

**TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE**

**RESOLUTION 15-7**

**SUPPORT OF THE NEPTUNE'S DIVE CLUB STAIRCASE**

**Whereas**, The Town of Liberty Grove strives to provide as much as possible and as practicable public water access for recreation and enjoyment of its 45 miles of shoreline;

**Whereas**, Representatives of the Neptune's Dive Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin, have, for over four years, sought to construct a staircase at the Porte des Morts Town Park, where such staircase would allow access by the public to an iconic stretch of Northern Door County waterway;

**Whereas**, the proposed staircase would obviate the need for members of the public to climb up and down the fragile escarpment in order to access the Bay/Lake as is currently the practice among members of the public, exposing themselves to unnecessary risk while, at the same time, eroding the escarpment;

**Whereas**, a staircase such as the one proposed will enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the Niagara Escarpment;

**Whereas**, the Town of Liberty Grove has struggled under the State imposed levy limits to balance its expenses with its revenue, currently attempting to reduce spending by over \$440,000 to balance the expenses against the revenue;

**Whereas**, the Town cannot, therefore, afford to contribute a "matching" grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management agency in the amount of \$15,000;

**Be it Resolved:** the Town of Liberty Grove enthusiastically supports the construction of a staircase at the Porte des Morts Town Park for public access to waterfront for enjoyment and recreation;

**Be it further resolved:** in and when the proposed staircase is eventually constructed, the Town will take responsibility for the regular maintenance of the staircase as a permanent fixture of one of its Town parks.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty Grove held this 21st day of October, 2015.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter L. Kalms, Administrator