

Pumphouse Museum

at the Historic Ottawa Beach Parks

Park Township

Project Description: Wedged between Ottawa Beach Road and the Lake Macatawa Shoreline, the historic red brick industrial building commonly referred to as the pumphouse has long been a landmark for visitors to Holland State Park and the Historic Ottawa Beach area. The pumphouse dates back to the late 1800's when it was constructed to generate electricity and then later pump water for the Hotel Ottawa and the cottages of the West Michigan Park Association.



The Historic Ottawa Beach Society (HOBS), a non-profit group working in partnership with Ottawa County Parks, is seeking funds to renovate the structure and make improvements for a museum at this site. HOBS will operate a museum to interpret the fascinating history of Ottawa Beach and other nearby beach communities. The museum will be accessed by a waterfront walkway planned by Ottawa County Parks which will link Black Lake Boardwalk East and West.

Learn more about the pumphouse project and how you can assist at
[HTTP://pumphousemuseum.wordpress.com](http://pumphousemuseum.wordpress.com).



Project Updates:

06.26.15 The project was substantially completed for the dedication on May 28. Since then historic style lights have been installed on the interior and exterior. Delivery of the last pieces of door hardware has been delayed with estimate of installation now in early July.



Completed interior with lights



Completed exterior

05.29.15 The project will be completed for the dedication on May 28.



New concrete walk and plaza area



Newly restored and reinstalled window

04.30.15 Good progress continues since last month. Electrical conduit has been installed below the newly poured concrete floor. The new roof is complete along with the new ceiling support beam on the interior. Restoration and repair of all the wood trim including eaves, windows, and doors is substantially complete with new paint. Masonry restoration is in progress with crack repair, brick replacement, and brick cleaning in progress. Final work will include window glass, sash and door installation, lighting, and painting. All work is to be completed in time for our dedication on March 28.



New support beam in north room



New support beam and window in south room



Window sash repair in progress



Sashes and trim ready for reinstallation



SE side masonry repair



Building with new roof and eave repairs

03.26.15 Good progress continues since last month. New ceiling has been completed on the south half of the building, and the existing window frames have been repainted on the north half. Masonry restoration is in progress with removal of damaged portions of the walls on the interior and exterior. Some brick from the floor that was removed is being used to fill in some of the gaps on the interior walls. The concrete floor is now scheduled to be poured the week of March 30. New roofing is also scheduled to start in the next couple of weeks depending on weather.



SE corner masonry repair



West side masonry repair

02.26.15 Window sashes and doors have been removed for restoration work. Window sills and frames have been stripped of paint and rotted pieces replaced or repaired. Paint has been removed from the existing wood ceiling, repairs completed, and the entire ceiling primed. Structural improvements to the old roof trusses have been completed, and preparations including removal of brick completed as needed to install the new roof support beam. Installation of the new concrete floor continues to await suitable temperature conditions.



Repaired ceiling ready for final paint



"Pocket" for new support beam



New structural supports for old trusses



Existing window stripped of lead paint

01.29.15 Demolition work is complete, and the new helical piles to reinforce the foundation walls have been installed. Installation of the new concrete floor is awaiting suitable temperature conditions. Window sashes and doors have been removed for restoration work. Costs for roofing and electrical work are being evaluated.

11.24.14 After receiving only one bid that was over budget, park staff are looking for ways to reorganize and reduce the project as required to fit the budget. One approach is to break the project down into smaller parts and act as the general contractor to coordinate the various subcontractors. Under this scenario our current site contractor, Apex contractors, would end up doing demolition, helical piers, and paving the floor inside the building. This work would be added to the waterfront walkway project as a change order. Other portions would be negotiated with the current bidder, and some portions bid at a later date. Further details and a recommendation will be discussed at the next Parks Commission meeting.

10.30.14 The plans for the first phase of improvements have been completed and bids were solicited. Unfortunately, only one bid was received and it was significantly over the budget for the project. The bid was \$498,000 compared to a budget of \$240,000. Alternatives are being developed to find ways to reduce the costs while still accomplishing the goals for improving the building. Further information will be presented at the Parks Commission meeting.

09.27.14 This project will be put out for public bidding on September 29 with bid opening on October 14. Because of the desire to get the foundation work completed yet this fall to allow for site work, the construction contract will be approved by special vote of the Parks Commission in mid-October. Construction is scheduled to begin by the end of October.

07.31.14 Plans and specifications for this renovation and restoration project are in progress including further detailed analysis of the structure and potential structural repairs. A specific bidding and construction start date has not been determined.

06.25.14 Plans and specifications for this project are in progress.

05.28.14 Parks Director, John Scholtz and Coordinator of Park Planning & Development, Curt TerHaar presented our plans to the Park Township Planning Commission with a favorable response. The first phase of the project would involve structural and other basic improvements to the historic structure. Future improvements could be completed as funds become available including the museum use of the building. We will proceed with plans to be reviewed by their building inspector with no further approvals required by the Planning Commission. The consulting architect has begun work on construction plans and specifications for the first phase with construction scheduled for this fall.

01.18.13 Fundraising by the Historic Ottawa Beach Society is in progress

