



**Marquette  
City Band**  
Performing Since 1887

300 W. Baraga Ave.  
Marquette, MI 49855

September 17, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Marquette City Band it is my privilege to write this letter supporting the recommendation of naming the future performance facility at Presque Isle Park the "**Peg Hirvonen Band Shell.**"

The Hirvonen Foundation has been a longtime supporter of the Marquette City Band, in no small part due to Peg's lifelong interest in music and her regular attendance of the band's summer concerts. Peg had a commitment to arts and culture during her life and that commitment carries on through the Foundation and their generous contributions.

The current band shell at Presque Isle Park has served the community for almost ninety years, allowing generations of performers and audience members to enjoy concerts in a beautiful, natural setting. The Marquette City Band envisions that the "**Peg Hirvonen Band Shell**" will serve future generations the same way for the next ninety years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gordon Erickson".

Gordon Erickson  
President, Board of Directors