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MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION

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Scott and Kim Bonzheim
7730 Parkcrest Circle
Clarkston, MI 48348

Dear Scott and Kim,

This letter is in response to a meeting on June 10 with Jim Murray and Ryan Spencer of GC North, LLC regarding the Scenic Reserve Easement agreement between the Stone Brook Owners' Association (nee Stone Brook Partnership) and the Mackinac Island State Park Commission. They presented a request for cutting of trees on your property (Lot 17) to allow for the transportation of modular house components from M-185 to the lot. It is understood that GC North is assisting you in this matter.

The agreement calls for an "Initial Inventory" of trees greater than 3" in diameter at breast height. This inventory serves as the starting point for enforcing the cutting restrictions in the easement. The inventory was completed by Manthei, Inc. in 1996. Landowners are allowed to cut up to 15% of the initial inventory for the purpose of improving their view. Any cutting greater than 15% requires written approval of the Scenic Resource Committee which consists of two members of the Association and one member appointed by the Park Commission. The committee has not met for several years, but I was presented with a letter from the Stone Brook Owners' Association noting that they had reviewed the request and granted approval.

Following our meeting, Ryan Spencer provided a photograph identifying the trees and the diameter of each. The trees were also marked. Only five trees with a total diameter of 169" need to be cut.

The request is unusual in that it is for construction work and not to improve the view. However, the small number of trees to be removed and their diameter is still close to the allowable total. Permission to remove the five trees is hereby granted. Per our discussion it is understood that a minimum of five substantial trees of

species found within the easement will be planted within the affected area of the lot at the conclusion of the project.

This approval is for cutting of trees in the easement only. The schedule for tree removal and installation of the modular units from M-185 must be negotiated separately through the Park Commision and the City of Mackinac Island.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Brisson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Brisson, Director
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cc: Neal K. Liddicoat, Stone Brook Owners' Association
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Katie Pereny, City of Mackinac Island
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