

I'm Brad Grassmick. I'm a physician have been for more than 30 years and Director of Critical Care at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. I'm retiring and moving to Beaver Island with my wife Pam where we have had a home for more than 20 years. We both have been active on the island and look forward to having more time to enjoy it.

I'm running for a trustee position on the Peaine Township board because the current approach has resulted in huge financial consequences that are detrimental to the future of our Island. We simply can't afford to not pay attention to the details of running the Township.

The most important priority is the economy of the Island. We need to market our "Great Lakes Jewel" more effectively so we get more visitors. More visitors hopefully will mean more business and more part time and full time residents. We have to do it in a way that preserves our Island treasures. As someone said "The ecology is the economy" We can't destroy the natural beauty that brings people to our Island.

The most pressing issue for our township is getting our financial house in order and in compliance with state regulations. We have a number of shared entities like fire, EMS, the Health center and so on that we have to fund and are essential to the Island, but at the same time we have to find funding for marketing as well as meeting their needs.

Thanks for the opportunity to respond

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