

# Island Construction Projects Move Through Planning Board

Mackinac Island planning commissioners spent two hours rendering determinations on a number of construction projects around the Island during their Tuesday, May 15, meeting.

In February, a request by Mar Pulte, who sought approval to add two sliding doors to her Lesley Court condominium, was tabled when

commissioners questioned the appearance of the doors. The doors must be hinged or have the appearance of being hinged, like French doors.

At Tuesday's meeting, commissioners approved her request for the hinged doors. Ms. Pulte, who attended the meeting, argued that with limited space in the condominium,

French doors could not be opened. She told the board the doors also were only visible from the water and said the difference in appearance between sliding doors and French doors could not be seen from five feet away.

"In the building where I live, 50% [of owners] have sliding and the other 50% don't have

anything, French or sliding," she said.

In March, Dr. Michael Bacon had asked to increase the size of an existing second floor deck at Breakwater Point Condominiums. The project was tabled pending the architectural review and proof that the condominium association agreed with his plans.

Commissioners approved the deck addition May 15 and a plan to use tempered glass panels as a railing was to match other units based on a recom-

mendation from city architect Rick Neumann.

In another matter, a new bicycle kiosk for Ira Green's Iroquois Bicycle Shop on Main Street was approved by commissioners. The kiosk will be inside, but the item came before commissioners because the structure is visible from the street.

A wooden fence was approved to run behind May's Candy Shop and Starbucks in

## Nextel: 'Will Help Public Safety Tremendously'

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William Lenaghan said Wednesday. "From my perspective, it's going to be able to help public safety tremendously."

Council also directed City Treasurer Rick Linn to borrow funds from Mackinac Island's Capital Outlay account to cover anticipated shortfalls to the General Fund. The Treasurer asked for transfers of up to \$170,000, to be repaid in September.

A new dray contract with Mackinac Island Service Company for the 2007 season, which will keep the services and rates the same as last year, was approved. The service will cost \$17,407 and includes freight and trash service from May 1 to November 1.

Approvals of permits for street cuts were granted to Joe Plaza for a water line at his new home on 3rd Street and Iroquois Hotel to repair a sewer line.

At the request of the Planning Commission, Council will schedule a setback variance

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The marina's shower building, which is west of the proposed trash building, does not meet the 20-foot setback from the roadway, said Mr. Cheli, nor does Bay View Bed and Breakfast, which is east of the trash structure. He said some communities allow variances in those cases. The DNR also could remove the roof, said Mr. Cheli, so the building would not be considered an accessory structure and then meet zoning requirements.

"Quite honestly, our intent was to improve the aesthetics of not having our trash on the street," he said.

Mr. Cheli also told commissioners that the utility building

request from Lorina Kolatski for the Zoning Board of Appeals. A variance would allow her to construct an open deck at her home on Cadotte Avenue in Harrisonville.

New business licenses were approved for Scoops Ice Cream and Starbucks. Starbucks opened for business Saturday, May 19, and Scoops Ice Cream is under new ownership.

In addition, Council renewed the Hunters Creek business license.

Council approved admission to its fur trade museum, Stuart House, at \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children, students, and senior citizens. The city will pay an attendant \$7.50 per hour.

Cliff's Painting, Kay Berke, Louis and Marilyn Putz, and Jeff Dupre were granted temporary trailer permits. Cliff's Painting plans to haul tools from the Arnold Dock to the Hamady property on the West Bluff for seasonal work. Ms. Berke is using the trailer for the transportation of a swing set,

will be removed and replaced. The building is dilapidated, he said.

Upgrades are needed and electrical panels on the outside of the structure will be brought into the new building. Required by state code, a shower facility will be added for marina staff.

Commissioner Jim Pettit suggested adding hitching posts to the sidewalk when it is replaced, so horses can be tied when deliveries are made and trash is picked up.

Mr. Cheli said he would add them to the plans.

"That's a good detail," he acknowledged.

The project plans are available for public review on the second floor of Community Hall.



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the Putzs' need to transport objects from their home to St. Ignace, and Mr. Dupre needs the help of a trailer to transport seasonal household goods to the Island.

In related news, three Scout troops were granted temporary trailer permits to transfer food and personal gear for overnight trips. Troop 127 of Lapeer will begin use Monday, May 28 for a five-day period, Troop 114 of Big Rapids will begin use Saturday, June 2 for a nine-day period, and Troop 290 of Grand Rapids will begin its use Saturday, June 9 for a seven-day period.

In addition, Council approved a race sponsored by the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Thursday, May 31. About 40 runners will race around the Island, starting and ending at Grand Hotel, from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Council has received an offer for a Rowe House condominium, which it has been trying to sell for more than a year, and will make a counter offer to the potential buyer, it was announced.

Kelly Bean, Mayor Margaret Doud's assistant, will attend a public employment law seminar in Traverse City this September.

## First Gentleman Mulhern To Autograph New Book May 31

Dan Mulhern, author of a new book, "Everyday Leadership; Getting Results in Business, Politics, and Life," will sign books at the Mackinac Island Book Store in the Lilac Tree from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 31.

The paperback offers stories, tips, and insight into how people can make a difference in

the world with the personal power and responsibility they possess.

Mr. Mulhern is the husband of Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm. They reside in Lansing with their children, Kate, Cece, and Jack, and their dog, Mackinac. They also spend time at the governor's summer residence near Fort Mackinac.

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