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.



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Upcoming Public Meetings					
Date	Time	Type of Meeting			
6/1/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
6/8/2023	6:00 pm	Planning Commission			
6/13/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission			
6/13/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory			
6/13/2023	6:00 pm	Recreation Advisory Board			
6/15/2023	7:00 pm	City Council			
6/19/2023	4:15 pm	Historic District Commission			
6/20/2023	6:00 pm	Traffic Safety Advisory Committee			
6/22/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority			
6/26/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees			
6/27/2023	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board			

Upcoming Public Events						
DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL				
6/1/2023	11:00 am- 7:00 pm	30th Annual Chamber Golf Outing				
6/2/2023- 6/3/2023		Krusin' Klassics 37th Annual Fun Run				
6/3/2023	9:30 pm	Movie Night in Ludington Park				
6/10/2023	10:00 am- 4:00 pm	Village Days/ Music Festival				
6/10/2023	1:00-4:00 pm	Summer of Melodies				
6/12/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Music Monday: Jam Band				
6/14/2023	5:00-7:00 pm	Business After Hours				
6/15/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Gladstone Summer Concert Series				
6/17/2023	12:00 pm	Monster Truck Throwdown				
6/17/2023	1:00-4:00 pm	Summer of Melodies				
6/19/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Music Monday: Cosmic Exposure				
6/21/2023	7:30-8:30 pm	City Band Concerts				
6/22/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Gladstone Summer Concert Series				
6/23/2023- 6/25/2023		LPGA Epson Tour				
6/24/2023	9:30 pm	Movie Night in Ludington Park				
6/26/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Music Monday: Wingin' It				
6/28/2023	5:00-7:00 pm	Business After Hours				
6/29/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Gladstone Summer Concert Series				

Friends of the Escanaba Public Library

USED BOOK

SALE

Thursday, June 1 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Gently Used Books - \$1 each Buy 5, get one free!

Cash or Check Only, Please!









The Ink Society is an informal group of local writers that connect at the library monthly to discuss their current work, seek feedback, and share ideas. Bring your work and prepare to be inspired! The Ink Society meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the library at (906)789-7323 or email jlynch@escanabalibrary.org



First Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Escanaba Public Library Ages 16+





Comedy Magician & Entertainer Thursday, June 1 4:30 p.m.

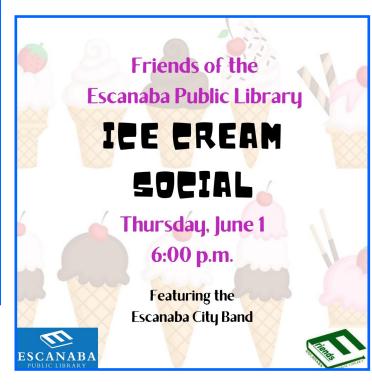
Join us for an afternoon of <u>FUN for all ages</u> with Comedy Magician & Entertainer Cameron Zvara!

Cameron's show is filled with mind blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation.

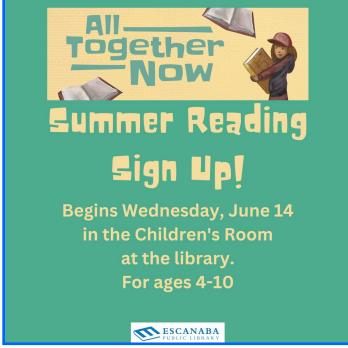
You do not want to miss out! Come to the Council Chambers to enjoy this fantastic entertainer.







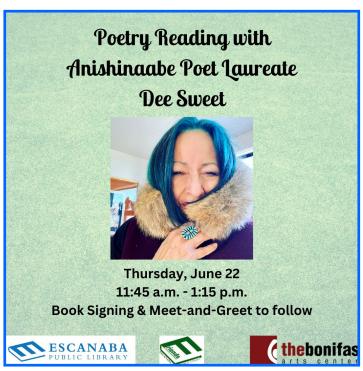




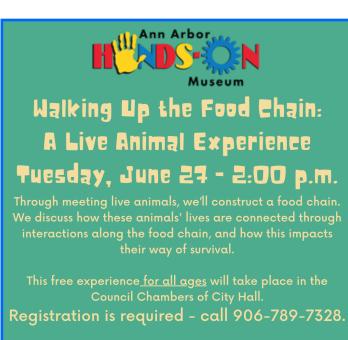












ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Healthy Habits 4-Part Series MSU Extension

Wednesday, June 28 / 4:30 p.m. Food Budgeting & Meal Planning

You can really eat healthy and save money on your food budget.

- Learn how to cook once, eat twice,
- stop rushing and save time with meal planning,
- why you don't want to leave home without a grocery list,
- Fresh, frozen, canned, store brand or name brand-learn when and how to buy each.



Tuesday, June 28 - 4:30 p.m. Free and no registration required.

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CITY OF ESCANABA SOCCER PROGRAM

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HELD AT BAY SOCCER COMPLEX BEHIND BAY COLLEGE

4/5 YEAR OLD AND 6/7 YEAR OLD

SOCCER PROGRAM JULY 10TH - AUGUST 3RD

VISIT WWW.ESCANABA.ORG RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR REGISTRATION OR AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 225 NORTH STREET



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Recreation Director Kim Peterson Work Phone: 786-4141

Email: kpeterson@escanaba.org

Superior Health Foundation Donates to the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center After School Program

The Superior Health Foundation has granted the City of Escanaba Recreation Department with a second grant from their Foundation. Funding will be utilized for the After School Program in 2023-2024.

Recreation Director Kim Peterson stated, "The After School Program has been running for several years for students in $4^{\rm th}$ to $12^{\rm th}$ grades. The Program is very popular and averages 20-30 kids every day. Students can come and utilize the facility from Monday to Friday 2:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The facility is a supervised environment and provides food/snacks, hygiene items and school supplies. We are very grateful to the Superior Health Foundation for thei \$2,500 donation."





DUNGEONSQUAGONS

STUDENTS IN 4TH - 12TH GRADES

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME WITH OR WITHOUT GAMING EXPERIENCE THE NOVICE AND CURIOUS WELCOMED AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE PLAYED BEFORE.

The Dungeons and Dragons roleplaying game is about storytelling in worlds of swords and sorcery. It shares elements with childhood games of make believe. Like those games. Dungeons and Dragons is driven by imagination. It's about picturing the towering castle beneath the stormy night sky and imagining how a fantasy adventurer might react to the challenges that scene presents.

Unlike a game of make believe. Dungeons and Dragons gives structure to the stories, a way of determining the consequences of the adventurer's action. Players roll dice to resolve whether their attacks hit or miss or whether their advernturers can scale a cliff, roll away from the strikes of a magical lightning bolt, or pull off some other dangerous task. Anything is possible, but the dice make some outcomes more probable than others.

In Dungeons and Dragons, each player creates an adventurer (also called a character) and teams up with other adventurers. Working together, the group might explore a dark dungeon, a ruined city, a haunted castle, a lost temple deep in a jungle, or a lava-filled cavern beneath a mysterious mountain. The adventurers can solve puzzles, talk with other characters, battle fantastic monsters, and discover fabulous magic items and other treasure.

The many worlds of Dungeon and Dragons game are places of magic and monsters, of brave warriors and spectacular adventurers. They begin with a foundation of medieval fantasy and then add the creatures, places, and magic that make these worlds unique.

Starting Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 12 - 4:00 p.m. at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st street, Escanaba. Will run for four weeks.

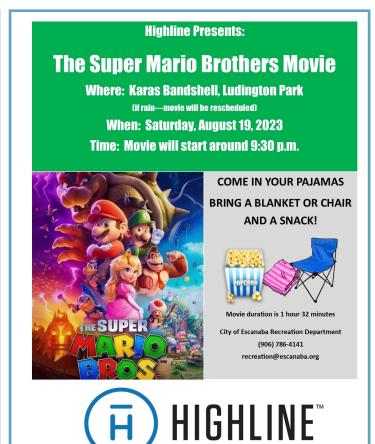
Call the Recreation Department to reserve a spot at (906) 786-4141.

Dungeon Master Jim Gehling will oversee the game.











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





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.

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NEWS & NOTES



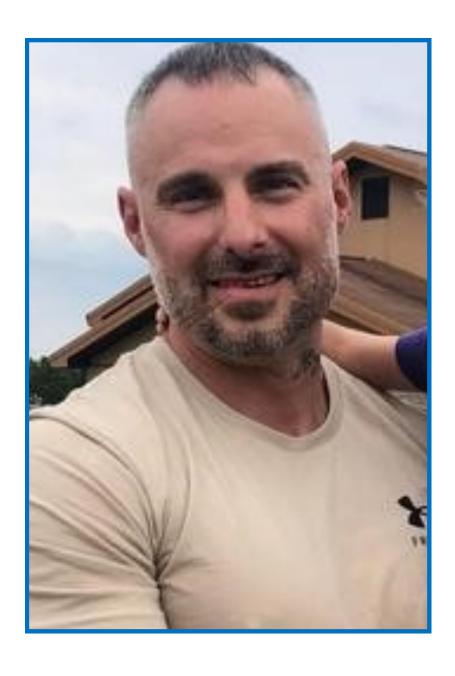




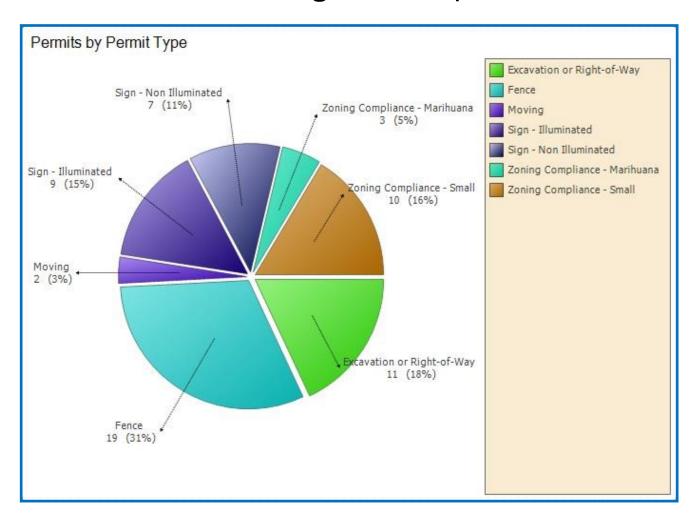
NEWS & NOTES

Escanaba Public Safety has established a TIP LINE for citizens to call with information about this case.

TIP LINE: 906-217-0029



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

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Councilmember

Tyler DuBord

tdubord@escanaba.org

Councilmember

Todd Flath

tflath@escanaba.org

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF				
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

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				
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.







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 Manger 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.