

AGENDA
BROWN BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL POTLUCK

THURSDAY, June 16, 2016
5:00 pm

Brown Bridge Quiet Area –Bucks Landing
3405 Brown Bridge Road
Traverse City, MI 49696

If you are planning to attend the meeting and you have a disability requiring any special assistance at the meeting, please notify *Steve Largent, Grand Traverse Conservation District*, immediately.

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- 5:00 – 5:30** Arrive and Mingle
- 5:30 – 6:00** Potluck
- 6:00 – 6:05** Call Meeting to Order (Scrudato)
- 6:05 – 6:10** Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes from 3/17/16 Regular Meeting
Approval of Minutes from 5/25/16 Special Meeting
- 6:10 – 6:15** Introductions
- 6:15 – 6:20** Public Comment
- 6:20 – 6:30** Review of Action Items - (see page-2)
- 6:30 – 7:00** GTCD Update
- East End Footbridge Placement
 - West End Footbridge Progress
 - Streambank Restoration Project
 - Shallow Wetland
 - Bottomlands Restoration Update
 - Additional large Habitat Wood woody debris
- 7:00 – 7:20** Donor Recognition
- 7:20 – 7:25** Public Comment / Meeting Review (Scrudato)
- 7:25** Adjournment (Scrudato)
- 7:30 – 8:00** Optional Drive on Access Road to View Proposed Habitat Wood Placement



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Action Items:

Action Item 12-3: GTCD staff to look at oil & gas leases and when they expire.

Background: This is a follow-up to Action Item 6-4-15 where at the direction of the BBAC Chairman, GTCD staff contacted the MDEQ's Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals to determine what, if any, wells at Brown Bridge had been "fracked". The result of that inquiry can be found in the 12/10/15 BBAC Meeting Minutes. **Status:** Open - No Action

Action Item 12-4: GTCD Staff to meet with the appropriate City staff to create a section on the City's website dedicated to Brown Bridge.

Background: City Manager Marty Colburn suggested that most City residents have heard of Brown Bridge but don't know anything about it or have never visited the property. This was in response to a City resident who suggested selling Brown Bridge to fund other City projects now that the dam is gone. By establishing a place on the City's website dedicated to Brown Bridge those that can't necessarily make it out to the property can keep up with what's happening and view the restoration and beauty of the area from home. **Status:** Open – No Action

Action Item 3-1: GTCD staff to make a request to the City Commission through the City Manager to release funding dedicated for the East End footbridge.

Background: In September of last year the City Commission pledged up to \$300,000 from the new Brown Bridge Trust Parks Improvement Fund for improvements at the Brown Bridge Quiet Area. Construction/placement of a recreational trail connector footbridge over the river near Grasshopper Creek was part of that request. The estimated total cost of the project was \$80,000. It appears that the total cost will come in well under that estimate due to several donations including the footbridge and placement of that footbridge by National Guard Schnook helicopter. A request for approximately \$20,000 will be made to the City Commission at their July 5th Regular meeting. Staging of the bridge by the National Guard is scheduled for mid-August.

Action Item 3-2: GTCD Staff to obtain and distribute a copy of the City's donor recognition policy and anything that Hickory Hills may have already prepared regarding donor recognition.

Background: See below.

Action Item 3-3: GTCD Staff to come back with a donor recognition proposal for the BBAC to consider at the June meeting.

Background: Several requests have been made to recognize donors of goods, services, and cash to help implement the work plan at Brown Bridge including a request by the donor of the donated east end footbridge. The District will investigate potential policies, including the City's own recognition policy and report back to the BBAC at the July meeting.