

City of Marquette Commission Application

Applicant Name as it Appears on License

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Occupation

Retired/Freelance Author & Musician

Business Name

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Business Address

805 North Front Street
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United States

Are you a registered voter in the City of Marquette?

Yes

Have you been a City resident for at least 12 months?

Yes

Are you currently in default to the City of Marquette?

No

Are you related to any elected City Commissioner (including by marriage)?

No

Do you have any pending litigation against the City?

No

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee?

Yes

Please list and give approximate dates of board/committee service.

Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 2017-2025

Please describe your education/credentials:

I have a B.S. in zoology (1984) and an M.S. in natural resources (1989), both from The Ohio State University in Columbus. I worked as a civil servant for local government (Cleveland MetroParks, Ohio), state government (Ohio EPA), and the federal government (U.S. EPA and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) from 1986 until 2001. Then, I worked in 25 states as an environmental consultant for seven federal agencies, 16 native American agencies, and 17 state agencies from 2001 until I retired from Stratus Consulting in 2013. I also have been active in the City of Marquette since moving here in 2003 (see below).

What are your professional activities that relate to the City Commission?

My entire career was devoted to civil service, directly as a civil servant from 1986 until 2001, and indirectly as a consultant to governmental agencies from 2001 until 2013. I was a civil servant in local government, state government, and the federal government, and I was a consultant to tribal, state, and federal governments, as well as interstate commissions. Primarily, I worked on regulatory matters and environmental litigation as a strategic advisor and as a biologist. Consequently, I have extensive knowledge and experience with the intricacies of governmental operations, regulation, and litigation, as well as interagency coordination.

What community activities are you involved in that relate to the City Commission?

I am the current chair of the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (term ends in 2025). I have been directly involved with brownfield projects all around Marquette, including the new hospital site, the old hospital site, Liberty Way, Founders Landing, the Vault Hotel, the Cliffs-Dow property, the Ore Dock Brewery, the U.P State Bank site, Nestledown Bed & Breakfast, 231 Patisserie, and the Customs House. I also serve on the boards of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, and of Marquette County, where I coordinate state and local Observer Corps, which observe governmental commissions, boards, and committees throughout the state and county. I personally observed the Marquette City Commission from 2018 through 2021, reporting on its activities to league members and the public. I also observed the redistricting meetings for both Marquette County and the State of Michigan (MICRC). I also observed the Marquette County Board of Canvassers in the last three elections, and I served as a nonpartisan election challenger in the last two elections. I have served on boards and committees for the Marquette Symphony Orchestra and the Marquette City Band, and I have played in both groups for two decades. Therefore, I have extensive knowledge and experience with Marquette's vibrant community and the operations of its governmental institutions.

What talents or experience would you bring to the City Commission?

In addition to my education, credentials, professional activities, and community activities, described above, I have extensive experience with communication to the general public, the press, governmental entities, and the scientific community. I am the lead author of a book (Paper Valley: The Fight for the Fox River Cleanup, Wayne State U. Press, April 2023), which describes how I catalyzed a \$1 billion PCB cleanup in Green Bay, WI, and brought the effort before the public, the press, and the scientific community. I am also an author on three book chapters (Economics and Ecological Risk Assessment, Applications to Watershed Management, CRC Press, 2005) and eight scientific papers, and I directed the publication of 15 governmental determinations for cleanup and damage assessments in Wisconsin (see attached resume). I have also given over 40 public presentations about brownfield, election procedures, redistricting, ballot initiatives, the Green Bay cleanup and damage assessment, and scientific study results (see attached resume). I am also a musician, regularly playing for audiences in two orchestra, 2 bands, and several chamber groups. As a result, I am very comfortable in front of audiences, whether entertaining or explaining complicated and controversial topics, and whether verbally, musically, or in writing.

Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Commissioners?

Although I was raised in Ohio, I have been coming to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan since I was three years old, in 1965. My family has been coming from Ohio to the U.P. since 1927, and we have had a camp in the Hiawatha National Forest since 1961. My wife and I spent our careers moving progressively closer to our real home, the U.P. — from

Columbus, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois, to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to Marquette, Michigan. Since 2003, we have lived in Marquette, and we love our city, our camp, and our peninsula. Here in the U.P., members of my extended family: fish for panfish and northerns in small interior lakes, and for lake trout and salmon on Lakes Superior and Michigan; water ski on our lake; hunt white-tailed deer and ruffed grouse; manage the timber on our own land; hike, ski, and snow shoe; kayak and canoe hundreds of lakes and rivers; and bike on mountain bikes and fat bikes, summer and winter. We are also bird watchers, photographers, and naturalists, and we drive jeeps, trucks, tractors, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, and snow machines, and we pick gallons of blueberries every year.

Please provide a statement on why you are interested in serving on the City Commission

At heart, I'm a civil servant. I believe in making government function well for the public it serves. I enjoy trying to understand complexity and helping the public make sense of it, fairly. A well informed public can ensure that its elected and appointed officials represent public interests thoughtfully, equitably, and transparently. I hope that I can contribute to making the City Commission operate effectively and in good faith, whether with the Marquette public or with other institutions at the local, state, and federal levels. Selfishly, I want to help Marquette continue on its path of being a great place to live. It is already the best place I've ever lived, but we face many challenges. Specifically, I'd like to find ways to help with the affordable housing issue, the strategic planning process which is ramping up, and redevelopment of the old hospital site. In closing, as more people discover our jewel on the lake, the City Commission will serve an essential role to channel and guide market forces, engage public expectations and hopes, and attend to a never ending stream of details that make the city thrive. I hope for a chance to help with all of it.

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- [PDA2-Resume-2022.10.26.pdf](#)

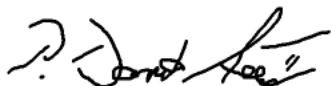
Are you involved in any personal, professional or business pursuit that would affect your ability to make fair and impartial recommendations as a member the City Commission?

No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and are you available to attend regularly scheduled meetings?

No

Signature



Signature certifies that there are no misrepresentations, omissions or falsifications on this application and by signing this application consent is given to the City to conduct a background check to verify the information provided.

Application Date

11/22/2022