



**City Commission Ad Hoc Interview Committee**  
*Parks & Recreation Commission*

**6:00 PM**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

**Located in: Second Floor Commission Chambers  
Governmental Center**

**Traverse City, MI 49684**

**Posted: Friday, February 12, 2016**

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400 Boardman Avenue  
Traverse City, MI 49684

**AGENDA**

1. Consideration of approving the minutes from the December 2, 2015 meeting of the committee.
2. Consideration of one interview regarding a position upon the Parks & Recreation Commission.
3. Consideration of recommendation regarding one unexpired three-year term expiring September 1, 2018, on the Parks & Recreation Commission.
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

## **City Commission Ad Hoc Interview Committee**

### **Parks & Recreation Commission**

#### **Minutes**

#### **Meeting of December 2, 2015**

A meeting of the City Commission Ad Hoc Interview Committee: Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Governmental Center, Traverse City, Michigan.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Pro Tem Richardson, Commissioner Haas, and Commissioner Shamroe.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

1. The first item being: "Consideration of interviews regarding one position upon the Parks & Recreation Commission."

Five applicants were interviewed for two positions on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

2. Next item being, "Consideration of recommendation regarding one unexpired three-year term expiring September 1, 2017, on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

By consensus, William Dorrier would be recommended for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

3. Next item, "Public Comment."

None.

There being no objection, Mayor Pro Tem Richardson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Commissioner Haas  
Designated Secretary

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City of Traverse City  
Application to Become Involved

Thank you for your interest in serving on one of Traverse City's boards or committees! Volunteers help to secure our community's beauty and promote its enhancement – Benjamin C. Marentette, City Clerk

Board/Committee you are interested in serving (indicate up to three): PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Name: ANDREW J. WHITE

Residential Address: 253 E. 10TH STREET TRAVERSE CITY, MI. 49684  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-Mail Address: woodstructures@hotmail.com

Preferred Phone No.: 231.645.1308 Additional Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: MERCHANT MARINE OFFICER (if retired, please provide your career)

Before submitting your application, please be sure to attach a brief letter indicating the following:

- Why are you applying for a city board or committee seat?
- How do you believe your appointment would benefit the city?
- Describe your involvement in the community on a board/committee or in another volunteer capacity.
- Any other helpful information relevant to your application.

While it is not required, a resume is helpful in the recruitment process for City boards and committees.

YES  NO Are you in default to the City?  
If yes, please note applicants in default to the City are not eligible for consideration.

YES  NO Do you or immediate family members currently serve on a City board or committee?  
If yes, which board? \_\_\_\_\_

YES NO Did you attach the required letter outlining the items requested above?

The applicant acknowledges that the City may be required from time to time to release records in its possession. The applicant hereby gives permission to the City to release any records or materials received by the City from the applicant as it may be requested to do so as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq.

Andrew J. White  
Signature

DEC. 18, 2015  
Date

Please return your application, letter, and optional resume to City Clerk, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49684. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (231) 922-4480. Again, thank you for your interest!

To the Traverse City Parks and Recreation Commission -

By way of introduction my name is Andrew White and I am writing to apply to serve on the Traverse City Parks and Recreation Commission. I have lived in Traverse City since 2001. I attended the Great Lakes Maritime Academy from 2001 through 2004, and since that time I have worked as a merchant marine officer on Great Lakes bulk carriers ("ore boats").

My particular interest in the parks and recreation committee has its origins in my academic background in environmental studies and my work in environmental education after graduating from college back in 1977. Also, I am very interested and involved in hiking, cycling, and cross-country skiing, and I often use our parks in those ways - so I could perhaps bring a helpful and different perspective to the Parks and Recreation Commission's meetings.

Working on ships on the Great Lakes has meant that I have often been away from home for extended periods of time. That has in the past made it difficult to participate in community activities, particularly those that require ongoing time commitments. Now that I am sailing on a very occasional basis (if at all, going forward) I would very much like to "give back" to the city community which has given me so much. I believe serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee would provide an opportunity in which I could both contribute and learn.

With Best Wishes -

  
Andrew J. White

## **ANDREW J. WHITE**

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Phone: 231.645.1308 e-mail: woodstructures@hotmail.com

### **Maintenance and Construction Experience**

Pendle Hill, Wallingford PA

Maintenance Coordinator May 1998 – May 2001

Worked as part of a two-person team responsible for the oversight of 23 buildings situated on 19 acres. Pendle Hill is a school and conference center which is operated by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Farm and Wilderness Foundation, Plymouth Vermont

Maintenance Director May 1988 – October 1996

Farm and Wilderness is a non-profit foundation which operates six summer camps on 2000 acres of land in Vermont. Responsible for care of vehicle fleet, buildings, and equipment. Supervised maintenance crew of college-age interns.

Maple Hill Construction, Plainfield Vermont

May 1983 – May 1988

Partner in small construction firm. Renovation and new construction work. Have held Michigan Residential Builders License since 1997.

### **Maritime Experience**

#### **License:**

United States Coast Guard 2nd Assistant Engineer Diesel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Engineer Steam. STCW endorsement. Original License June 2004. Upgraded June 2006.

#### **Work Experience:**

American Steamship Company, Williamsville NY

May 2005 – January 2012

Sailed for six years as a watchstanding engineer on American Steamship Company vessels, at first as a relief engineer, from July 2005 to January 2012 as a permanent employee.

### **Education**

Great Lakes Maritime Academy - Traverse City, Michigan

Associates Degree in Maritime Engineering May, 2004

Coursework and hands-on training in pumps, electrical systems, boilers, refrigeration, hydraulics, diesel engines, and control systems.

Antioch College - Yellow Springs, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies May, 1977