II** component of the overall marina improvement plan. The City will continue exploring grant opportunities, partnerships, and community support to bring this much-needed addition to life in the near future.





Questions?



To: Douglas Harbor Authority

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

RE: Discussion – 2026 Meeting Schedule

Date: October 14th, 2025

As we approach the end of the 2025 meeting season, I would like the Douglas Harbor Authority to discuss its preferred meeting schedule moving forward. Currently, the DHA meets on the third Tuesday of each month from April through October.

To help ensure meetings remain productive and focused, the Authority may wish to consider whether to maintain the current monthly schedule or transition to a bi-monthly or quarterly format beginning in 2026. This discussion will help staff plan ahead for meeting logistics, agenda preparation, and project updates for the next year.

Your feedback and recommendations on the preferred meeting frequency will be appreciated.