



# GRAND TRAVERSE METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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## SITE PLAN REVIEW

ID # M7117

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This review is based on the 2015 International Fire Code adopted as East Bay Township Fire Prevention Ordinance for a new Special Use Permit for the change in operations from the previous Boy Scout Camp to the Go – Rec recreational facility.

### 1. 506.1 Knox Box where required.

Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type listed in accordance with UL 1037, and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official.

**- If the main entrance gate is to be open at all times the Knox Box shall be moved from that location to the front of Besser Hall main entrance door.**

### 2. D103.6 Signs.

Where required by the *fire code official*, fire apparatus access roads shall be marked with permanent NO PARKING—FIRE LANE signs complying with Figure D103.6. Signs shall have a minimum dimension of 12 inches (305 mm) wide by 18 inches (457 mm) high and have red letters on a white reflective background. Signs shall be posted on one or both sides of the fire apparatus road as required by Section D103.6.1 or D103.6.2.

**- The paved roadway areas which serve as the Fire Lanes to Besser Lodge shall be marked as Fire Lane – No Parking. Signs shall be posted on both sides of the road facing the direction of travel and spaced no more than 100 feet apart. Location can be determined during a site visit.**

### 3. 505.2 Street or road signs.

Streets and roads shall be identified with *approved* signs. Temporary signs shall be installed at each street intersection when construction of new roadways allows passage by vehicles. Signs shall be of an *approved* size, weather resistant and be maintained until replaced by permanent signs.

**- Develop system of signage throughout the property giving direction to the named camping/ activity areas. Place signs at road intersections.**



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#### 4. 503.2.3 Surface.

Fire apparatus access roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus and shall be surfaced so as to provide all-weather driving capabilities.

**- Several areas of the roadways are sandy and make travel difficult. Repair these areas with compacted gravel to allow ambulance access. These areas include the Rennie Lake beach access and road to Outpost building**

**- If the Outpost, adjacent Restroom/shower building and Gordon Pharo building are too be used year-round, vehicle access shall be provided year round.**

#### 5. 102.3 Change of use or occupancy.

Changes shall not be made in the use or occupancy of any structure that would place the structure in a different division of the same group or occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such structure is made to comply with the requirements of this code and the *International Building Code*. Subject to the approval of the *fire code official*, the use or occupancy of an existing structure shall be allowed to be changed and the structure is allowed to be occupied for purposes in other groups without conforming to all of the requirements of this code and the *International Building Code* for those groups, provided the new or proposed use is less hazardous, based on life and fire risk, than the existing use.

**- If any building throughout the property is being changed from its current use, such as the Outpost, a formal change of use application shall be made with the Grand Traverse County Construction Code Office as well as this office.**

**Summary: The project may proceed with the township approval process. Arrangements will be made to inspect for compliance with these provisions as well as an annual inspection of Besser Lodge assembly occupancy prior to implementation and use in the spring.**