

Parks and Recreation
Master Plan
2014 – 2019
Gibraltar, Michigan



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Introduction

The City of Gibraltar Parks and Recreation Director, with input from the City's Recreation Commission and other City Commissions, is pleased to present the City of Gibraltar's 5-Year Recreation Master Plan for 2014 – 2019. This Recreation Master Plan will assist the City of Gibraltar, and specifically the Recreation Department and the Recreation Commission, in identifying recreation needs within the City, and ensures that the present and future recreational needs are provided for our community. The plan ultimately determines the most effective and efficient methods of improving the existing facilities and programs beyond those that currently exist and in determining its long range goals and needs. Upon approval by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), it also qualifies the City for recreation grants that are administered through the MDNR Grant Management Section.

The City of Gibraltar, with great assistance from the Gibraltar School District, has maintained a long-standing commitment of working to provide recreation facilities and programs for the youths of Gibraltar.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Location

City of Gibraltar:

The City of Gibraltar is located in the southeast portion of Wayne County, just a few miles north of the Wayne County / Monroe County border, and on the Detroit River and Lake Erie. The City is about 25 miles southwest of Downtown Detroit, Michigan. The City is bordered by the City of Trenton to the north and Brownstown Township to the west and south, while the Detroit River serves as the border to the east. Gibraltar is approximately 3.9 square miles in area.

The latest census (2010) figures set the population of the City of Gibraltar at 4,656. The most recent land use tabulation identified approximately 32.8% of total land area as residential, 29.3% Industrial, 15.6% Park, recreation, and open space, and 4.1% Institutional.

The City of Gibraltar has a significant number of natural resources, including a network of more than five (5) miles of canals, wetlands and streams. The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge – Humbug Marsh is in the northern portion of the City and Lake Erie Metro Park is to the south. These two locations allow area residents the opportunity to interact with nature on a daily basis.

The Detroit River shoreline includes marina facilities and single-family residential units. A series of canals bisect the City and its four islands, Hall, Edmund, Main and Horse, of residences. The mainland portion of the City is a mix of commercial space and residential units, including senior housing and apartment complexes.

Public Schools:

The City is served by one school district, the Gibraltar School District, which covers all of Gibraltar and Rockwood, and parts of Woodhaven and Brownstown Township. The school district had an enrollment of over 3,703 students at the beginning of the school year 2013 – 2014.

Three public schools - Cleo Parsons Elementary, Helen C. Shumate Middle, and Oscar A. Carlson High - are located within Gibraltar. Parsons is located on the south side of Middle Gibraltar Road, midway between West Jefferson and the Middle/North/South Gibraltar intersection. Shumate and Carlson are located on the west side of West Jefferson, at the south end of the City. The School District has three additional elementary schools located outside of the City in adjacent communities.

History

The earliest residents of Gibraltar were the Wyandot and Huron Native Americans. The area was under French control until the British captured Detroit in 1760.

The area was known as “Chenal da la Presque Isle” on early French maps. This roughly translates to “standing” or “upright rock”. It is reported that when the English began to settle in the area, they called it *Gibraltar*, which in their opinion, was the greatest rock of all. When original land plats were registered for the area, the spelling was ‘Gibralter’. It was not until 1900, that the spelling was changed to its current spelling of Gibraltar.

In 1807, the *Brownstown Treaty* was signed, which opened up the southeastern portion of Michigan for survey, settlement and new roads. West Jefferson follows along an old Native American trail traveling from Ohio to the north. It is said that in the Spring, the Native American families would travel north and leave their mare on what is now “Horse Island” to foal. The horses would live the summer on the island to feed and mate, and were retrieved by the Native Americans on their return trip south, in the Fall. The Native tribes took advantage of the abundance of natural resources in the area, such as wildlife, fishing, and native plants.

In 1836, the *Gibralter-Flat Rock Land Company* was commissioned to dig a canal that would open up navigation across the southern Michigan counties to Muskegon County on Lake Michigan. Several sections were partially dug from 1836-1838 between Gibraltar and Flat Rock. The work was never finished but evidence of the canal can still be seen today. With news of work, people began to settle Gibraltar.

Gibralter was platted and recorded on March 14, 1837, by Peter Godfroy, Benjamin B. Kerchival, and Joshua Howard, all Trustees of the Land and Canal Company. Amos Dunbar became the first Postmaster on October 2, 1837. The post office was renamed, *Woodbury* on December 8, 1838, but was named back to *Gibralter* by May 13, 1839.

Many of the early settlers arrived here by boat. Many came from the east coast by way of the Erie Canal and across Lake Erie. It was the safer method of travel, because of the undeveloped territory in between. Some settlers originally came from Europe on sailing vessels, taking on average six weeks to cross the ocean.

As with most of the communities in the area, farming, lumber, and shipbuilding became important economic products. Scottish shipwrights, French woodsmen, and Irish laborers poured into *Gibraltar* to build schooners. The men in the woods, cut the lumber needed for the sawmill. Most of the houses took in sailors and workers as boarders, and the two-and-a-half-story hotel was always full. The lumber provided planks for the ships and material for the basket shop. A coppersmith shop was also in operation. Sand and cement for the shipyards were brought in by water.

One of the shipyards was owned by R. Linn, who was born in Scotland. He came to *Gibraltar* in 1841, where he became a shipbuilder. He was joined in business in 1866 by Captain J. Craig, who was from New York. They became pioneers in building merchant vessels in the area. Other shipbuilding names during this period, from about 1860 through 1894 were, Alford, Calkins, Clark, and Morgan. The shipyards stretched from *Grandview* north on the river-front. Records indicate at least 23 vessels were built in Gibraltar from 1863 to 1882. They included 11 propeller, 6 barges, and 6 schooners.

There were about 30 steamboats cruising the Great Lakes by 1837. The importance of the aid to navigation was becoming more critical as lake travel increased. The U.S. Congress appropriated \$5,000 on March 3, 1837, to build a lighthouse at the mouth of the Detroit River in *Gibraltar*. In 1868, Coast Guard records show extensive repairs needed at the original Gibraltar Lighthouse. In 1869, it was reported that the dwelling and tower were in very bad condition and a new building was necessary. In 1871, an appropriation of \$10,000 was recommended, and on June 10, 1872, it was approved. The new building occupied the land of the previous lighthouse and was completed on February 1, 1873. The lighthouse was discontinued in 1879. In 1895, the buildings and grounds were sold at public auction, and the lantern and iron stairway of the tower were removed.

The Chalk Boat Works was open on North Gibraltar Road in 1939, where E. Chalk had boat wells, repair facilities, and storage. It is no longer there, however. By 1946, the Gibraltar Boat Yard began its business run by Fred Blakely and Hazen Munro. It originally consisted of about 20 boat wells, and later added gas pumps and marine accessories and parts. It was later sold to Jack Buhl in 1968.

Heinrich Marine (currently Humbug Marina) was opened in 1954 by E. W. Heinrich. He purchased the property on Middle Gibraltar Road from William Lawson, when it was only a large swamp area. After a couple years of dredging, there was room for about 100 boat wells. It was sold in 1964 to Evertte Hedke and renamed, Humbug Marina.

It wasn't until 1954 that Gibraltar became incorporated as a village. Gibraltar had its own police patrol by 1956, and by 1961, had a population of 2,187. It became the "second smallest" city in Michigan.

The residents of Gibraltar and its neighboring Cherry Island have lived through many floods over the years. The most remembered occurred in 1952, 1972-73, and 1985. The Army Corps of Engineers had built stone dikes along the water's edge throughout Gibraltar in 1973, as a result of the floods in late 1972. These dikes are several feet high and limited the water view from most of the houses. These dikes remained here until the wood framework rotted and they began to fall, or the property owners tore them down, preferring a nice view of the water, to a potential flood. The floods in early 1985, convinced most of them to construct clay dikes along their property, which were constructed by the city in 1986.

The source for much of the above historical information is the Michigan Local History Network. Further information regarding the history of the City of Gibraltar can be found at the following website: <http://www.geocities.com/histmich/gibraltar.html>.

Physical Characteristics

The City of Gibraltar is characterized as having the following features:

Existing Land Use:

The City of Gibraltar encompasses some 2,526 acres, or 3.9 square miles of land area. Development of Gibraltar has included primarily single family residential development on all of the City's interconnected island areas, mixed residential development in the mainland portions of the City's residential area, mixed commercial development in the City's Downtown Area (centered on the intersection of North, Middle, and South Gibraltar Roads), thoroughfare-oriented commercial and industrial development along Fort Street and West Jefferson, and industrial and landfill development in the City's northwestern section. The City is bisected by two (2) major railroad rights-of-way, which serve to divide the City physically, and to create a logical area for nonresidential - particularly industrial - development. The northeast and southwest sections of the City are largely vacant, although various developments have been proposed in the former and a series of conservation easements largely protects the latter. The City is not, however, the controlling entity relative to those easements and understands that, if natural resource conservation is to be perpetual in those areas, some level of City involvement and participation may be required in the future. In addition, the majority of the City's primary east-west thoroughfare, Gibraltar/Middle Gibraltar Road, remains undeveloped along both sides, including nearly all of the land abutting it in the area west of West Jefferson.

Through establishment of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and adoption of and subsequent amendments to the DDA's Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan, the City has taken a positive step toward improving the visual quality and features of its commercial core.

While Gibraltar could be considered as a mature community, less than half of the land area of the City is built upon. This has resulted from a combination of factors, including conservation easements protecting certain vacant property, large tract ownership by single owners, and numerous natural features limitations that arise due to the City's proximity to the Detroit River.

Topography:

The topography of the City of Gibraltar is generally considered level. There are no areas of marked elevation within the City. Horse Island lies below the flood plain, with an elevation of 577 feet above sea level. There is no point in the City's land contour more than 25 feet higher than any other.

The Frank & Poet Drain and the Brownstown Creek flow through the City. These two waterways discharge into the Brownstown Bay and eventually into the Detroit River and Lake Erie.

Vegetation:

Within the residential areas of the City, there is little continuous canopy tree coverage. Efforts are being made with a tree-planting program to increase tree growth in sparse areas of tree coverage. The undeveloped areas of the City, approximately 2.5 square miles, are much richer in

vegetation. The 400 acre parcel of land east of West Jefferson and north of North Gibraltar Road is a woodland area that is now the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Other woodland areas include a mitigated wetland that is west of West Jefferson between Middle Gibraltar and Woodruff Road and the woodland areas north and south of Middle Gibraltar, which are owned by DSC Ltd and U.S. Fish and Wildlife respectively. A small wooded area is also located at Hy Dahlka Park next to the Gibraltar Community Center.

Climate:

The average annual temperature is roughly 50 degrees. The average low temperature is 27 degrees and the average high temperature is 74 degrees. As with most areas in this region, it is not uncommon to have the temperature deviate from the norm. Temperatures in the high 90's and below zero are not uncommon.

Soil & Geology:

In general, the topsoil in the City is high in nutrients and good for vegetation. There are areas with a clay base that are less desirable for plant life and present isolated drainage problems.

Surface Water:

The City of Gibraltar contains no inland lakes. There are many areas of surface water that include the Detroit River, the East Gibraltar Waterway, the West Gibraltar Waterway, the Brownstown Bay, the Frank & Poet Drain, the Brownstown Creek, and various areas of wetlands.

Social Characteristics

Population:

The 2010 population of Gibraltar, as reported by in the 2010 US Census of Population data, is at 4,656, an increase of 392 (or 9%) from the 2000 U.S. Census. The City's population increase since 2000 can be attributed to the attractiveness of residential community characteristics as well as an influx of 457 new residential units. The City's population increase during this time period is in contrast to population decreases in surrounding communities.

During the Census, an average of 2.46 residents lived in each household in Gibraltar. By the 2010 Census, that figure had dropped to 2.1 people in each household. Lower birth rates and single-parent families partially explain the gradual decline in the number of persons per household.

A significant amount of the City's households are occupied by families with children, 26%. Approximately 38% of the households are occupied by families without children and approximately 24% are occupied by persons that live alone.

Demographics:

As with most of Gibraltar's neighboring communities, the City is experiencing increases in the population that is 50 and older age brackets. From the 2010 Census, this bracket accounts for over 37% of the City's population. This is increase of approximately 30% since 2000.

Approximately 38% of the City's population is between the ages of 20-49. Additionally, there is about 25% of the population under the age of 19. The largest declines in population have occurred in age bracket of 25-44 .

These numbers indicate that the City is maturing. An older population includes fewer people in the childbearing years that require additional City services and housing types. The decrease in number of younger residents will also have an impact on schools and future city services such as parks and recreational programming. Gibraltar residents have a median age of 41.4 years, which is slightly older than the median age of Wayne County residents. Nationally and regionally, the populations of most communities are becoming older as the baby boom generation is becoming older.

Approximately 97.1% of the City's population is listed as Non-Hispanic, with 92.7% of those residents being White.

Household Income:

The estimated median household income for Gibraltar residents in 2010 was approximately \$60,250, which is considerably higher than the \$42,241 median household income for Wayne County. The median household income in Gibraltar decreased \$15,882 or 20.9 percent between 2000 and 2010.

Nearly 67% of the City's population has a Household Income greater than \$50,000. Just over 27% of those residents have an income between \$60,000 and \$99,999. Inversely, approximately 8.4% of the residents have an income less than \$20,000.

According to the 2000 census, 89.4% of the population had completed high school, and 56.8% had some college education and above. These higher educational attainments can usually contribute to higher household incomes.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and Recreation Director:

The Mayor and City Council appoint the Parks and Recreation Director through the procedures outlined in the City Charter. The Director works under the direction of the City Administrator. The position of Parks and Recreation Director is currently part time.

The duties of the Parks and Recreation Director are as follows:

- 1.) Scheduling of events at the Gibraltar Community Center
- 2.) Scheduling of recreation programs
- 3.) Development of programs within the community
- 4.) Chairman of City sponsored events, such as the 4th July Parade and Festival and the Christmas Parade, etc
- 5.) Updating of current events and programs to the Gibraltar Community Newsletter, local newspapers, etc.

Recreation Commission:

The Recreation Commission is a volunteer group that is appointed by the Mayor and Council. The Commission serves as an advisory and recommending board to the Parks and Recreation Director. The Recreation Commission also provides assistance in preparing the 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and recommendations on the yearly Capital Improvement budget for parks and recreation programs and facilities. The members actively participate in the many sponsored events such as the Christmas Party, the Easter Party, and Safety Day.

The Recreation Commission and the Director also rely on recommendations from the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority.

Funding:

Funding for the Parks and Recreation Department and facilities are almost exclusively derived from the City's general tax revenue and from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Proceeds from program fees are used to off set operation costs.

Additional funding for capital improvements may be secured through various grants on a year to year basis. In the past, those funds have come from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (Coastal Zone Management Act), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Land & Water Conversation Fund Grants, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (TEA - 21).

Parks and Recreation Budget 2013 – 2014

Parks and Recreation

Director Salary	\$12,300.00
Part Time	\$ 200.00
Social Security Tax	\$ 188.00
Deferred Comp # 2	\$ 486.00
Operating Expense	\$ 2000.00
Activities	\$ 4,500.00
July 4 th	\$12,000.00
July 4 th Fireworks	\$ 8,000.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 4,800.00
Total	\$44,474.00

Relationship(s) with other Agencies:

The Department of Public Works (DPW) provides maintenance of grounds, buildings, and facilities. The DPW also provides assistance on minor to moderate capital improvement projects.

The City also has a very good working relationship with the Gibraltar School District. The School District allows the City to utilize the baseball facilities at Parsons Elementary School and the swimming pool at Carlson High School.

PLANNING PROCESS

Plan Development Process

The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Recreation Commission and various City Commission's, have been involved in the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 5-Year Recreation Plan 2014-2019 for the City of Gibraltar. The Recreation Director attended meetings of the City's Beautification Commission – November 4, 2013, Waterways Commission – November 14, 2013, Planning Commission – November 19, 2013, Downtown Development Authority – November 19, 2013, as well as the Recreation Commission – November 18, 2013, asking them for input on any projects that they felt would be beneficial for the community in the next 5 years.

On November 12, 2013 the Recreation Director attended the Gibraltar School District School Board meeting to inform them that the 5-Year Recreation Plan was being developed. The Director also thanked them for their cooperation over the past few years in support of the recreation programs for the City of Gibraltar.

The Recreation Director remained in contact with the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission to see if they had any additional input for the Recreation Plan or if they had received any comments from the public.

A survey was provided to visitors to the Community Center and the City Hall for comments and concerns that should be addressed. A general citizen's input session was held at the Gibraltar City Hall on November 25, 2013 in which the City Council informed the public of the availability of the Draft Plan for public review and comment. After thirty (30) days of public review, a Public Hearing conducted by the Mayor and City Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2014 prior to the regular City Council meeting. A second Public Hearing conducted by the Mayor and City Council was held on Monday, January 27th, 2014, prior to the regular City Council meeting to receive public comment and adopt the plan.

Recreation Plan Survey

Five Year Recreation Plan

The City of Gibraltar Recreation Department along with the Recreation Commission is working on the Five Year Recreation Plan, which is set to expire in December of 2013. The Recreation department is seeking resident's input on what Gibraltar residents would like to see in City Recreation Programs or Recreation Projects within the City limit during the next 5 years.

Please list below any projects you would like to see included in the plan and return it to the Community Center at 29340 South Gibraltar Road or the Gibraltar City Hall at 29450 Munro no later than Monday, January 13, 2014

Please understand that not every project can be funded. However, as grant funds become available, we can utilize our projects to make applications for funding, provided that they are listed in our plan.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gibraltar City Hall to review all comments received from the survey as well as to take any public comments on the proposed plan.

A second City Public hearing will be held on Monday, January 27th, 2014 at the regular Council meeting to provide residents a second opportunity to review and comment on the proposed plan prior to it's adoption at the meeting.

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- 1.) Lighting on South Side of Buildings.
- 2.) Ice Rink moved to Boblo Pillwon" and add lights"
- 3.) "Dog Park."
- 4.) Drinking fountains in park.
- 5.) Base Ball "ASSOCIATION"
- 6.) Patio, and Door wall on South side of lg. Room.
- 7.) Water Pad.
- 8.) Lighting at Lite House (need work)
- 9.) Light Board for out front of C. Center
- 10.) Generators for the Building.
- 11.) _____
- 12.) _____

Public Hearing Notice for November 25, 2013 and Plan Availability

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF GIBRALTAR
5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan
2014-2019**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Gibraltar will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 25, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Gibraltar Municipal Complex, 29450 Munro, Gibraltar, MI 48173, to review the draft, proposed 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2014-2019.

Following the meeting, a copy of the plan will be available for review at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours Monday-Friday (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and on the City of Gibraltar webpage: www.cityofgibraltar.net. The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposed plan during the public hearing scheduled for November 25, 2013, or to make written comments on or before January 13, 2014. Survey forms are available at Gibraltar City Hall (29450 Munro Ave.), Gibraltar Community Center (29340 South Gibraltar Rd.) and online at www.cityofgibraltar.net.

Additional public hearings are scheduled for January 13, 2014 and January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gibraltar City Hall, 29450 Munro Ave. A formal adoption of the plan will take place following the public input session at the January 27th meeting.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting or hearing, please contact Cynthia Ward, City Clerk at (734) 676-3900 at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing or as soon thereafter as possible.

Cynthia Ward
City Clerk

Publish: November 10, 2013

Public Hearing Notice for Second Public Hearing January 13, 2014 and Plan Availability

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2014-2019**

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Cynthia Ward
City Clerk

Publish: December 29th, 2013

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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**Cynthia Lehr
City Clerk**
Yudist December 29, 2013

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

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County of Wayne

Kelly Mukrdechian, being duly sworn

deposes and says the annexed printed copy of a notice was taken from

The Sunday News-Herald

a newspaper printed and circulated in said State and County, and that said notice was published in said newspaper on

The 29th day of December

A.D. 2014 that she is the Representative of said newspaper and knows well the facts stated herein.

Kelly Mukrdechian

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th

day of December A.D. 2013

Mary Anne Coghlan

Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan
MARY ANNE COGHLAN
State of Michigan

My Commission Expires on My Commission Expires 2-27-2014

PRINTER'S BILL

Notary Fees _____

Total _____

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SOUTHGATE, MI 48195
(734) 246-0800

RECREATION INVENTORY **BASIS FOR ACTION**

Gibraltar residents have a wide variety of recreational opportunities available to them. The inventory consists of a few parks in the City and a compilation of parks in the surrounding region. Through the City's close relationship with the Gibraltar School District, programs and activities usually draw participants from other communities.

As the economic conditions of the region worsen, the City has been joining with our neighbor, the City of Rockwood, to co-sponsor events such as the Memorial Day Parade, Fourth of July Parade, as well as numerous other annual activities.

Recreation Inventory

Community Recreational Facilities:

The City of Gibraltar owns and maintains two parks. The Gibraltar School District is also a major provider of recreation services within the City. The District owns a total of 53.5 acres at three (3) school sites. Although these facilities are designed to meet the needs of school children, the facilities are made available to residents at nights and weekends.

City of Gibraltar Facilities

Municipal Complex Park

- Two (2) Playground Structures
- One (1) Swing Sets

Community Center Park – Hy-Dahlka Park

- Two (2) Picnic Shelters
- One (1) Gazebo
- One (1) Playground Structure
- One (1) Swing Set
- Two (2) Children's Bouncer Toys
- Outdoor Ice Rink (seasonal)
- One (1) Basketball Court
- One (1) Baseball field
- Sled Hill
- Skate Park

Boblo Island Municipal Pavilion

- Event Space

Unimproved Kayak Launch

- Dock providing water access for kayaks and canoes

Gibraltar School District Facilities

Parsons Elementary School

- Miscellaneous sets of Playground Equipment
- Two (2) Baseball Fields
- One (1) Gym
- One (1) Basketball Court

Shumate Middle School

- One (1) Gym

Carlson High School

- Five (5) Baseball Fields
- Two (2) All-Purpose Gyms
- One (1) Swimming Complex
- One (1) Football Field with Running Track
- Six (6) Tennis Courts
- One (1) Weight Room

First Baptist Church of Gibraltar Facilities:

- One (1) Playground Equipment (limited)
- One (1) Basketball Court (black top)

Gibraltar Community Center:

The Parks & Recreation Director's office is in the Gibraltar Community Center located on South Gibraltar Road. The Community Center, which was constructed in 1977, is owned and maintained by the City. The Community Center hosts adult and youth dance classes, karate classes, boy scout and girl scout meetings, aerobics classes, and many other recreational activities. The senior citizens of Gibraltar use the building for the Meals on Wheels lunch program five days a week, Over 50 Club meetings, tax preparation assistance programs during the tax season, and health screening programs. Civic organizations, like the Rotary Club, Fire Fighters Association and Sun seekers Boat Club, use the facility for their special events. There are additional events, such as blood drives are held periodically during various times of the year.

Yearly Calendar of Recreation Events:

January:

Family Night Out

February:

Father-Daughter Dance

March:

Rotary Club Muskrat Dinner

April:
Kid's Easter Party
Farmers Market and Plant Swap

May:
Pledge of Allegiance Day
Clean-Up Day
Gibraltar Baseball Association (season starts)
Downriver Baseball (season starts)

June:
Rotary Club Fishing Tournament
Tee Ball Program

July:
4th of July Parade and Fireworks

August:
Rotary Antique Boat and Classic Car Show

September:
Rotary Free Health Clinic

October:
Gibraltar Fire Department Open House
Gibraltar Recreation Annual Octoberfest
Kid's Halloween Party
Flu Shots

November:
Senior Health Screening
Flu Shots

December:
Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Kid's Christmas Party

Waterfront:

The greatest single recreation resource in the City of Gibraltar may be Lake Erie and the Detroit River, which provides approximately 5 miles of waterfront along the City's east boundary. The waterfront attracts both local citizens and persons from the surrounding communities for boating, fishing, picnicking and other leisure activities.

Library:

The City of Gibraltar does not have its own Library, but the residents are permitted to use the Library in the neighboring community of Flat Rock for an annual fee of \$50.

Regional Recreation Facilities:

Gibraltar is literally surrounded by thousands of acres of park and recreation land. Within a sixty (60) mile radius from the City, there are five (5) State parks, nine (9) State recreational areas, three (3) State game preserves, twenty (20) Metroparks, and several county parks. These facilities offer every type of recreational facility and programming imaginable. Activities include but are not limited to hunting, camping, horseback riding, skiing, fishing, hiking, walking, nature interpretation, picnicking, boating, and skeet/trap shooting. Many recreational classes are offered, including, but not limited to crafts, nature and recreation are available to the public free of charge. Some facilities have cabins and meeting rooms that can be rented by the day.

The twenty (20) area Metroparks are a very important source of recreation in the region. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) was sanctioned by the Michigan State Legislature in Act No.147 of the Public Acts of 1939, and was approved in 1940 by the residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties. The Board of Commissioners held its first meeting in 1941, and funding for the Metroparks became available in 1942. The Metroparks are funded principally by a property tax levy, limited to one-quarter of one mill (currently the rate is .2146 mills), and by revenues from vehicle entry fees and other user fees for various facilities such as golf courses.

Lake Erie Metropark and Oakwoods Metropark are the closest to Gibraltar residents. Over 1,607 acres of the Lake Erie Metropark lies on the southern City limits and in Brownstown Township to the south of the City. Lake Erie Metropark includes a marina, boat launch, golf course, wave pool and nature study area. Riverfront Park on West Jefferson in Brownstown Township, provides a public boat launch, fishing pier, picnic shelter and seating areas. Oakwoods Metropark, located west of the City in neighboring Flat Rock, offers canoeing, fishing, cross-country skiing, a swimming pool, nature trails and a nature center.

Additionally, twenty-one (21) communities, along with many business partners, stepped forward and began to map how various trail connections could be made, thus creating the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative (DLGI). After the completion of a master plan, communities began networking efforts and working together. The Flat Rock East/West Connector, a 10 ft. wide non-motorized pathway was constructed to link Lake Erie Metropark to Oakwoods Metropark, via the communities of Flat Rock, Rockwood, Brownstown Township, and Gibraltar.

Prior Grants Status Report

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Status</u>
1977	LCWF 2600843	\$24,166	Gibraltar Park Development 3 Tennis Courts, Parking Area,	Complete

Driveway, Walkway, and Fencing

1992	MNRTF	\$375,000	McLouth Steel Property Acquisition Acquire 10 acres waterfront property	Withdrawn
2000	CMI CM00-157	\$175,000	Community Center Improvements	Complete
2012	Wayne County	\$20,000	Municipal Park Rehabilitation	Complete
2014	Wayne County	\$26,000	Kayak Launch Installation	Planned

ACTION PLAN

Recreation Facility Analysis

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has adopted a set of standards based on those set by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The standards provide a baseline to determine the need for recreational facilities in each community. These comparisons provide a general idea of deficiencies, but they are not intended to be followed to the letter. The needs of the population vary from one community to the next.

For planning and management purposes, recreation professionals classify park and recreation facilities based on the type of facility and expected usage. Described below are seven (7) park system classifications.

Mini Parks

Mini-parks are small, specialized parks, usually less than an acre in size, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini-park may serve a limited population or specific group such as young children or senior citizens.

Gibraltar Facilities: An example of a mini-park is the area located at the Municipal Complex. The park contains two (2) playground structures; one (1) swing set, and open space.

Recommendations: The NRPA recommends 0.25 to 0.50 acres of mini-park per 1,000 residents. Improvements recently completed have helped to meet NRPA recommendations. The installation of a new safer swing set system, installation of plastic border timbers, and replacement of mulch (at least 12" thick) has recently taken place under a Wayne County Park's grant.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that provide areas for intensive recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are generally 15 acres or more in size and serve a population up to 5,000 residents located within 1/4 to 1/2 mile radius from the neighborhood they serve.

Gibraltar Facilities: See Community Parks below.

Recommendations: One to two acres of neighborhood parks are recommended per 1,000 residents. While additional neighborhood parks are not warranted at this time, space for additional open space and play grounds should be set aside in the western portion of the City if those areas are developed for new residential homes.

Community Parks

Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from several neighborhoods. Community parks may include areas for intense recreation facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks, such as nature areas, picnic

pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities.

Gibraltar Facilities: Community Center Park - Hy Dahlka Park is located in the center of the City, behind the Community Center. The park contains two (2) covered picnic areas, a gazebo, a playground structure, a swing set, an outdoor ice rink (seasonal), a sled hill, a baseball field, and a skate park. A recent addition to the Community Center Park Complex is a culturally significant pavilion which was relocated from a marina district area to the center of the Downtown Development District. Opportunities for expanding recreational opportunities in the future utilizing this pavilion are highly probable.

Recommendations: The NRPA's standard requirement for community parks is 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 residents. Active recreation facilities typically found in a community park are lacking in the community. Partnerships have been crafted with the local school district to bridge the gap between NRPA recommendations and facilities available via city owned parks.

Regional/Metropolitan Parks

Regional parks are typically located on sites with unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitats, conservation, swimming, picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, camping and trail use. Many also include active play areas.

Gibraltar Facilities: Gibraltar is served by over 50,000 acres of regional parks, including many State, County and Metropolitan parks.

Recommendations: Regional parks typically serve several communities within a one hour drive. The City of Gibraltar is surrounded by an abundance of regional facilities within a short driving distance, including Oakwoods and Lake Erie Metroparks.

Special Use/Conservancy Parks

Special use recreation facilities are typically single-purpose recreation facilities, such as golf courses, nature centers, outdoor theaters, interpretative centers, or facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment. Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment may be the primary focus, with recreation use as a secondary objective.

Gibraltar Facilities: Lake Erie Metropark, located south of the City, and the Detroit River Wildlife Refuge – Humbug Marsh, located in the northeastern portion of the City, provide a variety of special use/conservancy areas.

Recommendations: Land in the northern portion of the City (DSC Property and Countywide Landfill) provide opportunities for expanding special use/conservancy parks in the future in conjunction with potential future development.

Passive Parks

The primary purpose of passive areas is to provide relief from highly developed residential and

commercial neighborhoods. Facilities may include sitting areas and other pedestrian amenities, landscaping, monuments and fountains, and historical features.

Gibraltar Facilities: Many passive areas and walking trails are being developed through the use of the Metroparks, the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative, and The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge – Humbug Marsh.

Recommendations: The Gibraltar Downtown Development Authority is working to improve the appearance of the downtown with the installation of open space type landscaping, a planned kayak launch, and the application of an extensive Downtown Redevelopment Plan which incorporates many passive parks concepts.

Linear Parks

A linear park is any area developed for one or more modes of recreation travel, such as hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, canoeing, horseback riding, and pleasure driving. Built along natural corridors, such as utility rights-of-way, abandoned railroad easements, bluff lines, vegetation patterns, and roads that link other components of the recreation system or community facilities, such as schools, libraries, commercial areas, and other park areas and desirable site characteristics may be developed into linear parks.

Gibraltar Facilities: Recently the City of Gibraltar installed a bike path along North Gibraltar Rd. and South Gibraltar Rd. which takes advantage of the linear park idea. This bike path connects to a comprehensive bicycling path through town and to the south. The bike path(s) were installed along the road in a city easement and are surrounded by natural features. In addition to this recent installation, within the City are the channels and waterways throughout the City that lead to the Detroit River and Lake Erie, which provide a recreation amenity for City waterfront residents.

Recommendations: Continued development of non-motorized trails as part of the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative.

Recreation and Park Facility Deficiencies and Recommendations

When comparing the existing community park land acreage to recommended standards, based on current and projected population, the figures indicate that if the school sites are counted in the park acreage figures, the City exceeds the recommended acreage of park land for neighborhood and community parks, but is lacking in acreage for mini-parks for the current and projected population.

The figures do not address the geographic distribution or quality of existing parks and recreation facilities. Upon closer examination, deficiencies or limitations are apparent because of location, accessibility, maintenance, level of development and individual size of existing park lands. These include the following:

Reliance on School Sites:

Cooperation between the City and the school district provides for efficient use of park land.

However, some scheduling conflicts exist between school sessions and school year programming at existing City and School facilities. Moreover, there are limitations associated with utilizing the school sites because use of the facilities are first available to school athletic teams and scheduled programs, and then open to the general public on a request basis.

Barrier-Free Facilities:

Existing play equipment located at some park sites is not accessible to children with disabilities. Modern equipment with transfer points and ramps, resilient surfacing, and accessible pathways are required to ensure “integrated play” by all residents of the City.

Programs:

Program deficiencies identified by recreation staff and community residents include more viable senior citizens recreation program/opportunities.

Facility Development:

Only one mini-park is located in the City. At least one lot (up to one acre) should be set aside as a mini-park in new developments to serve the immediate residents of that development. Future park sites should be identified in areas where significant residential development is anticipated.

Administration:

Since a mix of City and School facilities and programs meets several current needs, areas for joint cooperation and administration should be explored, including the possibility of a joint authority.

Maintenance:

Low maintenance programs must be set up to ensure continued upkeep of existing and new equipment and facilities.

Protection of Open Space:

Residents would like to see greenways and pedestrian and bikeway corridors established linking major open space with parks and community facilities within the City to other recreation facilities in the region. Protection of open space is important for the ecosystem and natural habitat.

Recreation Goals

1. Level of Service:

Improve the quality of life in the City of Gibraltar through the creation of a better community environment. Provide the maximum level of neighborhood and community recreation facilities feasible and programs to meet the needs of all residents, within the physical and financial capabilities of the City. The recreation programs should be monitored and reflect the ever – changing population.

2. Upgrade Existing Facilities:

Maximize the use of parks and recreation facilities by upgrading existing facilities to make them safer and more accessible. Add more playground equipment to the existing

parks, and upgrade the ice skating rink. Continue to focus on the Community Center to insure residents have access to a first class recreational facility. Assure that, as the City develops, adequate land is set aside for recreational purposes.

3. Improve Accessibility:

Improve the accessibility to parks and recreation facilities and programs for persons with disabilities.

4. Waterfront Access:

Consider the waterfront access potential of any new development or redevelopment activities as integral to meeting community recreation needs and utilizing the City's prime natural and recreation resource. Increase the number and different recreational options available in waterfront areas. Seek out ways to identify new waterfront access points and add possible fishing sites. Utilize the existing grant to install a kayak launch off South Gibraltar Road, Middle Gibraltar Road, and/or other water access points within the City.

5. Enhance Walking Paths and Bike Paths:

Continue working with the Downriver Linked Greenway Initiative to install walking paths and bike paths that connect the Lake Erie and Oakwoods Metroparks, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge - Humbug Marsh, and Elizabeth Park in Trenton. Expand the pathways to include areas around the Community Center Park and areas in the DDA District.

6. Park Design and Landscaping:

Enhance the overall design and aesthetic quality of all parks, recognizing the significance of park land to the character and public image of the City. Landscape various areas within the community to continue the nautical theme that provides the character of the City. These improvements could include the construction of a large clock tower on City owned property in the DDA district, specifically at the intersection of Middle Gibraltar, South Gibraltar, and North Gibraltar Road.

7. Coordination with Other Agencies:

Continue to cooperate with other public and private organizations, such as the Gibraltar School District and Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, in providing recreation services and facilities to avoid unnecessary duplication. The use of City-owned property and school properties, as well as the Metropark system, should be encouraged.

8. Maintenance Needs:

Cost of maintenance and operation should be considered when designing new recreation facilities and upgrading existing facilities.

9. Fiscal Responsibility:

The City should seek outside grant assistance, when available, from public sources and private foundations to pay for the upgrade of recreational facilities and the improvement of recreational services.

10. Planning Process:

The Parks and Recreation Department should maintain a continuously updated 5-Year Recreation Master Plan to help the City set recreation priorities and focus attention to recreational facilities with the greatest needs. This plan should be reviewed and updated annually.

11. Privately-Owned Recreation Facilities:

Encourage privately owned and commercial recreation facilities to locate in the City, provided the type and location of such facilities is consistent with the City's recreation goals; encourage incorporation of active recreation uses, such as a golf course or other recreation uses requiring large land area and/or large buildings.

12. Recreation Facilities Outside the City:

Provide expanded access to important recreation resources outside of the City to increase recreation opportunities for City residents.

Capital Improvement Schedule

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source(s)</u>
2013	Community Center Sound Attenuation	\$5,000	DDA
2014-	Construct kayak launch off South Gibraltar Road and/or Middle Gibraltar Road.	\$50,000	DDA Wayne County
2014-	Clock Tower	\$35,000	DDA Rotary
2014- 2015	Rehabilitate City Ball Parks	\$35,000	DDA Rotary Gibraltar School District
2014- 2015	Children's Splash Park	\$60,000	DDA Wayne County Parks Grant
2015-	Park Improvements- Lighting, Drinking Fountains, Community Center Signage	\$35,000	DDA City GF

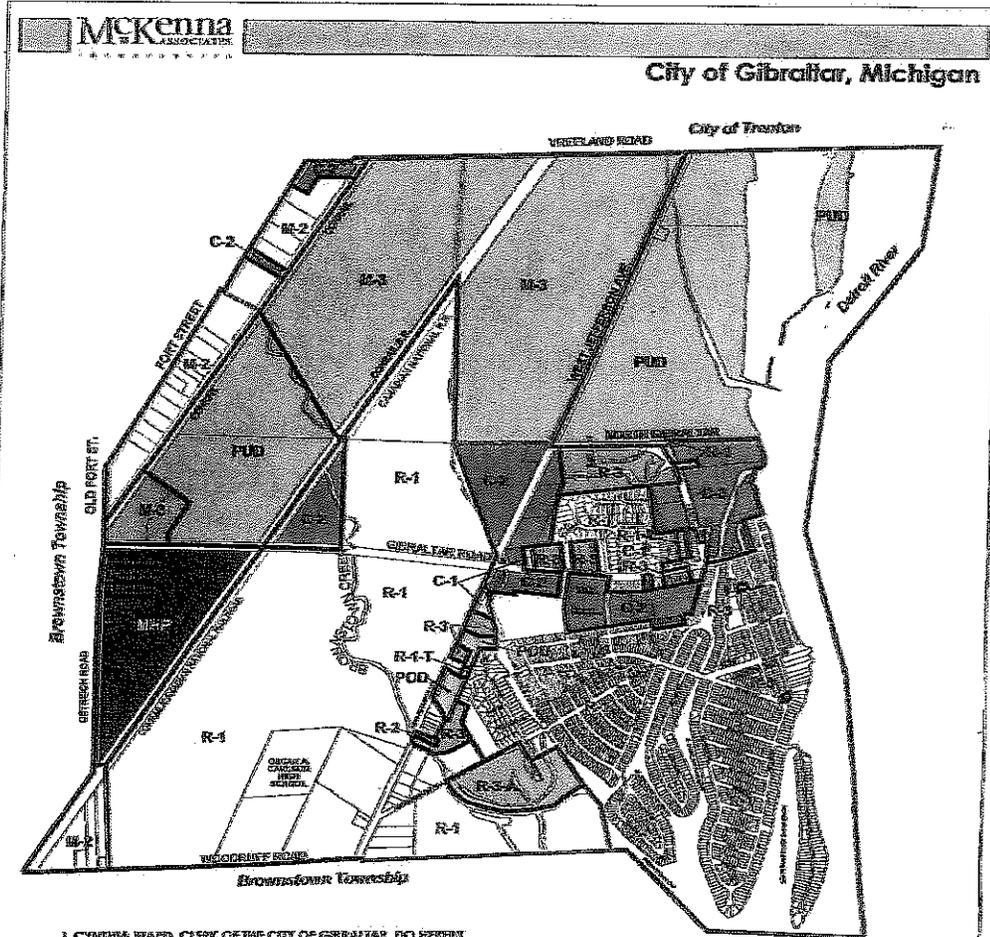
2015-	Ice Rink upgrades/portable rink	\$100,000	DDA
2016	Shelter electricity Benches		City GF MNRTF
2016	Dog Park	\$100,000	DDA
2016-	Community Center Back-Up	\$50,000	DDA
2019	Generator		
2016-	Canal Dredging	\$2,000,000	USEPA
2019			USACOE MDEQ MNRTF
2016-	Walking and bike path at	\$150,000	MNRTF
2019	the Community Center Park		City GF

Potential Funding Sources:

DDA	Downtown Development Authority
City GF	City of Gibraltar General Fund
MNRTF	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
USEPA	U.S Environmental Protection Agency
USACOE	U.S Army Corp of Engineers
MDEQ	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
MDOT	Michigan Department of Transportation

Appendix

City of Gibraltar Zoning Map



I, CYRILIA WARD, CLERK OF THE CITY OF GIBRALTAR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE MAP ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIBRALTAR, MICHIGAN IN 1956, AS WELL AS THOSE AMENDMENTS MADE AS OF REVISION DATE.

Cyrcilia Ward
CYRILIA WARD, CITY CLERK

Zoning Districts		Zoning Districts	
R-1	One Family Residential	PUD	Planned Unit Development
R-1-T	One Family Residential Transitional	POD	Professional Office
R-2	Two Family Residential	C-1	Local Business
R-3	Multiple-Family Residential	C-2	General Commercial
R-4	Low Density Multiple-Family Residential	C-3	Planned Commercial Developments
PUD	Planned Residential Development	M-4	Miscellaneous Commercial
POD	Manufactured Housing Park	M-1	Light Manufacturing
		M-2	Medium Industrial
		M-3	General Industrial

REVISION DATES		
5/58	3/71	2/02
2/58	7/76	4/02
5/60	12/79	1/03
2/61	7/83	5/03
10/61	1/87	10/03
10/63	6/89	4/04
10/64	7/93	
2/87	12/93	
3/97	2/96	

The parcel lines of this map are representations of the actual parcel lines and are not intended to be substituted for an official survey or used to resolve boundary or area discrepancies. Consult official City of Gibraltar records for precise distances, areas and boundaries.

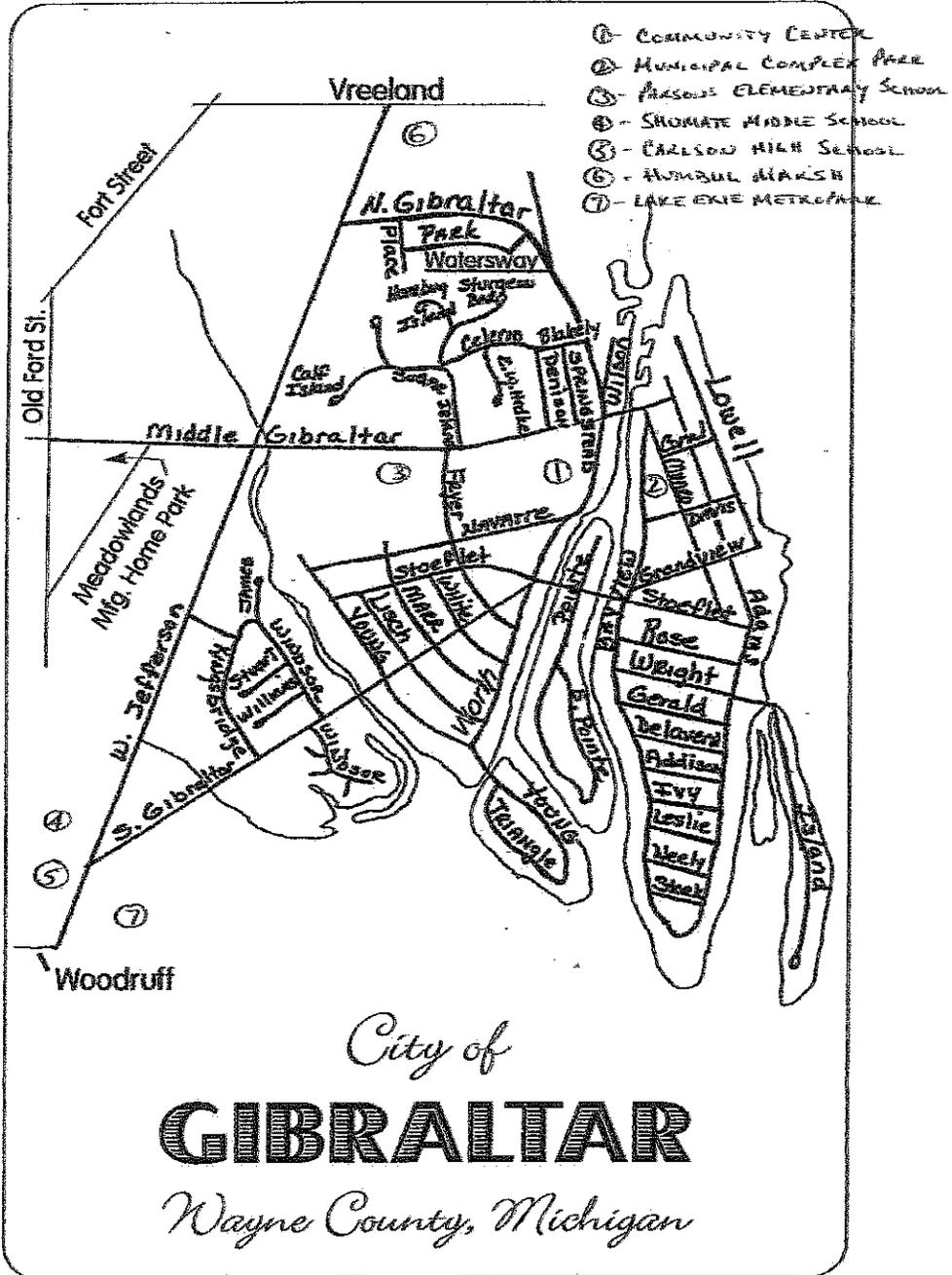
Zoning Map

Approved: Mayor Wayne C. McHugh
Date: 04/14/2006

Scale: 1" = 1440' Printed: 04/14/2006

City of Gibraltar Parks and Recreation Facilities Map

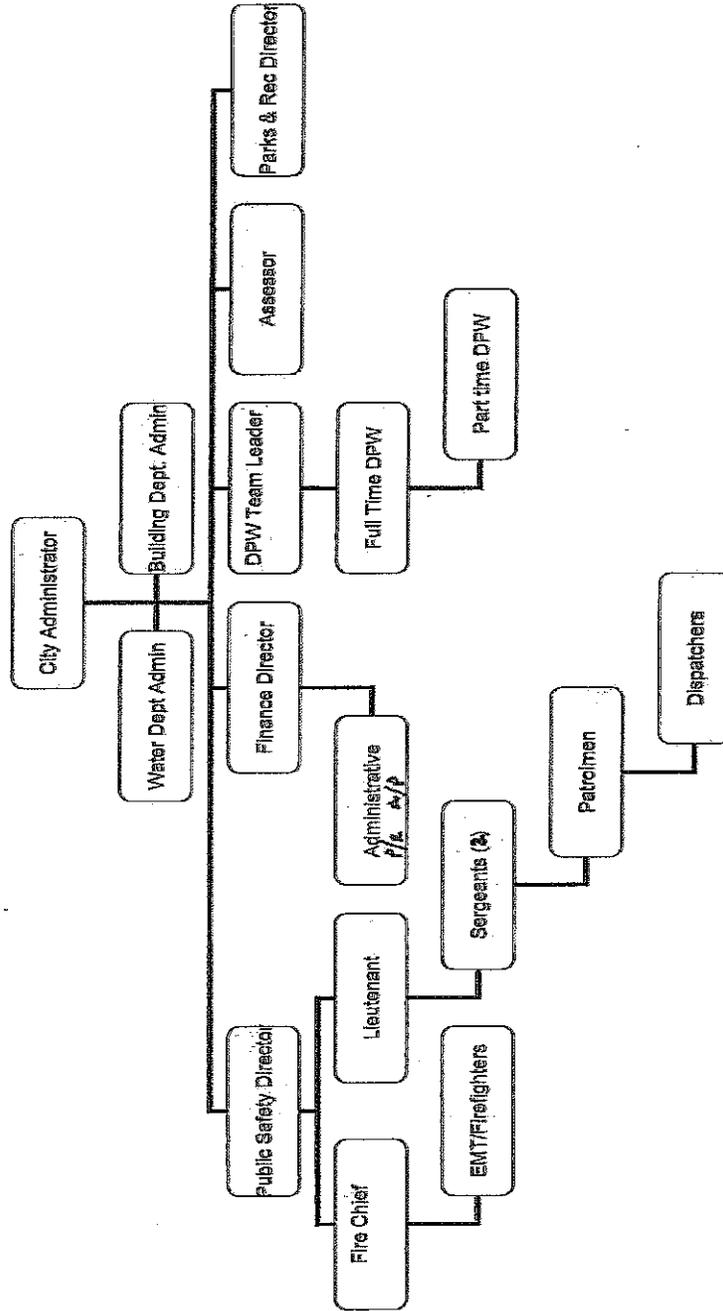
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City of Gibraltar Organizational Chart

CITY OF GIBRALTAR ORGANIZATION CHART



10/9/2008

City of Gibraltar

Recreation Commission Minutes
Tuesday November 19th 2013 6:30

Present: Tamey Gorris, Deonna Pruett
Special Guest: Dustyn Donnelly

1. Called to order: at 6.35
2. Talked about up coming Christmas parade
December 7th starts at 5:30 line up starts at 4:30
3. Outside building
Crafters set up at 4:00
Petting farm
Food vendors
Music Bill Baker
Gibraltar Firefighter Association 2 warming station
4. Inside building
Cookies and hot cocoa (Gibraltar Beautification)
Crafts for kids
Cookie decorating (First Congregational Church)
Face painting (Two Clowns)
5. Talked about Pancake Breakfast with Santa
December 14th 9:00 am till 11:00 am

Need supplies, cups, plates, napkins also need sleds for door prizes
6. Talked about 5 Year plan: Would like to move ice skating rink
out front by Boblo pavilion, add lighting, & turn ice rink
out back into dog park.
7. Next meeting: December 17th 6:30 canceled

Will have next meeting: January 21st 2014 6:30 pm



Tamey Gorris
Gibraltar Recreation Director

CIP 12-9-13



City of Gibraltar Waterways Commission

Minutes from 11/14/2013

Attendance

Members: Ed Manion, Al Drew, Kelly Kay, Jim Cobb, Curt Penland, Paul Brent,
 Mike Chamberlin, Mike Giles, Steve Greer, Curt Camapu

Guests: Jim Gorris, Bob Saunders (Liaison), Brian Arp, Chris Baker,
 Rockne Smith, Al Luke, Tammi Gorris

Call to order

Kelly Kay is trying to get the American Lotus removed from the endangered list. That action is outside the Waterway Committee.

Reviewed spreadsheet.

Discussed new lights and bids to repair light poles.

Tammy Gorris is requesting that all committees submit a 5 year financial plan. We also discussed a one year plan. For our members in Florida we would like your impute via e-mail asap.

We need to accomplish this by the December meeting.

Ed Manion will be our liaison.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Penland
Secretary.

BEAUTIFICATION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Chairman Dorothy Wood opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. at Gibraltar City Hall, 29450 Munro, Gibraltar, MI. 48173.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorothy Wood, Chairman
Sharon Legault, Secretary
Flo Jagielski
Marilyn Peacock
Kaye MacMahon
Betty Manuel
Nikki Wood
Jinny Smith

Minutes of the meeting of October 7th were read and accepted with corrections by Jinny Smith and Flo Jagielski.

Visitors were Tammy Gorris, Mayor Gorris and John Golembiewski.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Tammy to participate in the Xmas parade and party. We will do cookies and hot chocolate as in the past. Parade starts at 5:30 p.m.
Recreation director Tammy talked about presenting a list for the next year 5 year budget plan

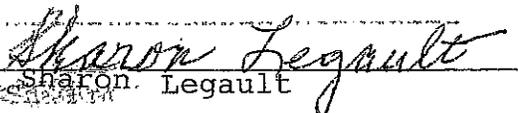
~~Decorations~~ we ordered have come in

We have ordered 12 more large size shirts for Christmas.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 2, 2013.

Chairman wood adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Sharon Legault

CITY OF GIBRALTAR
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2013

This meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 29450 Munro Ave., Gibraltar, MI 48173

Presiding: Commissioner Milt Moore, Chairman
Present: Commissioners Read, Shivel, Wood
Absent: Commissioners Marcum, Piatt, Upholzer
Officers: Adm./DDA Director Thiel and
Nicholas Lomako, Wade Trim

Motion by Moore and seconded by Wood to excuse the absent Commissioners.
Carried unanimously.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Shivel to approve the October 15, 2013 Planning Commission Minutes.
Carried unanimously.

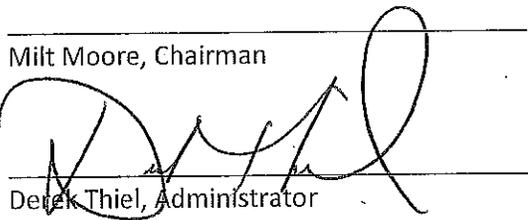
Motion by Shivel and seconded by Wood to approve the agenda adding the Recreation Master Plan.
Carried unanimously.

Motion by Shivel and seconded by Wood to adjourn the meeting at 6:45.
Carried unanimously.

Approved by:

Milt Moore, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:



Derek Thiel, Administrator

CITY OF GIBRALTAR
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 19, 2013

This meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was called to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 29450 Munro Ave., Gibraltar, MI 48173

Presiding: Jim Gorris, Chairman, Mayor
Present: Commissioners Moore, Read, Shivel, Wood
Absent: Commissioners Marcum, Piatt, Upholzer
Officers: Adm./DDA Director Thiel and
Nicholas Lomako, Wade Trim

Motion by Moore and seconded by Wood to excuse Commissioners Marcum, Piatt and Upholzer. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Wood and seconded by Moore to approve the agenda adding the Recreation Master Plan. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Shivel to approve the October 15, 2013 DDA Minutes. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Wood to adjourn the meeting at 7:15. Carried unanimously.

Approved by:

James F. Gorris, Mayor/Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:

Derek Thiel, Acting Clerk

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

13-457 Finance, Policy, Personnel, School Improvement, Co-Curricular and Goal Setting.

COMMUNITY INPUT

13-458 Ms. Angela Stepaniak and Ms. Christine Manolias, Parsons parents expressed their concerns regarding the class sizes in the first grade at Parsons. Asking one more time if the Board would consider classroom aides in lower elementary grades.

13-459 Ms. Denise Niebrzydowski expressed her concerns about the homework policy for suspended students. Asking the Board to consider giving suspended students the chance to receive credit for work done at home while they are suspended.

13-460 Mr. Ralph Browning questioned the findings in the audit report of the District using 1.4 million more dollars each year than it takes in.

13-461 Ms. Candy Gorris, City of Gibraltar Community Director, stated that the City is working on a five year plan and would like to know if there is anything that the school district would like to partner with.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Items

13-462 Moved by Kozmor, Supported by Camilleri that the routine business items be approved as presented with the exception of item E.5 & 6.

Ayes: Boller, Camilleri, Crapko, Darville, Kozmor, Ptaszynski and Theodorovich.

Nays:

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

**Minute Approval
Regular Meeting, October 8,
2013**

13-463 Moved by Kozmor, Supported by Camilleri that the minutes of the October 8, 2013 regular meeting be approved as presented.

Ayes: Boller, Camilleri, Crapko, Darville, Kozmor, Ptaszynski and Theodorovich.

Nays:

CITY OF GIBRALTAR
PUBLIC HEARING
5-YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
NOVEMBER 25, 2013

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Gibraltar held a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 29450 Munro Avenue, Gibraltar, MI. 48173

Presiding: Mayor Gorris

Present: Councilpersons Baker, Boismier, Boyea, Manion, Riser and Saunders

Officers: Clerk Lehr, Attorney Booms, Finance Director Meyer, Police Chief Canterbury, Interim Fire Chief Branham and Parks & Recreation Director Gorris

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the draft plan for the proposed 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The Mayor stated that the draft plan is available for review anytime during business hours at City Hall. Additional Public Hearings are scheduled for January 13 and 24 at 6:30 prior to the scheduled Council meeting.

There were no public comments and the hearing adjourned at 6:35.

Cynthia Lehr,
City Clerk

CITY OF GIBRALTAR
PUBLIC HEARING
5-YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
JANUARY 13, 2014

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Gibraltar held a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 29450 Munro Avenue, Gibraltar, MI. 48173

Presiding: Mayor Gorris

Present: Councilpersons Baker, Boismier, Manion, Riser and Saunders

Absent: Councilperson Boyea

Officers: Clerk Lehr, Attorney Booms, Treasurer Denison, Police Chief Canterbury, Fire Chief Branham and Parks & Recreation Director Gorris

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the proposed 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan and to review comments received via citizen survey.

Residents: Bill and Dannielle Calder, 29953 Windsor Dr.
Would like to see a haunted house and use the funds to support library access.

There were no public comments and the hearing adjourned at 6:33.

Cynthia Lehr,
City Clerk

CITY OF GIBRALTAR
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gibraltar, Wayne County, Michigan convened on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 29450 Munro Ave., Gibraltar, MI. 48173

Presiding: Mayor Gorris

Present: Councilpersons Baker, Boismier, Boyea, Manion, Riser and Saunders

Officers: Clerk Lehr, Treasurer Denison, Attorney Booms, Administrator Thiel, Finance Director Meyer, Police Chief Canterbury, Fire Chief Branham and Park & Recreation Director Gorris

Motion by Baker and seconded by Boyea to approve the agenda.
Carried unanimously.

Motion by Saunders and seconded by Boismier to approve the consent agenda as follows:
A. Bills Reference #14 (\$119,203.28) B. Payroll #511 (\$52,660.16) C. Council Minutes of 1-13-14. D. Planning Commission Public Hearing Minutes of 1-21-14 (fence).
E. Planning Commission Minutes of 12-17-13. F. DDA Minutes of 12-17-13.
Carried unanimously.

Motion by Manion and seconded by Riser to appoint Marie Progar to the Planning/DDA for a 3-year term expiring January 2017.

Roll Call: Yes – Boyea, Manion, Riser, Saunders, Baker, and Boismier
No – NONE
Abstain – Gorris

Motion carried.

Motion by Saunders and seconded by Riser to appoint Angela Stepaniak to the Recreation Commission for a 3-year term expiring January 2017.

Roll Call: Yes – Manion, Riser, Saunders, Baker, Boismier, and Boyea
No – NONE
Abstain – Gorris

Motion carried.

Motion by Riser and seconded by Saunders to adopt the 5-year Recreation Master Plan for years 2014 through 2019.
Carried unanimously.

Motion by Riser and seconded by Manion to award the bid for a replacement "man door" at the DPW to West Metro/Acme Door at a cost of \$1,595.00.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Manion and seconded by Boyea to approve the General Employees Pension Plan Amendment to coincide with the verbiage in the collective bargaining agreement.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Boismier and seconded by Saunders to approve the General Employee Pension Plan and Trust with changes and amendments and forward to the Internal Revenue Service for review, comment and certification.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Riser and seconded by Baker to approve the 2013-2014 Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Boismier and seconded by Boyea to request the city attorney to draft an ordinance incorporating the fence amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Saunders and seconded by Manion to reimburse Councilman Boismier \$150.00 for the Elected Officials Academy Core Weekender Seminar.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Boyea and seconded by Riser to reimburse Councilman Boismier \$125.00 for the MML State Conference.

Carried unanimously.

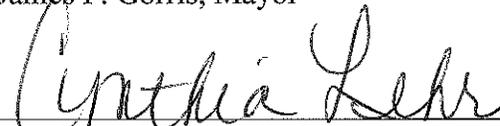
Motion by Manion and seconded by Boyea to adjourn the meeting at 7:16.

Carried unanimously.

Approved by:

James F. Gorris, Mayor

Respectfully submitted by:


Cynthia Lehr, City Clerk



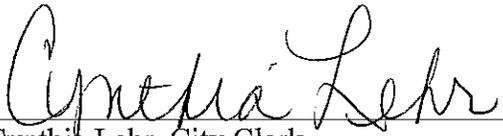
RESOLUTION
14-001

At the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gibraltar, Wayne County, Michigan, held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 29450 Munro Avenue, Gibraltar, MI. 48173

Motion by Councilman Riser and seconded by Councilman Saunders to adopt the 5-year Recreation Master Plan for the years 2014 through 2019.

Carried unanimously.

I, Cynthia Lehr, duly elected clerk for the City of Gibraltar do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at their regular meeting held on the 27th day of January 2014.


Cynthia Lehr, City Clerk



February 1, 2014

SEMCOG
535 Griswold, Suite 300
Detroit, MI 48226
Attn: Bill Parkus

Re: City of Gibraltar 5- Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Mr. Parkus:

Enclosed is the City of Gibraltar's 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2014-2019. The Plan has been adopted by the Gibraltar Mayor and City Council.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office at (734) 676-9021 or by email at dthiel@cityofgibraltar.net.

Sincerely,

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Derek M. Thiel, M.P.A.
City Administrator
City of Gibraltar



February 1, 2014

Wayne County Parks Division
33175 Ann Arbor Trail
Westland, MI 48185
Attn: Beverly Watts

Re: City of Gibraltar 5- Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Ms. Watts:

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February 1, 2014

Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925
Attn: Jule Stafford, Grants Coordinator

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COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: <i>City of Gibraltar Parks + Recreation Master Plan 2014-2019</i>		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
<i>City of Gibraltar</i>	<i>Wayne</i>	<i>January 2014</i>

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

- Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
- Programming
- Current Funding Sources
- Role of Volunteers
- Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only

Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of

- Participating Communities
- Articles of Incorporation

3. RECREATION INVENTORY

- Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- Accessibility Assessment
- Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice November 10, 2013

Type of Notice Publish + Post

Plan Location City Hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 49

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice December 29th

Name of Newspaper News Herald

Date of Meeting January 13, 2014

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 27th, 2014

2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 1, 2014

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 1, 2014

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

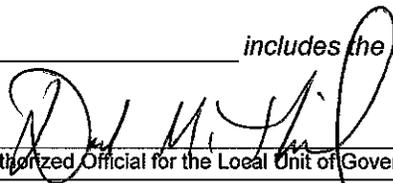
NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

City of Gibraltar
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated


Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government February 1, 2014
Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By: _____ Date _____

Grants Management _____ Date _____

