

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of June 6, 2022.

**City Council Meeting** – City Council had a large agenda to work through at the regular meeting on June 6, 2022. The meeting opened with public comments about the deer population and the Root Beer Barrel. We will be adding the deer topic back onto City Council's topic list for a future meeting. City Council went on to approve the following items:

- Approved the Police Officer's Labor Council collective bargaining agreement for 3 years
- Approved Public Act 152 Health Care Opt out for employee health care
- Approved the 22-23 General Appropriations Act Budget for the City
- Approved the Saugatuck Township Fire District 22-23 Budget after a presentation by Chief Janik
- First reading of an ordinance amending Environmental Protection Standards – Tree Ordinance
- First reading of an ordinance updating the sign ordinance
- First reading of an ordinance amending the business license ordinance for food trucks
- Amended the scope of work for PM Environmental in regard to the Brownfield Cleanup Grant
- Discussion item regarding the refuse and recycling contract and Council's direction to bid services
- Discussion item regarding the Root Beer Barrel contract and creation of a committee to review
- Approved a land division for 160 Wiley Road
- Approved the City's Property and Liability Insurance renewal
- Approved a Special Event Application for Blue Star Trail Harvest Bike Ride for 9-17-22
- Approved a letter of recommendation for a resort specially designated distributor license for Isabel's Eatery

**Beach Clean Up** – A Douglas Beach clean-up day was scheduled for June 9 between 9am and 11am. The sponsors of the event coordinated volunteers for the beach clean-up and collected nearly 100 lbs of trash. In 2021, 9.25 lbs. of trash were removed from the area around Douglas Beach. In addition to this event, coordinators installed new beach clean-up kits at the midpoint of the beach stairs. Volunteers are encouraged to borrow the kit and collect debris and dispose of the debris in trash cans located at the public park. The coordinators are also looking at the potential to install fishing line collection tubes at popular fishing locations in Douglas.

**Center Collective** – The Planning and Zoning Administrator, City Engineer, and representatives of the Center Collective group met to go over a few nuances related to utilities and road standards.

**Campbell Road** – At the regular progress meeting for Campbell Road, we learned that paving was not going as anticipated, and we may be closer to July before paving work is started.

**Third Coast Surf Shop** – The kayak rental vendor is progressing on their plan to start operations at Wades Bayou. They have proposed a small shed for operations and have kayaks on order. No specific date for the start of operations was provided to me.

**Quigno Sculpture** – Staff met with Saugatuck Douglas Fennville Arts Initiative to discuss a proposal to install a sculpture by artists Jason Quigno entitled “Seven Grandfathers”. Maryjo Lemanski will be at the next City Council meeting to propose the work to the City Council. See Attached.

**Brownfield** – The Brownfield Authority met this week to review the workplan required by the EPA as part of the Brownfield Clean Up Grant application. Also included in the Brownfield Authority packet was a proposed timeframe for executing the grant. That schedule will also be posted on the City’s website under the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority link. I’ve proposed the posted community meetings be revised to a time when more community is present in the late summer rather than the winter months.

**Playground** – Fundraising continues by volunteers to build the next phases of playgrounds at Schultz Park. The next fundraising event is on July 14<sup>th</sup> at The Ivy House, 3291 Blue Star Highway. See Attached.

**Foam Recycling Event** – A Styrofoam collection event sponsored by the Tri-Community Recycling Committee will be held June 11 from 9am to 3pm at the City of Saugatuck DPW (3338 Blue Star Highway). Drop off times are available by registering at <https://bit.ly/styro-no>

**Schultz Park Trees** – 16 new trees were installed on the east side of Schultz Park this week to provide habitat, shade, and a sound buffer to the park.

**Douglas Dutchers** – Vintage baseball is back at Beery Field this weekend when the Dutchers play on Saturday at 2:00 pm. See the schedule here: <https://douglasdutchers.org/schedule>

That is all I have for now.

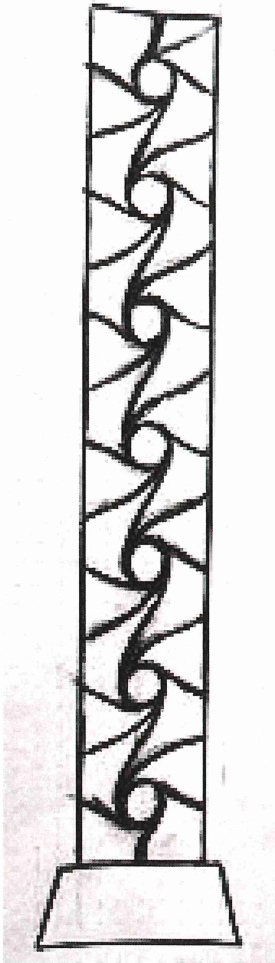
Rich LaBombard  
City Manager



# Seven Grandfathers

Outdoor Contemporary Totem—  
Douglas, Michigan

Front view

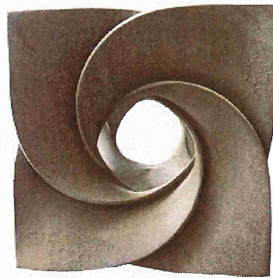


Jason Quigno,  
Artist

8'H x 1'W x 1'D

Indiana Limestone

Black Granite  
Base



## SEVEN GRANDFATHERS

is a contemporary totem that  
represents 7 grandfathers  
and their teachings:

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| 1. Humility | 5. Truth   |
| 2. Bravery  | 6. Respect |
| 3. Honesty  | 7. Love    |
| 4. Wisdom   |            |

These teachings speak to the values and traditions of the native people that lived on the land where the sculpture will be installed. It is a continual presence of the ancestors.

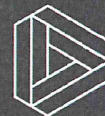
The sculpture not only represents the 7 Grandfather's teachings, but also sends the message that we are all connected through their teachings. To strive for the 7 teachings is to live an honorable and good life. This sculpture is based on Anishinaabek teachings but it is contemporary in design and will speak to all ethnicities.

The column design is 7 carved spiral squares that create a radial movement. The circular form in the middle is open and as light hits the sculpture, it reflects cast shadows and add to the 3D quality of the work. The open holes connect to the outside & the inside, the same way nature and humans connect.



*"When I create I am always pushing myself, my designs and the limits of the stone, to bring out a fluid and balanced form, and to create artwork that is graceful, delicate and has a sense of movement. You don't think of stone as having these qualities but these are some of the things I strive for in my work."*

- Jason Quigno can take a heavy block of hard, rigid stone and turn it into a seemingly weightless series of flowing forms, curling and interlocking with a distinct sense of movement.
- Jason Quigno was inspired at a young age by the work of his uncle, continuing his studies with Dennie Christy and apprenticed under Daniel Mena. He is now the most well known and respected Anishinaabe sculptor in the Midwest. Quigno's work appears in collections and exhibitions around the country. Quigno is represented by LaFontsee Gallery.
- His resume includes a National Endowment for the Arts Grant, publications in American Craft & The New York Times, and a speaking engagement at the Art Institute of Chicago
- His pieces range in size from small animal figurines to a 100,000 pound sculpture recently completed and installed at Grand Valley State University.



SAUGATUCK DOUGLAS FENNVILLE  
**ARTS INITIATIVE**

## **An Anishinaabe Tradition.**

The Seven Grandfather Teachings are the principles of character that each Anishinaabe should live by. Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility & Wisdom.

According to the story, long ago, a messenger sent to see how the Neshnabék were living, discovered that the Neshnabék were living their life in a negative way, which impacted their thoughts, decisions, and actions. Some had hate for others, displayed disrespectful actions, were afraid, told lies, and cheated. Others revealed pride or were full of shame. During his journey, the messenger came across a child. This child was chosen to be taught by the Seven Grandfathers to live a good life. He was taught the lessons of Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility, and Wisdom.

Before departing the Seven Grandfathers told him, "Each of these teachings must be used with the rest. You cannot have Wisdom without Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility, and Truth. You cannot be Honest if you are only using one of the other teachings. To leave out one teaching would be embracing the opposite of what the teaching means." The Seven Grandfathers each instructed the child with a principle. It was then up to the child to forget them, or to put them to use.

Each one of us represents the child. We must faithfully apply the teachings of our Seven Grandfathers to our own lives. We must place our trust in the Creator. We must also never forget to be sincere in our actions, character, and words.\*

## **Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility, and Wisdom.**

1.) Debwewin (Truth) • Truth represents the turtle. The teachings on truth allows you to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to being the complete person we were created to become. This will allow youth to see that though the journey may be slow, they need to keep moving forward as they have not yet met their destination.

2.) Zoongidi'ewin (Courage) • Courage or Bravery is represented as the bear. Through this teaching, our mentors will work with the youth to explain the importance of Courage to make positive choices and have a conviction based on your decisions and helps you find your inner strength so you can face your fears allows you to live life free for the betterment of the person, family and community.

3.) Manaaji'idiwin (Respect) • Respect is represented by the buffalo. The teachings on Respect will include the learning of treating those around you the way you want to be treated and that Respect does not allow you to be harmful to yourself or others as if you harm yourself, you are also harming yourself and the entire community.

4.) Gwayakwaadiziwin (Integrity) • Integrity is represented by the raven. The teaching on Integrity focuses us on knowing and accepting who we are and reminds us to not try to be someone who we are not; it also teaches us how Natives have been given the ability to survive and thrive.

5.) Zaagi'idiwin (Love) • Love is represented by the eagle. Love can be found in the core of all teachings. It is most important and focuses on having peace with yourself, balance in life, acceptance of all things and graciousness with the creator.

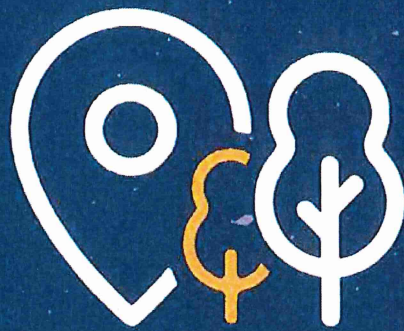
6.) Nibwaakaawin (Wisdom) • Wisdom is represented by the beaver. The teaching of wisdom will allow you to use your inherited gifts wisely and to recognize your differences and those of others in a kind and respectful way. Wisdom nurtures your ability to listen with clarity and a sound mind so this teaching will focus on how to listen.

7.) Dabasendizowin (Humility) • Humility is represented by the Wolf.

This teaching brings home that you are a sacred part of creation and allows you to carry your pride with your people and praise the accomplishments of all. Humility will teach you to find a balance within yourself for all creation.



The Douglas Park Project  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO



# FUND THE PARK

Thursday, July 14 | VIP 5:00pm, General Admission 5:30pm  
Ivy House | 3291 Blue Star Hwy. Saugatuck, MI 49453

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LIVE & SILENT AUCTION | COCKTAIL ATTIRE  
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