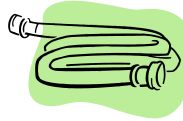


## PARK TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN HISTORICAL PLOT NAMING



1. **GETZ LAKEWOOD FARM** - “the farm that was a zoo”. 287 acres of barren land developed into a paradise of animals, fruit, flowers & buildings.
2. **OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR** - started with a dream 50 years ago to take a 50 acre parcel and turn it into one of the top 5 county fairs in the state.
3. **MT. PISGAH** - biblical name referring to a high place like the top of a mountain. Dune 185’ high vista overlooking Lake Michigan & Lake Macatawa.
4. **OTTAWA BEACH GENERAL STORE** - on March 9, 1916 a caucus was held to nominate candidates to govern Park Township here.
5. **TASMAS CORNERS** - old plat map refers to community or populated place at the corner of 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue & Lakewood Boulevard.
6. **ELDEAN SHIPYARD** - began in 1901 as Jesiek Brothers Shipyard providing service for more than 100 years on Lake Macatawa.
7. **POINT WEST** - restaurant on the southside of Park Township near Macatawa Hills, home to fine dining, now privately owned land.
8. **OTTAWA BEACH COTTAGE AREA** - one of earliest known examples of a planned community with reserved open spaces and cottage homes.
9. **MACATAWA PARK** - southside of channel, first of Holland’s many resort areas established in August 1881.
10. **CAMP KEEWANO-WOHELO** - in July of 1927 Campfire girls formed camp where Spyglass condominiums now stand on Lake Michigan.
11. **CHIEF WAUKAZOO** - Chief of the Ottawa Indians that once inhabited the land along Lake Macatawa. Waukazoo Woods named after him.
12. **GEORGE F. GETZ** - coal millionaire & politician bought 287 acres of barren land & developed it into Getz Lakewood Farm in 1910. He was from Chicago.
13. **PORTSMOUTH** - “paper city” never developed located across the channel from Macatawa Hotel by present Holland State Park.
14. **WAUKAZOO CUP** - silver cup offered in August 1902 as prize for winning sailing race from Chicago to Macatawa Bay Club.
15. **MARIGOLD LODGE** - Egbert Gold’s family arrived in 1912 and named after his wife Margaret & daughter Mary Jayne Gold. Head flower gardener was G.Wendt.
16. **KEPPEL FOREST** - preserve consisting of 40 acres of hardwoods & pines originally donated for school nature education by Albert Keppel.
17. **HERMAN WINDEMULLER** - Windermuller’s store located at 1464 Ottawa Beach Road was purchased in 1961 and remodeled for use as township offices.
18. **JOSEPH M. BOSKA** - last active Big Red lighthouse keeper until 1940 when federal Lighthouse Bureau abolished “Cap”.

19. **PARK TOWNSHIP AIRPORT** – where Jane Henricks, 1<sup>st</sup> woman to be licensed pilot in western Michigan flew, one of the 1<sup>st</sup> landing fields in Michigan.
20. **CAMP ECHO** – Established by Evanston, Illinois YMCA near Waukazoo Inn where Mr. Evenrude was a frequent guest.
21. **BIG RED LIGHTHOUSE** – 1<sup>st</sup> lighthouse where Big Red now stands was erected in 1872 20 years before the harbor opened. Most photographed lighthouse in MI.
22. **LEISURE ACRES** – home to boxing ring where Rocky Marciano trained. He was often seen running up and down James Street.
23. **PARK TOWNSHIP** – until 1916 was combined with Holland Township, then split 3/5 Holland Township and 2/5 Park Township.
24. **RILEY TRAILS** – 300 acres of rolling terrain & beach-maple forest. In 2006 Ottawa County Board transitioned property to Ottawa County Parks.
25. **JOHN J. RUTGERS** – 1<sup>st</sup> elected supervisor of Park Township. He served for one year. George Heneveld then served for twenty-five years.
26. **VIRGINIA PARK COMMUNITY CLUB** building - deeded to Park Township in 1943. Was originally the old interurban railway car barn. Southside Park Twp.
27. **SS ALPENA** – ship sank off shore by future Getz Farm during the “Big Blow” storm on October 15, 1880 with loss of all aboard.
28. **WAUKAZOO WOODS** – subdivision is one of the oldest in Holland & its name stands as a tribute to Chief Waukazoo.
29. **WEST MICHIGAN PARK ASSOCIATION** – originally 1 name from Holland, 2 Allegan & 63 from Grand Rapids. Built Hotel Ottawa and personal cottages.
30. **MELGERT VAN REGENMORTER** – 1<sup>st</sup> Lighthouse Keeper at Big Red Lighthouse served from 1870 to 1908.
31. **TUSCARORA BAY** - original name of Lake Macatawa, originally charted as a bay.
32. **FRED PANTLIND** – one of the original members of the West Michigan Park Association, hotel owner in Grand Rapids which is currently the Amyway Hotel.
33. **JENISON ELECTRIC PARK** – West Michigan residents did not have to drive to Cedar Point for thrill rides. They went to Jenison Park on the southside.
34. **BLACK LAKE** – September 29, 1934 Township Board passed resolution supporting change of name from Black Lake to Lake Macatawa.
35. **HATCH RESTAURANT** – home to fashion shows, boater hang out & great food along Lake Macatawa. Location now Yacht Basin Conference Center.
36. **EGBERT GOLD** – heating processor and inventor. Newspaper dated 1912 Reported Gold will build home on Point Superior for \$20,000.
37. **THOMAS SHELBY** – chairman of the first Park Township Recreation Commission established in 1970.
38. **HOLLAND STATE PARK** – acquired from city of Holland in 1926. Now enjoyed by over one million people every summer.
39. **OTTAWA BEACH INN** – originally called Beachcomber Tavern, on land that was previously golf course for the Ottawa Beach cottagers.
40. **TUNNEL PARK** – in 1930, 200’ wide lakefront land where Tunnel Park is now was exchanged for the rights to the end of Lakewood Boulevard by George Getz.