

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 11th day of February, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-01
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
ON INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK DESIGNATION
VERMILION POINT NATURE PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Vermilion Point Nature Preserve is situated in Chippewa County, Michigan's Whitefish Township, and

WHEREAS, conditions across the Lake Superior shoreline at Vermilion Point are ideal for night sky viewing, and;

WHEREAS, Vermilion Park nature Preserve lends itself to inclusion as an International Dark Sky Park according to the criteria set forth by the International Dark Sky Association in Tucson, Arizona, and;

WHEREAS, the night sky represents a significant resource that sustains the healthy balance necessary for the endangered piping plover that nest in the area, and

WHEREAS, the ecological and historical significance of the property, as well as the scenic beauty of the environmental and on-going educational opportunities will be enhanced through dark sky designation, and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Vermilion Point Nature Preserve as an International Dark Sky Park would add a new dimension to the appeal of Whitefish Township for tourism and resort visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chippewa County, along with the Whitefish Township Board supports pursuing International Designation as a Dark Sky Park for Vermilion Point Nature Preserve through the International Dark Sky Association in Tucson, Arizona.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

Catherine Maleport, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Catherine Maleport, County Clerk