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.



NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY NOTICE

City of Escanaba Business Offices:

Friday, December 30 - Close at 12:00 Noon Monday, January 2- Closed All Day

Escanaba Public Library:

Friday, December 30 - Close at 12:00 Noon Saturday, December 31- Closed All Day Monday, January 2 - Closed All Day

Catherine Bonifas Civic Center:

Friday December 30 - Close at 12:00 Noon Saturday, December 31– Closed All Day Monday, January 2 - Closed All Day

City Garbage collection will run as scheduled

Emergency services may be obtained by calling the Public Safety Department at 786-5911.

Christmas Tree Drop Off Sites

There will be NO curbside Pickup



Residents are reminded that they can drop off their Christmas tree at one of the City's "Christmas Tree Recycling" areas:

- 1. Lemmer School ballfield off of 8th Avenue South and South 22nd Street.
- 2. The public parking lot on Jenkins Drive behind the Bandshell.
- 3. The Delta County compost site.

Trees must be free from decorations, wires and lights. Wreathes and garland will not be accepted. Signs will be erected to indicate the location to place trees on each site.

Upcoming Public Meetings					
Date	Time	Type of Meeting			
1/3/2023	6:00 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals			
1/5/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
1/10/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission			
1/10/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory Committee			
1/11/2023	4:00 pm	Electrical Advisory Committee			
1/19/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
1/23/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees			
1/24/2023	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board			
1/26/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority			

Upcoming Public Events					
DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL			
1/12/2023	7:00 pm	Switchback Performance Bay College			
1/14/2023	5:30 pm	80's Prom Gone Wrong Mystery Dinner Tri County Safe Harbor			
1/26/2023	7:00 pm	Bay Film Series- She Said			
1/27/2023- 1/28/2023	9:00 am	Rapid River Relic Riders			
2/4/2023	5:00 pm- 11:00 pm	Fire and Ice Island Resort and Casino			









The Bonifas Arts Center Presents: **FABRICATIONS VI:** A FIBER ARTS SHOW January 5 - February 16, 2023

CALL FOR FIBER ARTISTS!



Variations in Vessels II - by Cindy Wedig



Eco Felted Wool Scarf - by Ruth Steinhagen

Applicant Calendar

Now - December 30: Entries accepted

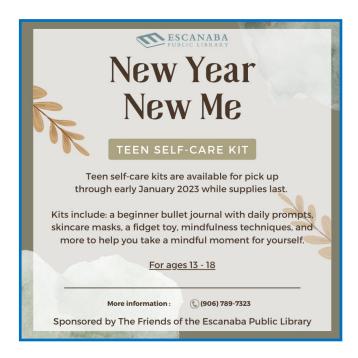
January 5: Exhibit opens with a Gallery Reception: 6 - 8 PM

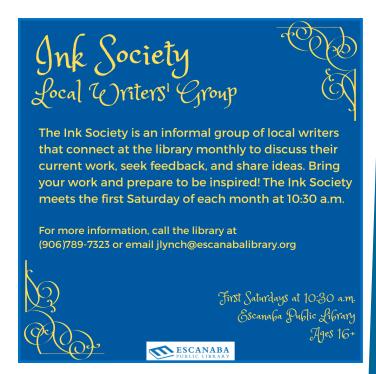
February 16: Last day of exhibit

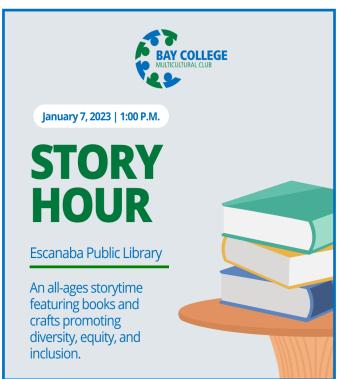
February 17: Artwork pick up



Escanaba Library









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WINTER AEROBICS

The City of Escanaba Recreation Department offers a safe and effective method to becoming physically fit. Dance aerobic class is offered at the Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, Monday thru Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Programs are designed around Jacki Sorensen's Fitness Classes.



WINTER SESSION 2023 – 11 WEEKS JANUARY 9th – MARCH 23rd

CLASS FEE: \$125 for 11 weeks or \$5 per class drop in fee

The class fee entitles you to attend as many classes as you wish.

- All persons attending must register at each class with aerobics instructor
- Sessions may be cancelled due to weather at the discretion of the Recreation Director
- No make-up days for inclement weather or holidays
- Sessions are held in the gym
- Locker room with showers available
- Bring exercise mat or heavy bath towel for class, which does include some floor exercises

For more information call the Recreation Department at 786-4141.



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 12, 2022

Contact: Recreation Director Kim Peterson

Work Phone: 786-4141

Email: kpeterson@escanaba.org

Immanuel Lutheran Church donates to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center's After School Program

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center received a donation from Immanuel Lutheran Church for the After School Program. Funds will be used to provide a healthy snack, hygiene items and school supplies to students in 4th to 12th grades throughout Delta County.

The Catherine Bonifas Civic Center facility is a safe, supervised environment with staff on site. The facility has a full game room and gym. The facility hosts activities such as basketball, board games, free books, gym use, free wi-fi, laptop use, volleyball, pickleball, aerobics, gameroom as well as housing the Community Action Agency Senior Center which offers a large variety of activities and events throughout the day as well.

The Escanaba Recreation Department appreciates all the support the community gives to the After School Program and especially want to thank Immanuel Lutheran Church.





Canines for Comfort has offered a partnership to Escanaba Department of Public Safety. We are pleased to introduce Vera, a 7 month old English Golden Retriever, who is currently in training to become certified by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. She will be certified around her 1st Birthday and will be used by D/Sgt. Tabitha Marchese in interviews with victims of crimes.

If you want to learn more about how you can support our mission to provide services for victims of crime at no cost to the organizations we partner with, please visit https://caninesforcomfort.org/donate/





Escanaba Public Safety with the help of Santa and the Grinch, delivered Shop with a Cop gifts! Thank you to the community for helping make this event possible!



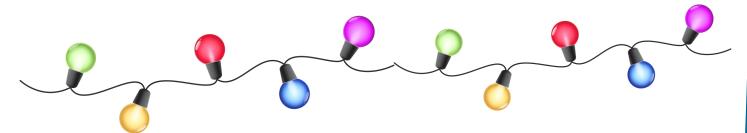








Escanaba Department of Public Safety was happy to take part in the 2022 Shop with a Cop on Wednesday, December 14th. Special thanks to Meijer, all the volunteers and the community who make this possible!









Escanaba Public Safety was happy to take part in the 2022 Shop with a Cop on Saturday, December 10th. Special thanks to Walmart, volunteers, and the community for making this possible.







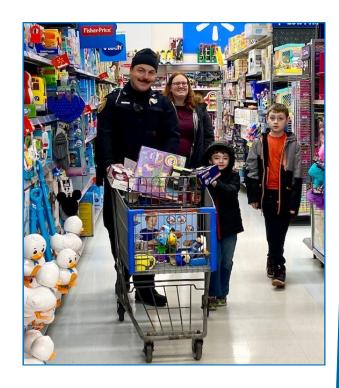


















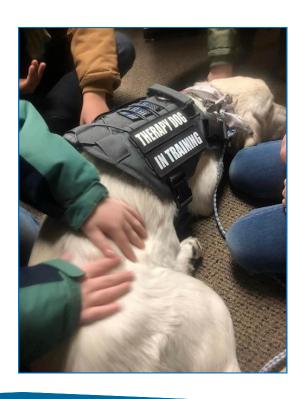














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Winter Parking Regulations

In order to better the flow of traffic, to ease the parking situation and expedite the movement of fire equipment and emergency vehicles during the months of December, January, February, March, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that parking will be restricted to one side of every street and avenue within the confines of the City from 2:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m., during the months of December, January, February and March, in the City of Escanaba in accordance with the schedule listed below:

Parking will be allowed only on the west side of all streets. Parking will be allowed only on the north side of all avenues.

No vehicle shall be parked for a period longer than one half-hour on any street or avenue within the confines of the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless otherwise indicated by signage during the months of December, January, February and March of each year.

On Ludington Street and the 100 blocks off Ludington Street, parking will be allowed on both sides of the street with the exception of South 15th Street, South 16th Street, South 17th Street, South 18th Street, South 19th Street and South 22nd Street.

Parking will be allowed on the east side of the street in the following business districts: 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Stephenson Avenue and the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of Sheridan Road.

Parking will be allowed overnight, on both sides of the street, in the 200 block of Ludington Street.

Parking will be allowed overnight within the median of the 100 block of South 3rd Street.

Parking will be allowed overnight in the 100 block of South 5th Street, on the west side of the street, pursuant to a permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.

The issuance of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a public safety officer in the City shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation as herein provided.

People are allowed to park on the south Side of 3rd Ave South from S 25th St to S 26th St between 7am-5pm.

These parking regulations will be in effect through March of 2023.

The Public Safety Department suggests that you clip this notice and keep it in your automobile, and asks for your continued cooperation in this attempt to promote public safety.

Robert LaMarche, Director of Public Safety



Mission Statement

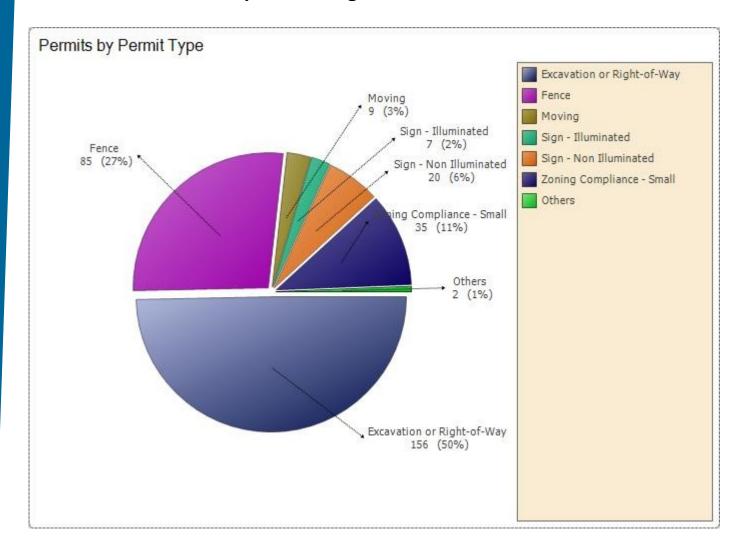
TIPS TO KEEP YOUR WATER FLOWING IN THE EXTREME COLD WEATHER

- Check basements and crawl spaces for drafts.
- Check plumbing close to a vent or window.
- Turn on or install heat tape on plumbing which is exposed to the cold.
- Disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets.
- * Avoid parking or driving over your incoming water line.
- * It's best to pile snow over your service line and sewer lateral to provide more insulation form the cold.
- * Keep an eye out for rusty water; this is a sign of a pipe freezing.
- * If your water reaches a temperature below 34 degrees, your line may be subject to freezing.
- * Have your sewer lateral cleaned to insure no obstructions are present that may slow the flow.
- * Use more water to flush solids to the main, today's low flow toilets do not provide enough flow.
- * Do not flush sanitary wipes into the sanitary sewer, they will slow the flow and create a plug downstream.
- * Grease will solidify very quickly in a cold sewer line, which may eventually create a plug.
- * Clear your sewer vent on your house, a plugged vent will not allow your sewer to breath and will restrict the flow.
- Most importantly, please check on a neighbor that may need a helping hand.

Call the Water or Wastewater Departments: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM (786-3291 or 786-1301), if you have any water related problems.

Zoning Permits Report

January 2022 through December 2022



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: bdegrave@escanaba.org cbarnhart@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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF					
Interim 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			
Public Works Sup./City Eng Wendy Taavola	wtaavola@escanaba.org	786-1842			
Electric Superintendent - Gerald Pirkola	gpirkola@escanaba.org	786-0061			
Public Safety Director - Robert LaMarche	rlamarche@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

789-7317

Escanaba Public Safety - Emergency 911							
Escanaba Public Safety - General	786-5912	Wastewater Questions/Issues	786-1301				
Garbage/Recycling Information	786-1842	Escanaba Public Library	789-7323				
Snow Plowing/Removal	786-1842	Escanaba DDA	789-8696				
Potable Water Questions/Issues	786-3291	Electrical Questions/Issues	786-0061				

Civic Center/Recreation



Neighborhood Complaint Hotline

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

786-4141

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.







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

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.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Cont.)

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.

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.

CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Accumulates and coordinates citizen concerns as they pertain to environmental impacts within the City of Escanaba. Five members are appointed for three-year terms.

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.

LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW BOARD

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

Created to review all applications for the issuance of new liquor licenses. After the Board's review and findings, a recommendation is made to the City Council. Three members are appointed, one (1) council member and two (2) city residents at large, each serving for a term of three (3) years.

LOAN ADMINISTRATION BOARD (LAB)

Meets: Every Jan/Apr/July/Oct, 3rd Thurs., 8:00 a.m., City Hall, Room 102

City's approval body for economic development loans. Loan requests that meet federal, state, and local requirements are presented to the Loan Administration Board for approval, modification, or denial. Five members are appointed for six-year terms.

LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Meets: Every odd numbered year, Nov., City Hall, Room 102

Charged with determining the salaries and expense allowances of the City Council, the Mayor, and elected City officials. 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.