

Krys Lyle Candidate for Peaine Township Clerk

I've been a full-time Beaver Island resident for over nineteen years and a Peaine Township property owner for seventeen of those years. As a 12-year member of the Township's Planning Commission, I've served as the Commission's secretary for most of that time, and helped draft the Island's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. I have been a member of the MTA. I completed all the requirements for the MSU Extension program on Citizen Planning. I believe in a strong work ethic that involves continued education in all aspects of my job. My technical skills enable me to manage the Township's webpage on the Charlevoix County Website while also maintaining the web files for all Township Committees. The year-long training for website management and GIS mapping was provided by Charlevoix County in conjunction with LIAA. Serving on the Beaver Island District Library board is my most recent government experience. I also serve as Coordinator for the Baroque on Beaver Annual Music Festival, and have been a board member since its inception. My Masters Degree in Administration and prior experience as a business owner helped me develop the strong organizational and technical skills central to effective government today.

I am single and partially retired. I have no children, unless my four legged housemates count.

Why are you running for this position?

I am running for the office of Peaine Township Clerk to bring transparency to our local government. I believe that in order to make strides and accomplish goals for an island like ours, it will take collaboration from all the resources we have and the combined efforts of our residents. I want to be at the grassroots in implementing the changes within our community.

What is your top priority if you are elected?

My main objective is to be the first Peaine Township Clerk to hold office hours and keep records at the Township Hall. I would encourage an "open door" policy. I would adhere to the Michigan statutes and guidelines established by MTA (Michigan Township Association). In so doing, I would welcome the opportunity to obtain the requisite training on all new laws that dictate the smooth running of Peaine Township. I would develop a consistent reporting system that would be readily available to any taxpayer, either at regular meetings or during office hours and by email.

What do you see as the most pressing issue facing the county/your township in the future?

With the economic stress on our community it is imperative for our workforce to return to satisfactory and consistent employment. There is a vast gap between the youth of Beaver Island and the aging population in need of the services they provide. Without adequate jobs many Islanders will move away which would cause the tax structure to be significantly reduced. Our township government should work with all residents and taxpayers to sponsor an economic summit to develop and implement a plan that holds promise for improving our economic future.