



# 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.



## WE ARE **HIRING** SEASONAL SUMMER POSITIONS:

- Engineering Intern
- Laborers
- Marina Dock Attendants
- Marina Night Watchmen
- Lifeguards (16 years or older with certification)
- Soccer Instructors

Flexible hours with some positions getting up to 40 hours a week!  
Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a legal Michigan Driver's License.



**APPLY NOW**

[www.escanaba.org](http://www.escanaba.org)



## City of Escanaba Boards and Commission Vacancies

- Board of Equalization and Review (1)
- Historic District Commission (1)
- Housing Commission (1)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Zoning Board of Appeals- Alternate Member (1)

You Must be a Resident of the City of Escanaba to Apply

Applications can be found online at  
[www.escanaba.org](http://www.escanaba.org) or at the  
City Clerk's Office!

More information : ☎ 906-786-9402 🌐 [www.escanaba.org](http://www.escanaba.org)

## Upcoming Public Meetings

Date	Time	Type of Meeting
3/2/2023	7:00 pm	City Council
3/7/2023	9:00 am	Board of Equalization and Review– Special Meeting
3/7/2023	6:00 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals– Special Meeting
3/9/2023	6:00 pm	Planning Commission
3/13/2023	9:00 am	Board of Equalization and Review– Special Meeting
3/14/2023	4:30 pm	Housing Commission
3/14/2023	5:00 pm	Harbor Advisory Committee
3/14/2023	5:30 pm	Recreation Advisory Board
3/15/2023	2:00 pm	Board of Equalization and Review– Special Meeting
3/16/2023	7:00 pm	City Council
3/20/2023	4:15 pm	Historic District Commission
3/23/2023	8:15 am	Downtown Development Authority
3/27/2023	5:00 pm	Board of Library Trustees
3/28/2023	8:00 am	Public Safety Retirement Board

## Upcoming Public Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT / FESTIVAL
3/1/2023	10:30 am	Toddler Time at the Escanaba Library
3/2/2023	7:00 pm	Bay Film Series– Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice
3/3/2023	12:00-6:00 pm 6:00– 9:00 pm	Spring Craft Show   Ruth Butler Building A Taste of Italy Beer & Wine Tasting   Island Resort & Casino
3/4/2023	12:00-6:00 pm 11:30– 12:30 pm	Spring Craft Show   Ruth Butler Building Polymer Clay Jewelry Making Class with Kaylea Quinn  Bonifas
3/7/2023	1:00– 3:00 pm	Stained Glass Class with Beth Cox   Bonifas
3/9/2023	1:00– 3:00 pm	Fused Glass Class with Bex Cox   Bonifas
3/21/2023	6:00-8:00 pm	Make and Take: Tikka Masala with Alicia Sturdy   Bonifas



## Alcohol Ink Egg Decorating

**INSTRUCTOR:** Diane Kribs- Mays

**DATE:** Friday, April 7th, 6:00– 8:00 PM

Ages: Adult & Teen

Student Fee: \$35 M / \$40 NM



Create your own unique Easter eggs and learn a new painting technique all in one class, taught by award winning artist Diane Kribs-Mays. Alcohol inks are acid-free, highly pigmented, and fast drying medium to be used on nonporous

## Silk Scarf Painting

**INSTRUCTOR:** Diane Kribs-Mays

**DATE:** Friday, May 5th, 6:00—8:00 PM

Ages: Adult & Teen

Student Fee: \$35 M / \$40 NM



Create your own unique piece of wearable art by painting designs onto two beautiful white silk scarves. No two will turn out the same so you can make one for yourself and wrap another up for Mother's Day!

## Pad Tai & Summer Rolls

**INSTRUCTOR:** Alicia Sturdy

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 4th, 6:00—8:00 PM

Student Fee: \$35 M / \$40 NM



No need to call for takeout when this classic noodle dish is easy to make. In this hands-on class, we'll practice knife skills, stir-frying, and building balanced flavors to build the perfect Pad Thai. In addition, we'll create easy summer rolls wrapped in rice paper with a peanut dipping sauce for the perfect appetizer. \*Two people can work together at one



# Escanaba Library



**Lego Club**  
**Saturday,**  
**March 11**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**"Animals"**  
**(celebrating World Wildlife**  
**Day on March 3)**

Bring one container of Legos per child in attendance.  
 Be entered into a prize drawing!





*Ink Society*  
*Local Writers' Group*

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](mailto:jlynch@escanabalibrary.org)

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



**Multicultural Story Hour**

Explore the world through different cultures at our monthly storytime with Bay College's Multicultural Club

**Saturday, March 4**  
**1:00 p.m.**

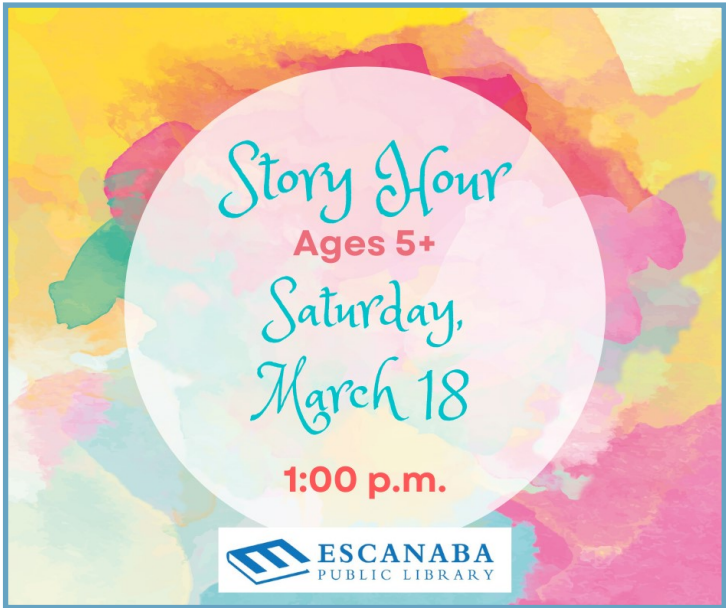




*Failte' in Concert!*  
*Tuesday, March 14*  
*4:30 p.m.*




# Escanaba Library



## Junior Book Club For Ages 6-10

Saturday, March 25 - 1:00 p.m.

Escanaba Public Library

Children's Room

[Registration Required](#)

Call 906-789-7328

This month's theme:



Kindness





# NEWS & NOTES

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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  
Enhancing the enjoyment and livability of our community by providing quality municipal services.  
The City of Escanaba is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



Webster School Hero Ride To School!

Escanaba Public Safety would like to inform the public of an increase in motor vehicle thefts. They encourage everyone to keep their vehicles locked at all times and to NOT leave your keys in your vehicles.



### CITY OF ESCANABA NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT HOTLINE

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

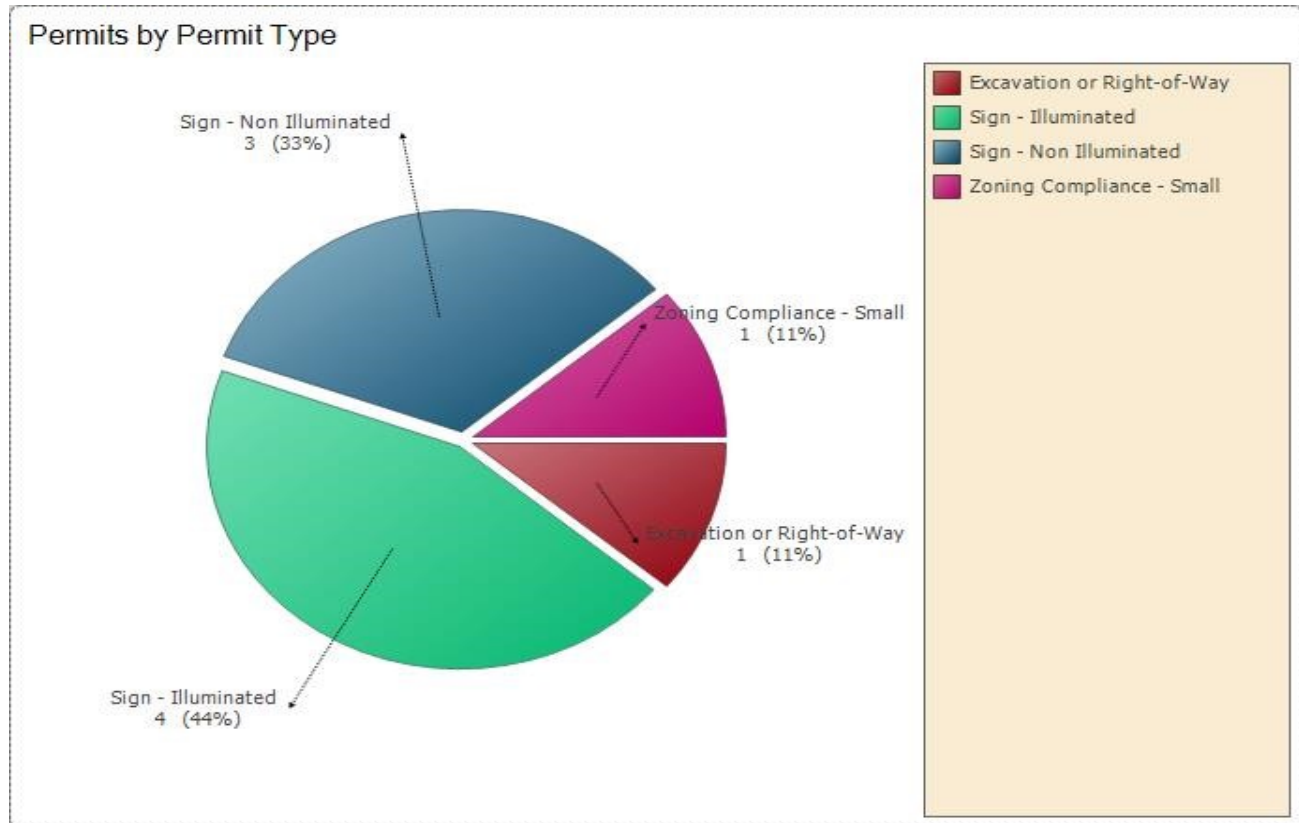
You can call the City of Escanaba's Neighborhood Code Enforcement Hotline to report your concerns.

CALL: 786-6121 or e-mail: [jvandamme@escanaba.org](mailto:jvandamme@escanaba.org)  
[cbarnhart@escanaba.org](mailto:cbarnhart@escanaba.org)





## Zoning Permits Report



### 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 from 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.



# CITY SERVICES AND INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS	GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE STAFF		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor</b> Mark Ammel <a href="mailto:mammel@escanaba.org">mammel@escanaba.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor Pro-Tem</b> Karen Moore <a href="mailto:kmoores@escanaba.org">kmoores@escanaba.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Councilmember</b> Ron Beauchamp <a href="mailto:rbeauchamp@escanaba.org">rbeauchamp@escanaba.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Councilmember</b> Tyler DuBord <a href="mailto:tdubord@escanaba.org">tdubord@escanaba.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Councilmember</b> Todd Flath <a href="mailto:tflath@escanaba.org">tflath@escanaba.org</a></p>	City Manager - James McNeil	<a href="mailto:jmcneil@escanaba.org">jmcneil@escanaba.org</a>	789-7322
	City Controller - Melissa Becotte	<a href="mailto:mbecotte@escanaba.org">mbecotte@escanaba.org</a>	786-0605
	Water/Wastewater Sup. - Jeff Lampi	<a href="mailto:jlampi@escanaba.org">jlampi@escanaba.org</a>	786-3291
	Public Works Sup./City Eng. - Wendy Taavola	<a href="mailto:wtaavola@escanaba.org">wtaavola@escanaba.org</a>	786-1842
	Electric Superintendent - Gerald Pirkola	<a href="mailto:gpirkola@escanaba.org">gpirkola@escanaba.org</a>	786-0061
	Public Safety Director - Robert LaMarche	<a href="mailto:rlamarche@escanaba.org">rlamarche@escanaba.org</a>	786-5911
	Recreation Director - Kim Peterson	<a href="mailto:kpeterson@escanaba.org">kpeterson@escanaba.org</a>	786-4141
	City Clerk - Phil DeMay	<a href="mailto:clerk@escanaba.org">clerk@escanaba.org</a>	786-1194
	Library Director - Carolyn Stacey	<a href="mailto:cstacey@escanabalibrary.org">cstacey@escanabalibrary.org</a>	789-7323
	HR Director/City Treasurer - Kim Gustafson	<a href="mailto:kgustafson@escanaba.org">kgustafson@escanaba.org</a>	786-0552
	City Assessor - James McNeil	<a href="mailto:assessor@escanaba.org">assessor@escanaba.org</a>	789-7381
	Harbor Master - Shayne Sanville	<a href="mailto:ssanville@escanaba.org">ssanville@escanaba.org</a>	786-9614
	Planning & Zoning Admin.- Tyler Anthony	<a href="mailto:tanthony@escanaba.org">tanthony@escanaba.org</a>	786-9402
<b>IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS</b>			
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

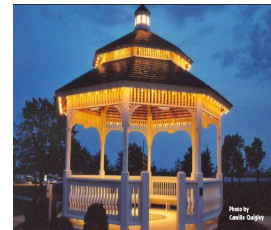
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
AT (906) 786-4141



**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.

**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](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. following 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.