

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2022

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD

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OFFICE HOURS: The township office is staffed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and by appointment.

Monday: Angela Friske, Assessor, 9 -3

Tuesday: No set hours--Staff drops in to check mail and phone messages.

Wednesday: Sandra Grant, Treasurer, 9-2:45

Thursday: Kim Clark, Administrative Assistant, 9-1
Midge Werner, Supervisor, 1-4, and by appointment.

Friday: Kathy Morio, Clerk, 9-3

2023 MEETING DATES

The Bingham Township Board meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Tentative schedule for 2023 is:

January 16, 2023
February 20, 2023
March 20, 2023
April 17, 2023
May 15, 2023
June 19, 2023 Annual Meeting at 5:30 pm
and Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm
July 17, 2023
August 21, 2023
September 18, 2023
October 16, 2023
November 20, 2023
December 18, 2023

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY: Mark your calendar—this event is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, May 20, 2023**. In the past, clean-up day has been held across from the County Road Commission on Eckerle Road. Watch the township website for more information closer to the date.

Short Term Rental Ordinance

The Bingham Township Short Term Rental permits are issued on an annual basis and must be renewed for 2023 to continue the short-term rental. The 2023 renewal process has begun and 2022 permit holders have until March 1, 2023 to renew in order to hold their spot on the permit list. The renewal application, ordinance, and policies can be reviewed on the township website: <http://www.leelanau.gov/Binghamtw.asp> or contact Steve Patmore, Zoning Administrator/STR Administrator at: zoningadmin@suttonsbaytp.com 231.271.2722, ext. 3, mornings.

Bingham Township Parks & Recreation Committee Activities Summary

The Parks & Recreation Committee worked on multiple projects this last year to improve and develop parks. Installed new signs at all parks detailing changes in park rules and usage.

- Rebuilt the historic wooden benches originally used at Boughey Park, which was previously run by the Traverse City State Hospital as a park area for patients.
- Added two new tables to our park inventory.
- We continue to work on a lease agreement with the DNR for land adjacent to Groesser Park. We also obtained a second-year grant through the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians that enabled us to work with YouthWorks to clear new areas in the park.
- Installed buoys at Boughey Park to define a safe swimming area.
- Worked with Gosling Czubak Engineering to complete design work for new parking within Boughey Park.

In 2023 the Committee has several projects planned:

- Complete lease agreement with DNR for Groesser Park and continue development as funding allows.
- Seek funding to allow construction of the designed parking area within Boughey Park.
- Review and align the P&R 5 Year Plan for future funding and projects.

As always, we look to the community for additional members interested in joining the Committee.

If you are interested in making a difference in your community, please contact the Bingham Township office at 231-922-6767 or Supervisor, Midge Werner, at supervisor@binghamtwpmi.com.

Current committee members are Ted Cimafranca, Dan Rose, Jan Stone, Todd Stone, Brian Kindt.

We would like to thank Mary Bush and Bob Walton for their many years of commitment to the committee.

Bingham Township Master Plan Update

The Bingham Township Planning Commission is working on updating the Bingham Township Master Plan. Progress can be viewed on the Master Plan Website: <https://www.networksnorthwest.org/community/projects/bingham-township-master-plan.html>

There will be a **Special Meeting** of the Planning Commission to be held **at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the Bingham Township Hall** to obtain input from **agricultural property owners and agricultural businesses** regarding land use goals in the Agricultural Zoning District. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important information gathering session.

From the Assessor's Desk

Assessment Notice Changes will be sent the third week of February. Information about the 2023 values, property status, and Board of Review dates are on the notice. In May through August, Dan Priest, will be doing door-to-door field inspections. He will be in the field between 9 am and 4 pm weekdays. Dan will have Bingham Assessor magnets on his vehicle and he will have an identification badge. Dan will leave a door-hanger card letting you know that he was there. Please call me on Monday's if you have any questions about the change notices or the field inspection project.--Angela Friske, Assessor

Lake Leelanau Lake Association

Bingham Township supports the Lake Leelanau Lake Association's application for a DNR Fisheries grant to restore 100' of shoreline at the Bingham DNR launch site. The project, if funded, will bolster the eroded shoreline, add native vegetation and add woody structures to the bottomland. The project will protect water quality and provide important mammal and fish habitat. Bingham Township applauds the efforts of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association in protecting this beautiful asset.

Little Free Library

Don't forget the Little Free Library (LFL) at the Bingham Township Hall. Frequently restocked with new reading material by the Friends of the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library, we feel fortunate to have this available in Bingham for our residents to use. With the chilly, snowy days we are experiencing, stop by and pick up a book or two and enjoy a cozy day at home catching up on your favorite reading material. The LFL was installed in a convenient location at the south entrance to the hall and throughout winter the parking lot is kept plowed. Stop by and check it out!

From the Board

Just a note...Bingham Township is no longer accepting credit cards. **Also**, please check the township website for **Fire and Safety Tips provided by the Suttons Bay-Bingham Fire and Rescue Authority.**

We commend and thank the voters of Bingham for the great turn out we had at this year's mid-term election. Stats from the election:

- 72.6% of the registered voters in Bingham voted
- 35.12% of our voters voted in person
- 37.47% voted AV ballots

A big thank you goes to Kathy Morio, Peggy Core, Mike Brown, and our excellent election team! Great job!

WINTER HEMLOCK SURVEYING

Help ISN prevent the spread of hemlock woolly adelgid - NO COST TO LANDOWNER!

The Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network (ISN) will be conducting surveys this winter (January - April) for hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). HWA is an invasive pest insect that targets hemlock trees. ISN is looking for private properties to survey that fall within the below parameters:



Property is located within Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, or Manistee County

Property is located within 10 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline



There are 5 or more acres of property (or multiple neighboring properties that add up to a minimum of 5 acres)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

One or more trees were purchased from an online retailer and/or property is located along the Manistee/Mason county border or along the Manistee River



If you have property that qualifies, please contact ISN's Murielle Garbarino - (231)941-0960 x29 or mgarbarino@gtcd.org

More information: www.HabitatMatters.org

Funding for this project is provided by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program, administered by the Mason-Lake Conservation District.