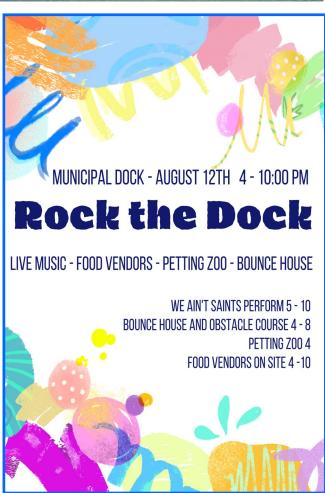
THE ESCANABA EXPRESS

The Escanaba Express is a monthly newsletter that is published to keep the community informed about the City's services, programs, activities and opportunities to participate.









Upcoming Public Meetings					
Date	Time	Type of Meeting			
8/3/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
8/8/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission			
8/8/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory			
8/8/2023	6:00 pm	Recreation Advisory Board			
8/10/2023	6:00 pm	Planning Commission			
8/15/2023	6:00 pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee			
8/17/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
8/22/2023	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board			
8/24/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority			
8/28/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees			

Upcoming Public Events					
DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL			
8/2/2023	11:30 am—1:30 pm	Live on the Lawn Summer Music Series			
8/2/2023	7:30 pm- 8:30 pm	City Band Concerts			
8/3/2023		YMCA 22nd Annual Golf			
8/5/2023	10:00 am- 4:00 pm	Waterfront Art Festival			
8/5/2023	5:00 pm	Armageddon on Wheels			
8/7/2023	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Music Monday: Sit Down Francis			
8/8/2023	7:00 pm	Strings on the Bay 2023			
8/9/2023	11:30 am—1:30 pm	Lunch on Ludington Music Series			
8/9/2023	7:30 pm—8:30 pm	City Band Concerts			
8/10/2023	11:30 am—1:30 pm	Live on the Lawn Summer Music Series			
8/10/2023	4:00 pm- 8:00 pm	Hot Rods & Harleys Cruise Nights			
8/11/2023- 8/12/2023		Bark River Off-Road Rumble in the U.P.			
8/12/2023	4:00 pm- 11:30 pm	Rock the Dock			
8/14/2023- 8/20/2023		Michigan's State Fair in the Upper Peninsula			
8/16/2023	7:30 pm– 8:30 pm	City Band Concerts			
8/19/2023	1:00 pm- 4:00 pm	Summer of Melodies			
8/19/2023	9:30 pm	Movie Night in Ludington Park			
8/24/2023	11:30 am— 1:30 pm	Live on the Lawn Summer Concert Series			
8/24/2023	4:00 pm — 8:00 pm	Hot Rods & Harleys Cruise Nights			
8/26/2023	1:00 pm- 4:00 pm	Summer of Melodies			
8/30/2023	5:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Business After Hours			

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NEW OPEN HOURS EFFECTIVE JULY 5

MONDAY 10AM - 5 PM

TUESDAY 10AM - 7 PM

WEDNESDAY 10AM - 7 PM

THURSDAY 10AM - 7 PM

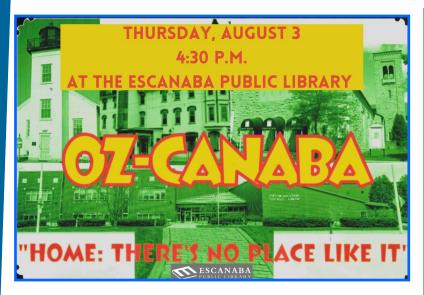
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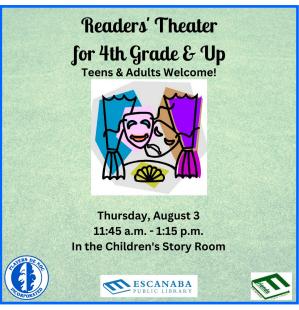
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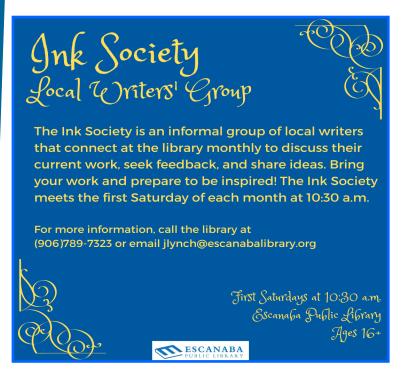
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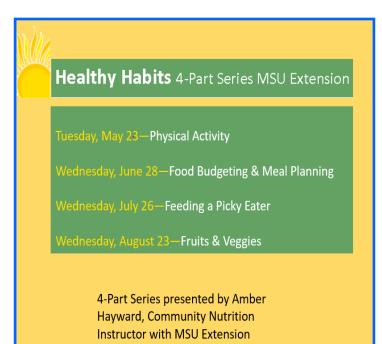


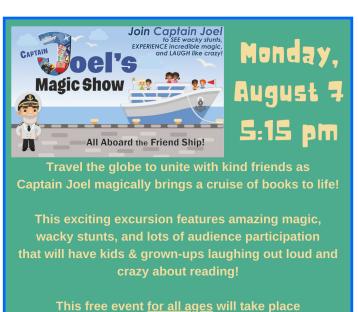






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in the City Council Chambers.

ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY





Summer of Melodies

Karas Bandshell 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June 10th - Soulshine

Country, Classic Rock, Southern Rock, Current Music, 60's, 70's, 80's, Bluegrass & Blues

June 17th - We Ain't Saints

Classic Rock

July 15th - Cosmic Exposure

Jam and Rock

July 22nd - Wingin' It

Acoustic Blend of Many Genres

August 19th - Angels and Outlaws

Country

August 26th - The Lifters

Current, 60's, 70's, 80's, Country, Bluegrass, Cajun, Folk &





an anonymous donation from a family whose mother passed who had ties to Escanaba. She loved listening to music in the park during the summer. Summer of Melodies will be provided for several upcoming years. We hope the community enjoys listening to our local talent during a Saturday afternoon in our wonderful Ludington Park. This will be the second year for the Summer of Melodies.

Highline Presents:

The Super Mario Brothers Movie

Where: Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park
(ffrain—movie will be rescheduled)
When: Saturday, August 19, 2023
Time: Movie will start around 9:30 p.m.



COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS
BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR
AND A SNACK!



City of Escanaba Recreation Department

(906) 786-4141 recreation@escanaba.org



OSF HealthCare Presents:

Tangled

Where: Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park

(if rain—movie will be rescheduled)

When: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Time: Movie will start around 9:30 p.m. (Dusk)



COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR AND A SNACK!



Movie duration is 100 minutes

(906) 786-4141
recreation@escanaba.org





MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Recreation Director Kim Peterson Work Phone: 786-4141 Email: kpeterson@escanaba.org

Youth Assistance Program, Inc. Donates to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center

The Recreation Department is happy to announce a donation from the Youth Assistance Program, Inc. to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center. Funds will be used to purchase new game room equipment, hygiene items and sponsor our Fall Open House.

Recreation Director Kim Peterson stated, "We are excited to form a new partnership with the Youth Assistance Program, Inc. We are thankful to be able to purchase the much needed game room equipment, to include two air hockey tables and fuse ball table."





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Contact: Recreation Director Kim Peterson Work Phone: 786-4141 Email: kpeterson@escanaba.org

Community Foundation for Delta County and Highline Partner with the City of Escanaba Recreation Department to Provide Summer Survival Kits

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department is happy to announce a grant award from the Community Foundation for Delta County and Highline in a partnership to provide youth in the community with "summer survival kits". Kits will contain a variety of snacks, refreshments, games and hygiene items.

Recreation Director Kim Peterson stated, "There is a need within the community to provide extra help to families during the summer months. We all see that grocery prices continue to rise, along with almost everything you purchase. This partnership allows us to go above and beyond to give something extra back and we are happy to do so. We appreciate our partnerships that are willing to help us!"







The Residential Energy Optimization Program helps qualifying City of Escanaba Electric Customers, like you, make energy-efficient choices for your home, by offering rebates when you purchase certain energy-saving products or equipment. You can earn rebates on a wide range of qualifying purchases, from ENERGY STAR appliances, LED Lighting, and HVAC Upgrades.

To see the full list of rebates available to you, download the Residential Program application by visiting: https://www.escanaba.org/electric/page/energy-optimization-program

Questions? Give us a call at 906-786-0061 or email us at cityelectric@escanaba.org



LED Lightbulbs



Appliances



HVAC Equipment



EV Chargers



The Commercial and Industrial Energy Optimization Program makes it easy for City of Escanaba businesses to reduce your energy usage, lower your costs and earn rebates when you make certain energy-saving updates. Whether you run a restaurant, dry cleaning business or corner market, we can help you make improvements – such as lighting, HVAC, and kitchen equipment – more affordable.

To see the full list of rebates available for your business, download the Commercial & Industrial Program application at https://www.escanaba.org/electric/page/energy-optimization-program.

Questions? Give us a call at 906-786-0061 or email us at cityelectric@escanaba.org



LED Lightbulbs



Kitchen Equipment



HVAC Equipment



EV Chargers



New Director of Public Safety

The City of Escanaba is pleased to announce the promotion of Detective/Lieutenant John Gudwer to the position of Director. The promotion will become effective June 10, 2023, upon the retirement of current Director Robert LaMarche.

Director Gudwer comes to the Director's position with almost 24 years of dedicated, loyal police and fire service to the Escanaba community. As Escanaba's Director of Public Safety, he will be responsible for leading a department of 30 sworn officers and four (11) non-sworn personnel with an annual budget of approximately \$4.4 M.

Director Gudwer has been involved in the law enforcement career field since 1997 when he became a Corrections Officer for Delta County. In 1995 he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Michigan University, January 1999, he started his law enforcement career with Gogebic County Sheriff's Department, before coming to Escanaba Public Safety in November that same year. While assigned to this position, his primary duties included patrolling the community to preserve peace and law enforcement, traffic control, accident investigation, crime detection/prevention and investigation, arresting of persons involved in crimes or misconduct and firefighting. In January 2010, he was promoted to the rank of Detective, where his primary duties included investigating crimes with extensive research requirement and assisting officers in procedural elements of investigation. Later that same year, he was promoted again to Patrol Sergeant. In this position, he supervised four officers, two dispatchers assisted in performance reviews, and supervised fire and emergency scenes. He ranked up once again in 2016 to Lieutenant, where he was responsible for supervising sergeants and officers in both police and fire practices, as well as reviewing police reports, oversaw the LESO program, which assisted obtaining free equipment from the US military. Additionally, he served on the Delta County Drug Court, Communities that Care Coalition, helped created Escanaba Public Safety Citizen's Academy, and was the point person for the "Escanaba Angel Program". In 2021, Director Gudwer was again promoted to Detective Lieutenant, which included many of the same duties as Lieutenant, as well as supervising the Detective staff, School Resource Officer, two clerical staff, and two Code Enforcement officers and seven Crossing Guards.

In addition to the skills needed to perform the general police and fire duties of a sworn Public Safety Officer, Director Gudwer is certified as a Firefighter Level I and II and is a Fire Instructor. He not only brings a wealth of leadership experience but has earned many awards and certificates during his law enforcement career.

Director Gudwer is married with two children and two grandchildren.

Please join the City in congratulating Director LaMarche on his retirement and Detective/Lieutenant Gudwer on his promotion!

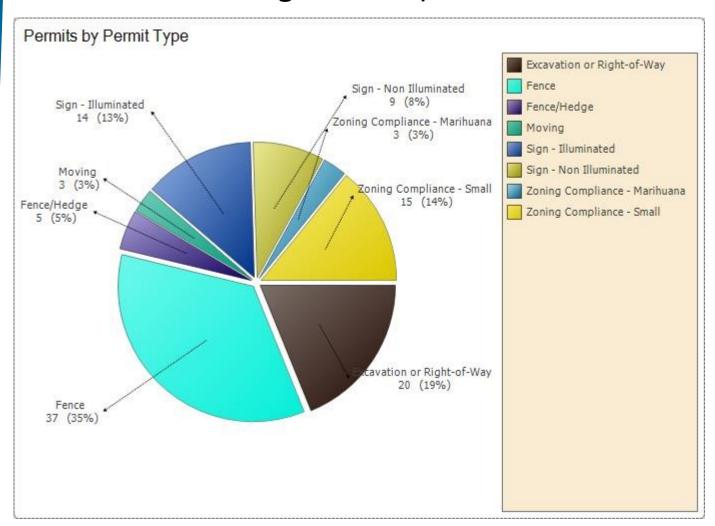


Escanaba Public Safety did a jaws of life demonstration in Ludington Park on July 1st.





Zoning Permits Report



CITY OF ESCANABA NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE

Do you have rubbish, overgrown lawns, un-shoveled sidewalks, dilapidated buildings or non-running vehicles in your neighborhood?

You can call the City of Escanaba's Neighborhood Code Enforcement Hotline to report your concerns.

CALL: 786-6121 or e-mail: jvandamme@escanaba.org & jcobb@escanaba.org



CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mark Ammel mammel@escanaba.org

Mayor Pro-Tem

Karen Moore

kmoore@escanaba.org

Councilmember

Ron Beauchamp

rbeauchamp@escanaba.org

Councilmember

Tyler DuBord

tdubord@escanaba.org

Councilmember

Todd Flath

tflath@escanaba.org

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City Manager - James McNeil	jmcneil@escanaba.org	789-7322			
City Controller - Melissa Becotte	mbecotte@escanaba.org	786-0605			
Water/Wastewater Sup Jeff Lampi	jlampi@escanaba.org	786-3291			
Assistant Superintendent of DPW - Kent Dubord	kdubord@escanaba.org	786-1842			
Electric Superintendent - Gerald Pirkola	gpirkola@escanaba.org	786-0061			
Public Safety Director - John Gudwer	jgudwer@escanaba.org	786-5911			
Recreation Director - Kim Peterson	kpeterson@escanaba.org	786-4141			
City Clerk - Phil DeMay	clerk@escanaba.org	786-1194			
Library Director - Carolyn Stacey	cstacey@escanabalibrary.org	789-7323			
HR Director/City Treasurer - Kim Gustafson	kgustafson@escanaba.org	786-0552			
City Assessor - James McNeil	assessor@escanaba.org	789-7381			
Harbor Master - Shayne Sanville	ssanville@escanaba.org	786-9614			
Planning & Zoning Admin Tyler Anthony	tanthony@escanaba.org	786-9402			

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS Escanaba Public Safety - Emergency 911 786-5912 Wastewater Questions/Issues Escanaba Public Safety - General 786-1301 Garbage/Recycling Information 786-1842 Escanaba Public Library 789-7323 Snow Plowing/Removal 786-1842 Escanaba DDA 789-8696 786-3291 786-0061 Potable Water Questions/Issues Electrical Questions/Issues Neighborhood Complaint Hotline 789-7317 Civic Center/Recreation 786-4141



City Council Left to Right:
Todd Flath
Tyler DuBord
Mayor Mark Ammel
Mayor Pro-Tem Karen Moore
Ronald Beauchamp

CITY OF ESCANABA RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (906) 786-4141



LUDINGTON PARK PAVILION - The Ludington Park Pavilion is located near the south end of the 120 acre Ludington Park. The Pavilion support facilities include: Ample 110-volt electric service, potable water for cooking/cleaning and a large capacity barbeque grill. The facility is capable of accommodating 10 eight-person picnic tables with ample green space in the surrounding area to facilitate additional tables/persons. Clean, modern restroom facilities are located conveniently close to the Pavilion. Parking accommodations are also close by at the tennis court lot, Jenkin's Drive or the Band Shell parking lot.

Advance reservations required for family socials, picnics and outings. One-half day reservation fee of \$75 resident and \$100 non-resident. Half-day reservation can be made before or after 4:00 p.m. Full day reservation fee of \$100 resident and \$125 non-resident.

LUDINGTON PARK GAZEBO - The Gazebo is located across from the Sand Point Lighthouse near the east end of Ludington Park. The 20' x 20' Gazebo is equipped with both internal and external electrical outlets and external lighting for subtle nighttime illumination. Many people have found the Ludington Park Gazebo an excellent location for wedding ceremonies, wedding pictures and family reunion pictures. This facility provides beautiful views of the Ludington Park Fountain and the Harbor. On-street parking is available. Restrooms are nearby at the Municipal Marina.



Advance reservations required for wedding ceremonies, family/group pictures, etc. \$50 fee per two-hour block for resident and \$75 for non-resident.

LUDINGTON PARK BAND SHELL - The Band Shell is a multi-use facility capable of accommodating performances, plays, concerts, religious functions and other ceremonies and social events. Located on the south end of Ludington Park, the facility is capable of seating 300 people with a large expanse of green area and hills to accommodate hundreds of other spectators. Support facilities for the Band Shell include parking for approximately 100 vehicles and restroom facilities immediately north of the Band Shell area.



Advanced reservations required for use of the Ludington Park Band Shell. One-half day reservation fee of \$75 for resident and \$100 for non-resident. Half-day reservations can be made before or after 4:00 p.m. Full-day reservation fee of \$100 for resident and \$125 for non-resident.

THE ESCANABA MARKETPLACE is available to rent for private events from May to October. Your rental includes the use of the 8000 sq. ft. pavilion, restrooms, a commercial kitchen, a sound stage, a fire pit, a fenced in playground, a commercial gas grill, 40 banquet tables, 200 chairs and a parking lot for your guests! Residents can rent the Market Place for the entire day for \$150 dollars. Businesses within the DDA footprint can hold a once a year business event M-F for \$150. There is a fully refundable security deposit of \$150.

Call the DDA at 906-789-8696 for information.





HELP WANTED!

Boards, Commissions and Committees Currently Recruiting Boards, Commissions and Committees Applications are accepted anytime—submit yours today!

City of Escanaba residents are invited to participate in the process of the City of Escanaba government. One of the most effective ways to participate is through service on one of the City's citizen boards, commissions or committees. Through these services, civic minded citizens become involved in their local government and make recommendations to the Escanaba City Council. As a result, the City benefits from the vast knowledge, experience and expertise of its citizens.

Board and Commission Member positions are all voluntary and are appointed by the Mayor, with the consensus of City Council. Once appointed, the time commitment for each board/commission varies, some meet on a regular schedule, others on an as needed basis. Preparation for some meetings may require additional time obligations. Once committed, your attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings is critical.

How to apply for Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointment:

Board, Commission and Committee members are appointed by the Mayor with the consensus of the Escanaba City Council.

To apply:

- 1. Review the list of preferences and areas of interest and determine your top choices. Every effort will be made to accommodate your first preference, but vacancies vary and demand for some boards may be higher than others.
- 2. Complete the required Boards and Commissions Application Form online or mail/fax it, along with your resume to: Office of the City Clerk, P. O. Box 948, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 or fax (906) 786-4755 or e-mail to clerk@escanaba.org.
- 3. As vacancies occur, applications are reviewed.
- 4. All members of boards, commissions and committees must be residents of the City of Escanaba, unless directed by the Escanaba City Council to waive the requirement or as specified in the bylaws of the board, commission or committee or as mandated by State Law. Members may not serve more than two full, consecutive terms and are expected to attend all regular and special meetings.
- 5. Applications will remain on file for one calendar year. A new application is required each year.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Meets: 1st Tues. following 1st Mon. in March

Hears appeals from all property owners who feel their property has been inaccurately assessed and has the power to make appropriate corrections in the tax roll. Consists of the Mayor and four members, two/thirds (2/3) which shall be tax-paying electors of the City. Board Members have indefinite terms and are reappointed every two years.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meets: 4th Mon. of Month, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Responsible for formulation of general policies and procedures relating to library operation for preparation and submission of annual budgets, planning future operation, hiring and overseeing nonunion library employees, and other duties as may be assigned by the City Council. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meets: Call of the Chair., City Hall, Room 101

Facilitates the implementation of brownfield plans relating to the designation and treatment of brownfield redevelopment zones and to promote the revitalization of environmentally distressed areas in the community served by the City of Escanaba pursuant to Act 381. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

CITY COUNCIL

Meets: The first and third Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Room C101

Comprised of five elected citizens to serve four-year terms. The election is held on the first Tuesday in November each odd-numbered year. Candidates must be U.S. citizens and a City of Escanaba resident. They are nominated at large by petitions, signed by not less than 50 qualified electors, and shall be filed with the City Clerk. The Council constitutes the legislative and governing body of the City, possessing all powers and authority to pass ordinances and adopt resolutions as they shall deem proper in order to exercise any or all powers held by the City.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

Meets: 4th Thurs. of Month, 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 101

Established under P. A. 57 of 2018, the DDA Board made up of the City Manager and 8 members to be appointed by the City Manager with Council concurrence. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district or officers, members, trustees, principals, or employees of legal entity having an interest in property located in the downtown district. Not less than one of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district, as the Escanaba district has over 100 people residing within the district. The establishment of the DDA is to correct and prevent deterioration in the business district, as described in P.A. 57 of 2018. The City Manger serves for an indefinite period. The eight members meeting the criteria set forth serve for a four-year period.

ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: Every Jan/Apr/July/Oct, 2nd Weds., 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

The Electrical Advisory Committee is charged with providing continuous information and recommendations to the Escanaba City Council on current electric policy trends that could impact the community. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created for the purpose of advising Administration concerning operation of the Municipal Marina and concerning development, and improvements. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meets: Every March/June/Sept/Dec, 3rd Mon., 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Created to regulate the construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation and demolition of resources in historic district within the City limits. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

HOUSING COMMISSION

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 4:30 p.m., Harbor Tower

Created for the purpose of providing public housing for low-income & elderly persons, including management of publicly-owned housing. Five members are appointed for five-year terms.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets: 2nd Thurs. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Primary objective is to develop and oversee a master plan for the physical development of the City. The Commission recommends action to the City Council on preliminary plat applications, reviews and makes recommendations concerning proposed land development, rezoning, or amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Seven members are appointed for three-year terms.

PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD

Meets: 4th Tues. of Month, 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 102

Administers the investments which constitute the Pension Fund of Public Safety personnel covered under Act 345. Membership consists of the City Treasurer, two Public Safety Officers elected by their peers for four-year terms, and two citizens of Escanaba serving indefinite terms.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meets: 2nd Tues. of Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Advises the City Council and Administration about all phases of recreation in the City, including current operations, long-term planning, and expenditures. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets: 3rd Tues. of every other Month, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 101

Serves the City Council and Administration in an advisory capacity, particularly as concerns vehicular traffic in the City. This includes traffic flow, parking restrictions, street cuts, and sidewalk planning. Five members serve three-year terms.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Meets: First Tuesday of Jan/Apr/July/Oct at 6pm, City Hall, Room 101

The ZBA functions as a quasi-judicial body that hears and makes decisions on cases for zoning appeals, interpretations, and variance requests. Six members, plus two alternate members, serve three-year terms.