



# City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Commission Chambers

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### Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Hill. Commissioners: Bonsall, Frazier, Lorinser, Schloegel and Stonehouse.

Absent: Mayor Smith.

It was moved by Commissioner Bonsall, seconded by Commissioner Lorinser and carried unanimously to excuse Mayor Smith from the meeting as she is on maternity leave.

### Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Agenda as provided, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

### Announcements

Mayor Pro-Tem Hill noted that the City has vacancies on several volunteer boards and committees, and she urged interested residents to join.

### Boards and Committees

#### 1. Welcome New Member Kristina Behrens, Public Art Commission

Mayor Pro-Tem Hill welcomed Kristina Behrens as the newest member of the City's Public Art Commission. Deputy Clerk Kyle Whitney then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Behrens.

#### 2. Appointments Bruce Heikkila, LDFA, for an unexpired term ending 8-1-20; reappointed for a new term ending 8-1-24 Nathan Larsh, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a term ending 1-29-23 Sally Davis-Campana, MBRA, for an unexpired term ending 02-01-22

Commissioner Andrew Lorinser moved to Approve the above appointments for the terms as listed, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

#### 3. Reappointments Steve Lawry, Board of Review, for a term ending 2-1-23

**Paul Schumacher, Marquette Housing Commission, for a term ending 1-25-25**  
**Greg Potvin, Downtown Development Authority, for a term ending 1-1-24**  
**Linnea Gustafson, Public Art Commission, for a term ending 2-26-23**  
**Emily Lanctot, Public Art Commission, for a term ending 2-26-23**  
**Steven Hughes, Public Art Commission, for a term ending 2-26-23**

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the above listed re-appointments for the terms as listed, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

**4. Recognition of Outgoing Member**

**Paul Balconi, Downtown Development Authority**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hill took a moment to recognize the service of Paul Balconi, the outgoing member of the Downtown Development Authority.

**Public Comments - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments.**

Perry David Allen spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters, which he said is hosting an upcoming event honoring the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which extended the right to vote to women.

Eric Johnson, from Moosewood Nature Center, spoke on plans for the future, as well as on the recent salamander issue.

**Presentation(s)**

**5. Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee, by Tara Gluski**

Tara Gluski offered the annual presentation on behalf of the Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee. She spoke about the history of the group and the island, as well as future plans and salamanders.

In response to City Commissioner questions, Ms. Gluski spoke about management plans for both deer and forests on the island and said both will be a focus moving forward.

There was discussion about protecting salamanders that cross the road during certain times of the year, as well as on erosion control measures.

**6. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as provided, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

- 6.a. Approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular Commission meeting.**
- 6.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,997,644.06**
- 6.c. Fire Truck Maintenance Agreement**
- 6.d. North Breakwall Gate Replacement**
- 6.e. Updated Healthcare Policies**

**Unfinished Business**

**7. Ad-Hoc Housing Committee Membership**

Commissioner Andrew Lorinser moved to Approve the appointments to the Ad- Hoc Committee as listed, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Passed.

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Margaret Brumm invited the public to come to the library on Thursday of this week, from 6 to 8 p.m., as she will be announcing her candidacy for City Commission at that time.

## **Comments from the Commission**

**STONEHOUSE** - Commissioner Stonehouse said the League of Women Voters' event sounds great, but noted that it was at the same time as a Commission work session. He said the high snowbanks will be addressed by staff as soon as possible.

**SCHLOEGEL** - Commissioner Schloegel said he was excited about the recently established homelessness awareness task force and that he likes the interest-level and direction of the group.

**LORINSER** - Commissioner Lorinser said that homelessness and housing issues are complex. He also urged residents to register to vote.

**FRAZIER** - Commissioner Frazier spoke on the difficulties of snow removal.

**BONSALL** - Commissioner Bonsall said he was happy to see people applying for City boards and that he is excited to be a part of the ad-hoc housing committee. He thanked Tara Gluski for the PIPAC presentation, and he said that Presque Isle is here, in the preserved state it is in, because of the foresight of previous generations. Though it is vitally important, he said, conservation is rarely convenient.

**HILL** - Mayor Pro-Tem Hill said that Mayor Jenna Smith is home with her newborn and that both mother and baby are healthy. She said the recent art awards were amazing, as was the Noquemanon Ski Marathon, which drew 1,400 people and required 1,000 volunteer hours. Mayor Pro-Tem Hill also shared information about upcoming DDA planning sessions, a City Commission work session and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers discussion about lake levels.

## **Comments from the City Manager**

**ANGELI** - City Manager Angeli thanked the Commission for their support.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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**Jenn Hill, Mayor Pro-Tem**

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**Kyle Whitney, Deputy City Clerk**

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