

Options Considered for Bunker Lot Split Request

By Ryan Schlehuder

Mayor Margaret Doud, at a regular Mackinac Island City Council meeting Wednesday, January 31, asked city attorney Tom Evashevski and zoning officer Dennis Dombroski to discuss with Elaine and Isaac Bunker possible options they have to expand housing on their Harrisonville lot.

Mr. Evashevski explained to Council that the Bunkers' request to split their lot so they could build another home would not be feasible under the city's zoning ordinance, state law, or health codes.

The Bunkers initially asked for a variance to build another home on the lot, however, said Mr. Dombroski, that would leave no room for a septic system for both buildings and would never meet the health code.

The Bunkers then asked to split the lot, but that would not meet the city's R-3 zoning requirements, which requires a 5,000-square-foot minimum lot size, said Mr. Evashevski. The Bunkers' lot is just over 5,000 square feet now, so splitting it, he said, would make two lots that would not meet zoning requirements.

Council did not vote on the request and will most likely discuss it at its next regular meeting, after Messrs. Dombroski and Evashevski speak to the Bunkers.

Speaking to the Bunkers and explaining the options will save them from spending money on a variance request that likely will not pass, said Mr. Evashevski.

"If we allowed for that lot to be half the size, I don't know where you would draw the line after that," he said to Council.

"I feel I have to say this because of the legal ramifications."

Council agreed the only way to expand housing on that lot would be to build a condominium complex, which would be much more expensive.

Council renewed a \$58, two-year use permit with the Mackinac Island State Park Commission for its radio tower at Fort Holmes. The tower is used for low-band communication radio signals by the fire department, ambulance corps, and park. The Island's police department uses digital 800 megahertz radios that use a mainland tower.

All Island emergency response agencies will eventually convert to digital communication, once they secure funding to buy the equipment.

Michael Lange of Lange Enterprise in Wisconsin, who coordinated and mapped the Island for an addressing system, will be paid to add seven more lots to the addressing system. The new lots, owned by Susan Lundgren and Becki McIntire, are in the Forest Bluff subdivision at Stonecliffe. Each lot will be assigned its own address number.

The city has been assigning addresses since last year and is requiring all lot owners to begin displaying their address numbers as soon as possible, however, only a few residents and business owners have done so.

City officials have said in the past that it may resort to handing out citations to property owners who do not have their addresses displayed, however, that process has yet

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80 Enjoy Island Art Reception

More than 80 people attended a reception at the Mackinac Island Library for local artists Pam Finkel (left) and Marta Olson Saturday, December 30. They pose with Mrs. Finkel's portrait of British Landing cottager and film maker James Bogan. Paintings by the artists were on display at the library through the Winter Festival. (Photograph courtesy of Brita Olson)



Lakers Action: Volleyball Team Wins, Basketball Squad Falls at Beaver Island

By David Latva

Mackinac Island's volleyball team won three of four matches while the Lakers basketball team fell to Beaver Island Wednesday, February 7, in a Northern Lights League (NLL) series that was postponed from Friday, February 2.

The Lakers volleyball team won the first two matches, 26-24 and 25-18, lost the third, 22-25, and stormed back to post a 25-17 decision in the fourth match.

"We put together one of our strongest days of the season," said Lakers coach Mary Patay. "We did a lot of good things and played like a team."

Lakers Stats: Kristi Kamphuis 18 points (missed just one serve), seven aces, 15 kills, six blocks, four digs; Marie Bunker, 16 points, five aces, five kills, two digs, one block; Morgan Brodeur-Bunker, eight points, four serves, 13 sets; Karlana Mosley, seven points, five aces, four kills, three digs; Shelbie Mosley, two points,



Kristi Kamphuis

four digs; Michi Mullings, one point, four kills, one dig; Shayleen Mosley, one point, one kill, one dig; Danielle Wightman, three kills; Ariel Leeper, one kill.

"We had our best day for serves of the season, with Kristi and Morgan taking care of business," added Coach Patay.

The Laker hoopsters did not fare as well as Mackinac Island fell to the Islanders 60-46.

"Turnovers hurt us especially in the second half," said Lakers coach Jim Fisher.

Mackinac Island led 12-10 after the first eight minutes before the host Islanders held a 16-13 margin in the second quarter for a 26-25-halftime lead.

Beaver Island outscored the

Lakers 34-21 in the second half, including a 19-11 tally in the third quarter and 15-10 in the final period.

Lakers Stats: Woody Beardsley, 14 points; Tyler McLean, 11 points; Riley Chaffee, nine points; Michael Gamble, eight points; Robert Chambers, four points.

The Lakers will close out the regular season with their final weekend series at Grand Marais Friday, February 16, and Saturday, February 17.

Coach Fisher and his Lakers are 14-3 overall, stand 8-1 in the NLL, have clinched a shared of the league championship, and could win the title outright with a win at Grand Marais Friday, February 16.



Woody Beardsley

Volleyball, Basketball Teams Gearing for Tournaments

By David Latva

Mackinac Island Lakers volleyball and basketball teams are both on the downside of their regular season schedules in preparation for the Michigan High School Athletic Association district tournaments.

Coach Mary Patay and her volleyball squad have defeated Paradise and Maplewood Baptist, split with Hannahville and Grand Marais, lost to Beaver Island and Paradise, and finished 6-7 in the Lakers Invitational held in December and 4-5 at the Ellsworth tournament.

Mackinac Island has been led by senior Kristi Kamphuis, junior Karlana Mosley, sopho-

mores Shayleen Mosley, Danielle Wightman, Michi Mullings, and Ariel Leeper, freshmen Shelbie Mosley and Jane Finkel, and eighth graders, Ashley Gough, Maggie Chambers, Marie Bunker, and Morgan Brodeur-Bunker.

The Lakers will compete in the districts at Pickford against the host Panthers, Cedarville, Brimley, and Paradise Saturday, March 3.

Coach Jim Fisher and his basketball team are just two games away from capturing the Northern Lights League (NLL) championship. During the season, the Friday game is a league game and the Saturday contest non-league.

The Lakers are undefeated in the NLL and 12-2 overall with non-league setbacks at the hands of Maplewood Baptist and Beaver Island.

Mackinac Island is led by juniors Woody Beardsley, Riley Chaffee, and Caleb Straight, sophomores Robert Chambers, Michael Gamble, and Tyler McLean, freshmen Paul Fisher and Thomas Rilenge, and eighth graders Andrew Chambers and Robert Chaffee.

The Class D district tournament is set for DeTour Tuesday, March 6, through Saturday, March 10, and will include the host Raiders, Mackinac Island, Cedarville, Pickford, and Brimley.



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