



Mickey Koehler bio

My name is Mickey Koehler and I represent the Edgewater Beach District on the board of directors of the Valparaiso Lake Area Conservancy District. This is my second time serving on the board of directors. The first time was back in the 80's.

For the 60 years I have been alive I have called Northwest Indiana my home. I graduated from Portage High School in 1973 and went to work for Bethlehem Steel's Burns Harbor plant which is now called ArcelorMittal USA. I am still currently employed at the same plant that I hired in at and looking forward to retiring from the mill in the near future.

Even though I held down a full time job at the mill, I was still able to give back to my community by serving it in various ways. When my boys were young I served as a Boy Scout leader and Boy Scout leader trainer and while being employed at the mill I served as a union representative. I have volunteered for the homeless shelter and for various events like the recent Valparaiso night ride. I have found great joy in serving this community.

My hobbies include umpiring softball and refereeing volleyball, reading, riding my bicycle, gardening, and walking. I especially enjoy walking the neighborhood and enjoying the fresh air and the different sights along the way.

My wife and I got married in 1980 and rented in Valparaiso before buying our current house on Edgewater Beach Road in 1983. The house which sits on Flint Lake was originally built by my wife's relatives back in the early 1900's and has been upgraded to its present state along the way. We raised three children in this home. My wife and I feel lucky to be able to walk about this community we call home.