



PROJECT: Bayshore park and Bluff – Concept Design

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS received from the Public at the Burt Township Public Meeting which was held on February 10, 2023 at the Community Center.

Public Comment documented on the “White Board” during presentation:

- Add a picnic area at the playground
- Keep the field between the playground and parking lot for picnicking and playground safety
- Evaluate a full parking plan for the entire village of Grand Marais; do this assessment in coordination with the Planning Commission and the downtown merchants; do not make changes to the parking at Bayshore Park until an overall plan for village parking is determined.
- Township should develop a Capital Improvements Plan prior to building the Bayshore Park improvements to determine how maintenance and new projects are prioritized and funded.
- Prefer native plants on the bluff and in Bayshore Park instead of manicured plantings
- Coordinate with the snowmobile community on changes proposed for Grand Marais Avenue and the intersection with Lake Avenue / Braziel Street.
- Coordinate with Bayshore Market on snow removal on the bluff
- Prefer more grass and less parking on the beach
- Prefer natural colors
- Public would like to see an illustration or picture showing how the boardwalk will look on the bluff.
- Prefer to have native plantings that will cover up the proposed boardwalk support posts on the bluff.
- Seasonal – what’s open in Bayshore Park in the winter?
- Bath house renovation is a priority.
- Parking – consider if possible to add parallel parking on the street edge on Randolph Street and in the Alley behind the bank.
- Parking – consider designated tourist / visitor parking at the marina and at the community center. Recommend striping the parking lots at marina and community center for more efficient parking.
- Place signage around the village to direct visitors to public restrooms.
- Add ADA parking on both ends of the existing greenspace parking area. Connect to cross walks on Grand Marais Avenue and to access points on Bayshore Bluff.

Public Comment received on “Post It Notes” at end of presentation:

- Where is the picnic area in the new design? Prefer picnic area to be located down by the water. Okay on top of the bluff next to the street, but also want down by the water.
- Buried power lines - \$120K quote from Alger Delta – where start and end with burying?
- If we had a small building for parking attendant for beach parking, it could help pay for future maintenance or other things. Charge a one-time fee regardless of how long they stay.
- Doesn’t north country trail run through town? Would that be incorporated into the proposed walkway?
- Overlook- I support what looks best from water, marina, and any waterfront property.



PROJECT: Bayshore park and Bluff – Concept Design

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS received from the Public at the Burt Township Public Meeting which was held on February 10, 2023 at the Community Center.

- Planting grass by the switchback, as suggested during meeting. Require more maintenance than keeping the natural vegetation?
- Please don't hurt or take down the tall Christmas tree on the Bayshore. Please work around it with care.
- Please don't switchbacks. That Bayshore hill has been there forever and this could make it way too unstable. Please no!!
- With new bath house on the Beach will it make everyone think we need "sewer". Don't do it then – put toilets in the fire and ambulance building.
- I agree with Bill Eagerer that we keep it grassy and somewhat natural on the Bayshore as much as possible. Also, the painted cinderblock bathhouse will be REFURBISHED, not torn down and rebuilt, correct? Cost should be considered, in my opinion – part of the charm of Grand Marais is its simplicity.
- I agree with Larry. Bathhouse needs to be done no matter what. Bath house with multiple toilet stalls. The businesses' bathrooms cannot handle the amount of people that come through here.
- Agree! Signs to direct to current public restrooms.
- Use funds we already have available to fix bathrooms and improve what we already have including stairs.
- Reduce the size of the proposed parking lot by the park. Too close to the playground causing a safety issue for young children.
- Picnic tables to lower area.
- Bluff walk – boardwalks with natural slope!
- Bluff walk – low maintenance, no retaining walls or plantings
- Bluff walk – natural not manicured. No employees needed on a regular basis
- LOVE the hill slide! Can it slide down to the playground? 😊
- Parking area is too big – losing all the picnic area and it goes right up to the playground.
- I am in favor of applying for the MNRTF grant. Since these are funded with taxpayer money, the grant restrictions are reasonable.

End of Public Comment received at Public Meeting on 2/10/23.

If additional comments, please send to **Lori McShane, Township Clerk** at clerk@burttownship.com or mail to **Burt Township, P.O. Box 430, Burt Township, MI 49839**.

The next public meeting about Bayshore Park is expected to be in mid-March.