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Letter from the Chairman by Kel Kronemeyer

LOOKING AHEAD INTO THE NEW YEAR

We can anticipate the happenings...we can plan, we can get excited, we can work hard to make it happen, but that's the most we can do. The future, the next five minutes or hour or day, does not belong to us. The future is a gift which must be received with gratitude and not as an entitlement. We all look forward to another exhilarating summer at Sandy Pines, but so did many of our members who were called home to glory, since late last season. I personally mourn the loss of two of my Sandy Pines Neighbors who will be deeply missed. We offer our heartfelt condolences to all of our members who mourn the loss of a loved one. We can always celebrate their life and the many memories that are always with us.

We can also give thanks for them, for each new day, and be determined to live it to the best of our ability.

That being said, as I write this on January 14, 2015, for our February Footprints, I become aware that within a few short months we will be back for another summer of fun for

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Letter from the Chairman

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us, and increased work and responsibility for staff, and for all of our volunteers. Let's determine right now to be appreciative and patient with all who serve us, especially in intense and frustrating moments. I would also like to encourage each of us to serve through our many volunteer opportunities. You can get information at the office.

Looking ahead, we are mindful that as a community, we have a major decision to make. Please be informed, thoughtful, open minded, listen to others, and then register your vote according to what you feel is in the best interest of the future success of our Park.

One last thing, each year we have an election for three members for our Board of Directors. If you have the desire to serve, and the gifts to make a constructive contribution, I encourage you to register with the office, get your petition form to get your qualifying signatures, and all of the information you need to be a candidate.

Now, let's all anticipate our wonderful summer at Sandy Pines.



Letter from the President

by Gene Van Koevering

Even though it seems we recently expressed a farewell for the off season, we are only a short time away from welcoming our Members back to Sandy Pines. As of this writing, the Michigan winter season has been a good one, seemingly mild compared to the winter of 2014, however I'm sure those who have been here

in Michigan through the winter months join me in saying that we're looking forward to the warmer spring weather again, regardless.

The ongoing business of Sandy Pines continues, as well as the planning for the 2015 season. I am pleased with the progress, however, the winter seems short. Each department had a very good year in 2014, so we have been reviewing the changes that created positive results. We are attempting to use this knowledge to further improve the operations of the Park to better serve the membership and to improve the foundation of the park's resources including; financial, structural, operational and human.

In late fall of 2014, we implemented a new employee evaluation format that includes providing individual goals and objectives for each of us individually, and for each department. Since this evaluation change is in its first year, it may take a year or so to see all the benefits. However, we fully expect it to refine the focus of our goals, and to improve what we as your Staff do, and how we do it. I am encouraged by the way our Staff has engaged with this new format and I'm certain all of our Members will see benefits from this in the future.

When you return this season you may notice that your electric pedestal at the road has new site numbers on them. Based on some comments at a few of the Face To Phase meetings, I was reminded that there are areas where the numbers could no longer be seen. Ben, and his crew in Maintenance, were able to get out and replace a number of

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New Sandy Pines Logo Design?

Our Marketing Committee feels that our current logo appears somewhat outdated, and we need a more contemporary look as we move into the future.

One of our graphic artists has created and gifted us with a new design. However, we would like to ask if there are any other graphic artists who may wish to submit their own logo design for consideration.

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We are planning a snowman building contest, a bon fire, and a hayride! Additional games/crafts will depend on how many volunteers we have.

We are in a new location this year. Everything is at the Adult Recreation Center/Indoor Pool Area - indoors and out!

Hope you can join in on the fun and help us celebrate Winter at Sandy Pines! See you there!

Letter from the President

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them. If you would check yours when you return and find that you need new numbers, please contact Ben, and have your site put on a list.

Recently, I received an update from the Communications Developer who was contacted by us and who expressed interest in marketing a cell tower to Wireless Providers. Last fall he came in and did an evaluation of our property, and subsequently made application for the approval to have a tower installed in our area. In the latest update, he noted that the application had been made and notices had been sent to the Providers, however at the time he updated me, he had no responses from any of them. He was not discouraged at this point. He explained that in his experiences of the past in similar situations, the Wireless Providers waited until after the new year to decide if, and where, they had interest in additional tower space. We'll stay on this and keep you informed as we learn more.

We've made some internal changes to the Sales Department with the goal of improving the Buyer/Seller experience. Each Buyer and Seller will be provided a list of Expectations they should have when buying or selling their sites. 2014 was a great year for the Sales Department, experiencing a 20% increase, however we believe there are always ways to improve. We took a survey at the end of the season from those who had used our Sales department. We were pleased with the participation of those who took part in the survey. From the information we received and from interviews with the Staff, I am encouraged by the coming changes to that department. Don't forget.....if you refer someone to the Sales department and they make a purchase, you will receive a \$200 referral fee!!

By the time this letter is printed, I hope to have a Golf Course Manager hired for Lake Monterey. From last fall until the end of 2014, we solicited resumes from about 14 Candidates. Each person was interviewed in person, a minimum of two times, and given a written interview that was turned in to our office for review, as well. I am confident that we will find a person that is capable. Although we'll miss Jim Spray, we look forward to having this position filled when Jim transitions out in June of 2015.

The survey that the Golf Committee developed and circulated had a very good response. By December 31st of 2014, we had received 1354 surveys returned, including just over 300 of the 600 written surveys that were sent via US Mail to those who do not have internet service. I have forwarded the results to the Committee and expect them to use the data and comments that came in, to develop a plan for the course going forward.

I continue to work with Charter on a number of unfinished business items we have with them. Some of which are; channel lineup revisions, internet pricing enhancements, billing corrections, internet construction finalization, proprietary channels (Sandy Pines Private Channels) development, etc. As of the date of this writing, many of the items listed have resolutions that have been verbally and mutually agreed to, however none are yet in place. The goal continues to be that by spring, most of this will be accomplished.

We are looking forward to a full calendar of events again in 2015. We know you will love the return of some things, and that you'll be excited about some of the new events that have been planned. Please watch for them and put them on your calendar!

Also, a note to let you know that we have formed a couple of new committees: The Safety and Security committee will be chaired by Glen Pettigrove, and will begin meeting this spring in May. The intent for the formation of this committee is for the purpose

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of having a group of members and staff who will review our park and facilities, with a focus on improving risk management for safety and a review of the security of the park facilities and members. At this point, we have seven members on this committee, however if you have a background in these areas and would consider a position on this committee now or later, please contact Glen, or myself, for more information.

Another committee that was recently formed is the Policy Committee. A Chair has not yet been elected, however Stan Robbins has been instrumental in helping me with this project since 2013, so it's my hope that he will continue to help administer the project going forward. This committee was formed to assist in developing policies for the park in a number of areas, some of which we are already working on. The first area we are tasking our committee with is to write policy for each of our standing committees. The intent is to have consistency in each committee, and to avoid redundancies within, and between, committees. With 11 committees in play, this will be a significant task, but one that will be appreciated by those Leaders that come behind us.

The second priority will be to develop a policy for Investments going forward. With seemingly volatile market conditions that can change within minutes, it has been a concern of the Finance Committee and the Board, that extreme caution is used in all investment strategies, while simultaneously attempting to acquire a fair return on investment for the membership.

Certainly, such a policy will not be able to control market conditions, nor will it assure against losses, but it will help guide the investment procedures with common sense criteria for the purpose of minimizing membership exposure to negative conditions.

As is always the case...this is an exciting place to work. There is much to do and we have an awesome group of staff and members with which to do it. I am humbled by the generosity of time and talent that continues to be offered by Members willing to make themselves available to Sandy Pines, as volunteers. The financial costs of hiring such talent could only be surpassed by the benefit we receive from the "personal knowledge of the caring interest inherent to each volunteer" for this great place.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it all.

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Annual Dues Payment Reminder!

If you have not yet paid your dues or have not been making monthly payments per our bylaws, please be reminded that beginning in 2013, we began holding the delinquent accounts to a standard of payment terms that the membership has approved. Some memberships will no longer be able to assume that they can dictate their own payment terms, as may have been the case in the past.

To remind you...the options are: 1) when you receive your dues invoice, you may pay it in total by the 25th of October, **OR**, you must make the first of six equal payments by the same date and again by the 25th of each month subsequent to that, until the balance is paid. Please remain committed to these terms to avoid loss of privileges and/or termination of membership. If in doubt of the terms, or if you need clarity of them, please call Gene at 616-896-8315 Ext. 105.


Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

Gladys VanTuinen, Site K-492, on the passing of her husband, **Sidney**, on November 19th.

To the family of Millie Childress, formerly of Site K-180. Millie passed away on November 25th.

Glenn Baumgardner, Site N-270, on the passing of his wife, **Mary Louise**, on December 10th. She passed away two days after their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

Sadie Nederveld, Site 356, on the passing of her husband, **Ron**, on January 6th.



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Park & Garden by Jack Schmidt

Even though the park is not busy right now, we are working on ways we can make the Park and Garden serve the needs of Sandy Pines for next summer.

It amazes me each summer to have members stop by the store and say "I didn't know you carried that," or "You rent golf carts?" or "Do you have boats for rent?"

We have added 10 more 4 passenger Golf Carts to give us 40 carts to rent in 2015, and added 2 more 6 passenger carts for a total of 4 for rent. Before you rent from the other places check out our carts. We have all electric (the 6 passengers are gas) carts and have one of the best rental plans.

Last summer we added four kayaks to go along with our row boats to rent and we are looking at getting some paddle boards for 2015. We are looking at opening for a few hours on Sunday to take care of those who want to rent the boats.

Before you drive into Wayland or Grand Rapids, check out our hardware and landscaping items. We can always order items if you are in need and not in a hurry.

We will open for fulltime retail service the last weekend in May. Remember that we are still working on setting up the store in April and May and can take care of your needs if you just give us a call and leave a voicemail.

If you haven't tried out one of our softeners by Maynard's, this may be the summer to start. I will be contacting those who used one last year to set up a time to install yours again in 2015. We will start hooking up the softeners as soon as the water is turned on. If you are interested in getting in on the program and would like more information, email the store and we will get information back to you.

We will also be available to put boats in starting in early May if you would like us to help you out.

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Maintenance Update by Ben Fifelski

We hope that you all had a safe and very happy Holiday Season. The weather, during the month of December, gave us a little break and we were able to get some more outside things done. We fenced in the area around the Phase 4 compactor, and put new bulletin boards up at CC's 11 and 12. We have been working to upgrade the campsites in the Park, and were able to complete Sites 1000 to 1006 in Phase 3, and also upgraded two wells in Phase 2. We have completed the roadside brush removal in Phase 3 and have repaired a water line at the Core.

January started out very cold and snowy, and we are back to snow removal and working on jobs that are indoors. We are putting CC 8 back together after the new tile job, and are getting CC 9 ready for new tile. We have also removed old pressure tanks in two of the CCs.

We will continue working on projects to get ready for your return this spring. Have a safe winter, wherever you may be!

WANTED!!!

For over 40 years, Sandy Pines has been dependent on Members who provide leadership for the Park, who have been willing to provide their expertise as a Director on the Board.

Each year, there are three Board position openings under normal circumstances, and 2015 is no exception. Our request here is that if you have experience in Administration, Finance, Business or Planning, please consider becoming a Candidate for the Board of Directors elections this coming August.

By lending Sandy Pines your expertise, you will be helping to secure the future of the Park, and the investment we all have as Members. Knowledgeable leadership is a quality, the basis for continuing successful operations. If you possess these qualifications and are willing to use them to help your family, and all families in the Park enjoy this great place in the future, this is a tremendous opportunity for you to get involved and give back. If you have interest or questions about the needs or time commitment, please call or email me at 616-896-8315 ext. 105 or gene@sandypines.com.

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Technology Committee Update by Jon Novakowski

Happy New Year Sandy Pines Members! With the introduction of a new year, it is always a time of reflections of the past year, and setting goals for the upcoming year. The technology committee has been working on many items, and I would like to take a moment to share some of them with you.

Fiber internet: The major undertaking of last year was getting Sandy Pines connected to the outside world by bringing in a new fiber line. This new fiber line will also connect the main gate with the administration building and allow it to share resources (member information, guest passes, access credentials, etc.).

The fiber demarc is at the Administration Building and the Main Gate, but is distributed in the park with a wireless point-to-point, that allows the interconnection of the park facilities. The entire rollout will be done in phases. Currently, the connected facilities are: Park and Garden, the Retail Center, the Pavilion, Dairy Dip, indoor pool, Phase 6 entrance and camera system, and CC #13. The second phase of the project is projected to include CC #8, CC #10, the Water Park, Phase 3 Ranger Station and Phase 4 entrance. The last phase would include the remaining CC's, Phase 2 gate and Phase 3 pool.

When the park facility is connected to the system, we are able to then increase the security abilities, offer public Wi-Fi hot spots, accept credit vending machines, and control heating and cooling of the facility under a centralized management system.

We have been in talks with a company that seems very willing to put a cell tower on Sandy Pines property. The FAA Filing has been completed, and the MDCT Filing is pending. The FAA Filing has been sent to Verizon corporate, as well as two independent site

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Technology Committee Update

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acquisition firms that do work for AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint. There has not been a response from anyone yet. We are hoping for an update sometime in February.

Charter update: Charter has been working on a list of items we created from all of the member feedback we received. Some of those items are:

- We have asked Charter to get a “goal” number of modems that would allow our pricing to be reduced to an amount so that we could be competitive with the marketing efforts we see on TV. (\$29.95)
- We are looking into the ability to offer Charter phone system. We are hoping to have a cost proposal to be able to offer to the members.
- We will be providing Charter a Channel Lineup from the available channels and the member survey responses by the end of this month, for the 2015 season.

Charter mentioned that it is their understanding that HBO will begin selling direct to consumers in 2015. This will require them to have an internet connection; however, this may help many of you who have expressed dissatisfaction with the new service by the loss of their HBO programs. This will not be a Charter amenity, and the word is that the cost may be around \$6 month

Wireless offering and improvements: With the fiber being installed and the park facilities becoming interconnected, our plan is to tie the current wireless system into the backhaul to increase the ability of throughput. The current equipment is still outdated and has lived through many Michigan winters, however, with the additional throughput from the backhaul and fiber connection, we are hopeful that this will better the system. We are currently working through repositioning of some of the wireless access points and the repeaters. We will be updating the members on the service offerings and availability in the next Footprints, as well as on the website.



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Member Outreach Committee News

by Kel Kronemeyer

On behalf of our committee, all of our members, our Board of Directors, our President and our entire staff, we welcome all who have purchased a site since last season. You will be officially received as members at our May 15th board meeting. If you enjoy your Park as much as we do, you can anticipate a wonderful experience for as long as you own your site. To enhance this experience, get involved in the life and the opportunities for leadership.

To begin, plan to attend one of our two New Member Welcome and Orientation Ice Cream Socials! Dates for those are: Saturday, June 20 and Saturday, August 22 from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Core Area Outdoor Pavilion. If you are a new member within the last two years, and have missed your opportunity to attend one of our socials previously, You are also welcome!

We encourage you to purchase and proudly display one of our "member since" signs with your name and the year you became a member. Many designs of pictures taken at Sandy Pines are on display at the office. Stop by and make your selection.



This year we will also have a special Sandy Pines License Plate available for your car and/or your golf cart.

I need some new members for my committee. Some of my previous members who have served faithfully for several years have stepped aside to give others an opportunity for a very fulfilling experience. You may contact me through the office or email me directly at kkron6759@att.net. To those who have served so faithfully, I say "Thank You!" A special thank you to Harold Bruxvoort and Henry and MayLouanne Miller who have served so ably and faithfully for several years.

I welcome any and all suggestions as to how we can serve our community better. Here's to anticipating another wonderful summer.

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Safety Department News

by Steve Deyarmond

Membership cards: Membership cards are turned off if your membership balance becomes over 60 days past due. Once your balance is brought back up to date, you can contact or stop at the Ranger Station to have your cards reactivated. The cost to have your cards turned back on is \$20 per card, 3-4 cards for \$50, or five or more cards for \$80.

The Ranger Station does take check or cash payments during business hours and after hours. The Ranger Station does not take credit cards. You can pay your past due balance at the Ranger Station to gain access to the Park. If your balance is past due and you do not have the funds to make the balance current, you will need to make arrangements with Administration to get into the Park to check your site.

New Membership cards and replacement cards can be purchased at the Ranger Station. If you need to make changes on membership cards, the Ranger Station can assist you.

The Golf Course requires membership cards with photos, in order to golf at no cost to you. Stop at the Ranger Station to get your new membership card with a photo. Cost of a replacement card with a photo is \$3.

Beginning in January of 2016, all membership cards will require photos. After 2016, the cost to renew a membership card without a photo is \$25/card.

As a Member/owner you may request cards for yourself, your spouse, your children, your parents and your grandchildren, for card access into the Park. If you do not have any associate members or grandchildren listed on your membership, you may designate one person as a designated associate member.

If you have obtained member cards for persons who do not comply with our Park Rules, Sandy Pines will expect payment for use of the golf course, entry fees and any other related fees. Memberships in non-compliance can expect to be penalized and have their membership placed in jeopardy.

This summer, we anticipate that many people will need to come to the Ranger Station

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Member Services

by Mary Cooper

Winter Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:
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Closed Saturday and Sunday

Convenience Centers open this winter:

CC#2 – Phase 1 & 2
CC#5 – Phase 3
CC#10 – Phase 4
CC#12 – Phase 5
Adult Recreation
Recreation Station

Boat Stakes and Water stickers:

Members who have, or will have expired state registrations for their boats, have until June 1st to get an updated copy of the registration to Member Service. You can email a copy to memberservice@sandypines.com or fax to 616-896-7409. You will not receive a boat sticker in April, and you risk losing your boat stake, unless we have the proper paperwork by June 1st.

2015 Flea Market Dates:

May 2, *May 23 (Memorial Day), June 6, *July 4, Aug. 8 (Christmas), *Sept. 5 (Labor Day) and Oct. 3. *Pancake breakfast at the Tee Pee picnic shelter. Reserving spaces can only be done online through the Member Web Access. The cost is \$30 per space.

Frequently asked about dates:

June 20: Garages sales -
Phases 3, 5 & 6
June 27: Civil War Reenactment
July 4: Fireworks
July 11: Garage sales -
Phases 1, 2, 4 & Condos
July 18: Family Day
July 27-31: Vacation Bible School
July 25: Halloween
August 8: Christmas

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to get a membership card with a photo. To reduce the wait time, we suggest that you stop by during the slower periods – which would be during the weekdays and weekday evenings.

Several membership card types exist:

- 1) **Member/Owner card:** is for person(s) who own a membership at Sandy Pines.
- 2) **Associate Member cards:** are for children and/or parents of the owners of the membership.
- 3) **Associate Member under 16 Years of age:** These cards are for children of members who are under the age of 16. This card will not activate any access doors or gates, but serves as proof of being an associate, to be used at the golf course.
- 4) **Grandchildren membership cards:** These cards are for grandchildren of the member/owner.
- 5) **Designated Associate Member:** Memberships with a single adult as the member, who have no associate members, may designate one individual as an Associate member.
- 6) **Water Park, Adult Lounge, and Leaf Dump card:** This card will permit access into these facilities. This card will not permit access into the Park.

Reactivation fees: Each spring, members are sent a list of their current membership cards. You are asked to make corrections and changes to the listing of cards and return the form to our Member Service office. If you have no changes to the listing of cards, all cards will be automatically renewed, and your membership billed for the reactivations.

Replacement cards: If your card is damaged and you would like to replace it, you may bring the damaged card into the Ranger Station and we can replace it for \$3.

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ITINERARY: ENJOY OUR TOUR ON MICHIGAN TIME.

7:00 am Depart Sandy Pines Core Parking Area.

Rest stop enroute.

11:00 am. Untouchable Gangster Tour.

1:30 pm. Tommy Gun's Garage Dinner Theater.

5:30 pm. Explore John Dillinger Museum.

6:30 pm. Depart for Sandy Pines

Self-pay fast food dinner stop enroute.

10:15 pm. Arrive at Sandy Pines.

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CLASSIFIEDS

We have more 'Site for Sale' listings online at www.sandypines.com.

Please call **Kathy (ext. 113)** or **Dale (ext. 114)** at **616-896-8316**, for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

For Sale - Site 1350: Two and one half sites – with only one dues! 1999 Forest River trailer, 6 x 8 Shed and Golf Cart Shed. Great site with lots of possibilities for future Park Model, porch, etc. Must See! Asking \$32,000 OBO. Call: 269-751-8444 or see Jim at Maintenance.

For Sale – Site N-1 - Phase 4: NEW PRICE! \$105,500! On the lake, Islandview Trail. Canterbury Park Model with one bedroom, a double loft, and all furniture included. New air conditioning unit in 2012, 3-season porch with new vinyl windows and screens in 2014. Large deck facing the lake w/great view of the island, and your boat stake is right out front! There is also a brick patio with a fire pit and a stainless steel grill. A large golf cart garage with lots of storage, includes a lawn mower and a 2-seat electric golf cart w/charger. Call Sandy: 616-457-5739.

For Sale - Site N-79: 1981 Wynona on a large lot, one bedroom in rear and bunk beds in front, new toilet installed in 2014, two recliners, end table, dining set, silverware, 9' attached porch, 8x8' shed in rear of lot, electric golf cart, front and rear deck, fire pit, gas grille, and beautiful location with green space for privacy in rear with a distant view of the lake and close to bath house in Phase 4. Clean and ready to use. Asking \$26,000 or BO. Call 309-339-5709.

Wanted at Site N-104: Push lawn mower in relatively good condition. Call Diane at 616-240-2816.

For Sale – Site N-128: 2012 Canterbury, 1 bedroom w/large double super loft. Year old 3-season porch w/new mini-split AC/heat. Garage. Located close to Ropes Course, Indoor Pool and Golf Course on a nice cul-de-sac. Excellent condition. Asking: \$95,000. Call: 616-403-2361.

For Sale from Site N-214: 1999 EzGo Golf Cart, electric – two year old batteries, four passenger and cover. Asking \$1,895. Call: 616-437-1855.

For Sale – Site N-249, Phase 4: Woodland Park, one bedroom, two pull-out sofas. Lots of cupboards and storage space. Cathedral ceiling – full sized refrigerator w/ice maker. Full porch w/air, covered deck w/outdoor ceiling fan and light. Yamaha Golf Cart – no lawn mowing – fire pit and shed. Asking \$43,900. Call: 616-414-2424.

For Sale – Site N-342: 2005 Canterbury w/Large Double Loft - centrally located by indoor pool/soccer fields - no maintenance lot with pavers & deck. Comes furnished, pantry & extra cabinets in kitchen for storage, extra large double loft w/built in cabinets for storage, tvs & lots of room. Queen size bed in master with built in storage. Tub/Shower unit. 3-season porch w/pergo flooring & A/C. 2 garages, Patio Furniture & Grill. Dues are paid for 2014 and includes a floating dock, by the indoor pool. Asking: \$74,900 OBO. Call or text for more info 815-603-5809.

For Sale from Site N-415: Double your entertaining space with a Westhouse built wood deck in excellent condition that wraps around the perimeter of any 30' porch with generous room for outdoor dining! The total capacity is approximately 682 sq. ft. and includes three sets of stairs and built in seating. Call Denise for dimensions at 248-737-7263 or visit lot #N-415. Asking price of \$1,900 or best offer.

For Sale - Site K-19 - Phase 5: Great location, Lakefront lot, no wake zone on Sailboat Cove, across from the Water Park. 1989 Canterbury Park Model with 3 full sized beds and a 3-season porch. Furniture included, ready to move in...a must see. 18' Sweetwater Pontoon Boat w/cover and awning. Hummingbird fish and depth

finder, boat stake and shared dock in front. Electric Club Car Golf Cart w/charger. 10x16 steel shed with workbench and tools. Lawn sprinklers, front and back, fireplace and firewood rack. New Price – Asking: \$110,000! Call: 419-382-6559.

For Sale – Site K-256: 2003 Tahoe with Jamestown 3-season porch with heat and air. Fully furnished with large master bedroom. Includes 11 X 18 golf cart garage with opener, fully finished with pegboard walls, vinyl floor, cabinets and workbench. EzGo electric golf cart and bbq grill included. Close to CC, low maintenance - move in ready. Asking \$59,900. Call 260-437-3772 or 260-341-4104.

For Sale – Site K-444: 1999 Palm Aire Park Model with Loft available to be placed on your site. Call: 616-836-8217 for details.

For Sale – Site D-27: Dutch Park Model, one bedroom with 3-season porch. Sleeps eight comfortably. Boat stake, dock, 20' pontoon, two EZ Go Gas Golf Carts, New laminate wood floor, new patio beach side and garage. 2015 Dues are paid. Must see to appreciate – move in ready. Asking: \$122,000. Call: 269-806-8367.

If you would like to place a Classified Ad, please e-mail it to Kathy@sandypines.com or call 616-896-8315 (ext. 105). Ads are automatically charged to your account, and cost \$15/month. You must notify Kathy Brott when you wish to have your ad removed.



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