## SIGN-ON LETTER:

A PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL DULUTH MINNESOTA JULY 29, 2014

## Dear Community Members, Duluth, Minnesota:

We believe that Duluth City Planning Department's characterization of Park Point platted street ends as "useless" is incorrect. The facts reveal that not only are the Park Point platted street ends "useful" but we believe they are also "priceless" because of their importance and value to the residents, and to the City of Duluth.

Clearly, the marketing of Park Point by the tourism industry has highlighted the infinite value of the Lake Superior \& Superior Bay and their attributes: scenic vistas, wildlife and water and ice sports of every type.

We have tried listing the activities available with only a "pedestrian pathway" at every platted street entry to the beach of Lake Superior or Superior Bay. Please see list below.

Pedestrian pathways have always been open to the residents since 1856, when first platted, for pedestrians to use to walk freely to the beaches at all platted streets on Park Point.

In response to the increasing numbers and usage pressure, some residents have constructed blockades to the once universal availability of pedestrian pathways to the beaches, thus preventing both their neighbors and the public from accessing the beaches of the lake and bay. These blocking actions are detrimental because this increases the pressure on the remaining pedestrian pathways, causing crowded parking and larger crowds on fewer sites.

The pressures of public recreation and the tourism industry have increased the usage of the park areas and waters of Park Point. We support the City of Duluth's continued improvements of the beach at 12th, Lafayette Square, and at the Beach House. We look forward to three accesses to Superior Bay with complete amenities: parking, bathrooms and reliable garbage service. Hours of operation and rules of use and safety information should be posted at the major accesses to the beach and bay. We support the use of Park Rangers to remind users of rules and safety points.

## ACCESSIBLE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT LAKE AND BAY BEACHES OF LAKE SUPERIOR AND SUPERIOR BAY:

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## Therefore,

We, representing the residents of Duluth, petition and request that the Duluth City Council recognize the above facts and true value of platted streets, and take the necessary official action to declare all platted streets on Park Point to be: "opened by use, for all citizens, responsibly," and to recognize and authorize a "pedestrian pathway" to exist at every platted street to the lake and bay beaches of Lake Superior and Superior Bay on Park Point, Duluth, Minnesota.

Submitted on behalf of Duluth residents and Park Point property owners \& residents, by: Gary Glass, 3215 Lake Ave South, Duluth, MN 55802 Cell: 218-391-4242 (Please call to return completed sheets to Gary Glass or email electronic sign-ons to me at email: gglass143@charter.net)
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[^0]:    Human (and dog) exercise, walking and running, Summer and Winter
    Rowing
    Beach combing
    Pienics of all sorts
    Swimming, and Winter plunges
    Bird watching, Summer and Winter
    Access to designated boat anchorages in Superior Bay
    Picture taking, Summer and Winter
    Fishing, Summer and Winter.
    Emergency services to anyone in need
    Sand castles
    Ports in a storm to get off the water
    Beach games
    Emergency assistance sought for water-borne passengers
    Paddle boarding
    Skiing on water and on snow
    Wave surfing
    Ice skating and ice boating
    Wind surf sailing, Winter wind boarding
    Beach bicycling
    Kayaking
    Snowmobiling, and Ice auto racing

