

# CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

## ANNUAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE MACKINAC STATE PARK COMMISSION

Friday, September 27, 2024 at 11:30 AM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

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### I. Call to Order

Chairman Loepp called the annual joint meeting of the Mackinac Island City Council and Mackinac State Park Commission to order at 11:30 am

### II. Roll Call

PRESENT

**City of Mackinac Island:** Margaret Doud, Michael Ruddle, Danielle Leach, Trista France, Richard Chambers, Tom Corrigan, Steven Moskwa, Anneke Myers, Alan Sehoan, Jason St. Onge, Dennis Dombroski, Attorney Erin Evashevski, & Neal Liddicoat of behalf of the Dept. of Public Works  
- Chief Gruits Absent

**Mackinac Island State Park Commission:** Chairman Daniel Loepp, Director Steven Brisson, Richard Manoogian, Philip Pierce, Assistant Attorney General Nathan Gambill, Dominick Miller, Marlee Brown, Hank Meijer, William Marvin, & Kathy Cryderman

### X. Topics for Discussion

- Electric Assist Bicycles
  - o The City and State Park need to continue to work together on the enforcement of electric bikes throughout Mackinac Island
  - o Enforcement is handled throughout the Island by the City's Police Department, with the assistance of the two (2) State Troopers stationed on the Island
    - Over the summer the State Troopers have issued a citation for one (1) class two (2) electric bike and two (2) unlicensed class one (1) electric bikes in the State Park
  - o Chief Gruits was unable to attend the meeting
    - If any Commission members have questions for Chief Gruits regarding Electric Bikes and their enforcement, please send questions to Mayor's Assistant Trista France and she will pass them along to the Chief
- Speed Limit Enforcement
  - o 15 mph around the exterior of the Island and 10 mph in town
  - o Signage is needed
    - Chief Gruits and Myron Johnson of MSHP will be working on signage over the winter – will be ready for the 2025 season
  - o These speed limits apply to ALL bikes, not just electric bikes
    - Commissioner Marvin noted the importance of making sure bicyclists are aware of this
  - o Councilman Moskwa noted that there is a manpower issue
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Update – Department of Public Works – Neal Liddicoat
  - o Existing plant is over 50 years old and has reached its capacity
    - Will be demolishing the bulk of the existing plant
  - o In the process of constructing a new, modern treatment process
    - Moving away from chlorine gas process
  - o \$77.5 million project
    - \$15 million in grants
    - \$39.7 million in state funding
    - \$24 million in clean water loans
  - o Project is currently 40% to 45% complete
    - Scheduled completion is Spring or Fall 2025
    - Project is currently on budget & on schedule
  - o Commissioner Manoogian inquired what the biggest issue has been
    - Mr. Liddicoat noted that getting materials to the island and to the job site has been the biggest issue so far

- Wastewater Treatment Plant cont.
  - Councilman Moskwa also noted that they have experienced supply chain issues
    - Some electrical components have been delayed and could push the completion date back to 2026
    - Plant should last well over 50 years
    - Plant was designed to handle additional capacity with expansion of treatment bays by the engineering firm F & V. “
  - Commissioner Loepp noted that he has never seen so much cooperation within the State to help fund this project
  
- City Updates – Dennis Dombroski – City Engineer
  - City and State Park accomplished major paving updates
  - City has broken ground on two (2) new four (4) bedroom duplexes at the Forest Way Townhomes development
    - Three (3) of the four (4) duplexes are already spoken for
    - Have about 20 people on the wait list for the other two (2) phases of units
    - Forest Way Townhomes house nurses, first responders, teachers, and many children that attend the Island’s school
  - Councilman Moskwa reminded the Commissioners that the City subsidizes that ambulance that provides medical services throughout the City and State Park
    - This costs \$300,000.00 annually
  
- Steven Brisson - State Park Director
  - Completed two (2) million in paving projects, and there is more to come
  - Completed the new Milliken Center at Arch Rock
  - In the process of building a new Field Office and Waste Management Facility
  - Additions to the Scout Barracks
  - Recently acquired the Miller property that has been held in a trust by the Manoogian’s
    - 16 acres
    - Will provide public access to Sunset Rock and will protect the property from any possible development
  - Will be working on some retainage issues on the East Bluff (below the Keogh cottage)
    - Was hoping to complete the work this year but unable to obtain the materials needed
    - Project has been pushed back to Fall 2025

Motion made by Commissioner Marvin, Seconded by Commissioner Pierce, to enter in to closed session at 12:00 pm, to discuss legal advice from counsel as authorized by section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act and section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, and to do so together with the City of Mackinac Island City Council because of the common interest the Commission shares with the City Council concerning the topic of the written legal advice.

Motion made by Councilman St. Onge, Seconded by Councilman Moskwa, to enter in to closed session at 12:00 pm, to discuss legal advice from counsel as authorized by section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act and section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, and to do so together with the Mackinac Island State Park Commission because of the common interest the City Council shares with the Commission concerning the topic of the written legal advice.

Ayes: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Myers, to leave closed session at 12:58 pm.

Ayes: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

Motion by made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to enter in to open session at 1:00 pm

Ayes: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

### **XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Motion made by Corrigan, Seconded by St. Onge, to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge