Metroparks board promotes deputy to No. 1

A months-long, national search for a new metroparks chief ended when the board of the Huron-Clinton Met-ropolitan Authority promoted the No. 2 man.

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William P. Sherman, 57, will move
up to succeed James J. Pompo, who
will retire some time early next
year as executive director of the 13park, five-county system.

want the metroparks to do
more with marketing — I tilok it's
overly conservative in some areas,"
Sherman said during his November
interview before the board.

Sherman, a Macomb County resident, had been Metro Beach Metro-park superintendent from 1968-85

years.

THE SEVEN members of the HCMA board discussed none of the nine finalists whom they had interviewed over the last month. The vote on Shorman was 7-0.

Six finalists were from within the current HCMA staff, and three were parks managers in southeastern Michigan.

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How they are the devertised nationally and even sent members to a national convention in New Orleans to hunt talent.

"I think you folks did an awful good job of hiring in the past," said James G. Young, a two-month board member from Livingston County.
"Out of the nine candidates, I could have supported seven; all were very qualified."

"I concur with Young on the quality," said Robert W. Marans, board member from Washtenaw County.
"I was satisfied with seven," said Harry E. Lester, a gubernatorial appointee from Wayne County.
"Our people are good," said Jeanette S. Weiss, a gubernatorial appointee from Wayne County.

THE HCMA board has eight positions, but John C. Hertel vacated the
Wayne County post when be moved
to Macomb County in October. Hertel did not attend the Nov. 12 and
Dec. 3 Interviews.

The board voted to send a letter to
Wayne County executive Edward
McNamara advising him that no one
was specifically representing the
county.

The board spent nine minutes on
the hiring item, but most of that

time was on whether a deputy should be appointed to assist Sherman. The deputy's post was created for Portpo in 1969 when David Laidlaw was promoted to executive director. Thomas Welsh, board member from Macomb County, proposed ellminating the deputy post, but was argued down by Welss and Marans. Pompo said he would "put it in my letter" as to when he would leave but gave no precise date.

SHERMAN HAMMERED at the need to market the metroparks during his interview with the board. "We could, for example, think about getting into shows at Cobo to promote the parks," he sald.

He also said the HCMA needs a strategic plan, developed with direction from the commissioners. Sherman said he would be willing to



William P. Sherman. new metroparks chief, is a former teacher who came up through the ranks and was deputy director for two years. "I want to be on a first-name basis with everyone and give credit for ideas," he

meet one-on-one with each commis-sioner to ascertain their individual

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"I'm a down-to-earth people per-son who doesn't want to rule by fear," Sherman said of his manage-ment style. "I want to be on a first-name basis with everyone and give credit for ideas."

A FORMER teacher, Sherman started with HCMA 30 years ago as a seasonal recreation employee and became a full-timer 10 years later. Raised in St. Joseph, Mo., Sher-man earned a bachelor of science de-

gree from Northsest Missouri State in 1951 and a master of education degree from the University of Ar-kansas in 1958.

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The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan authority was created by state law in 1939 and financed by a voter-approved 0.25-mill property tax. Of its 13 metroparks, the best known are Kensington, Stony Creek and Metro Beach.

Huber to run for U.S. Senate

Robert J. Huber, a longtime con-servative figure in Michigan politics, Thursday offered himself to uncer-tain Republicans as their standard-bearer against Democrate U.S. Sen. Onala Hiegle. "I believe my campaign will at-tract Republicans from all segments of the party. I am not handicaped by any of the dissention that is pla-guing the Republican Party in Michi-gan," said Huber, 65, Troy resident

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and chairman of the board of the Michigan Chrome and Chemical Co. of Detroit.

State GOP leaders have been hunting for U.S. Senate candidates for two years. In 1984 they recruited retired astronaut Jack Lousma. They are they tossed around the name of Peace Corps director Loret Ruppe and state GOP Chairman E. Senecr Abraham.

Former U.S. Rep. Jim Dunn, East Lansing builder who lost the '84 Senate primary to Lousma, reportedly is planning to enter the race.

HUBER JUMPED in with both feet, filing a statement with the Fed-real Elections Commission, hiring McMaster Communications for publicity, establishing a mailing address at P.O. Box 1835 in Troy, and setting up an office at 2855 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

He named Clarence J. McLeod of Grosse Pointe campaign manager,



Alice Schoenholt of Royal Oak office manager, and Tom Wykes of Dearborn campaign coordinator. Huber has been mayor of Troy six years, a member of the Oakland County board, a two-tern state senator and a one-term U.S. representative.

His last successful campaign was for the congressional seat in 1972. Two years later he lost it to an assistant attorney general named James J. Blanchard, now governor. Since then Huber has twice sought the Scnate nomination.

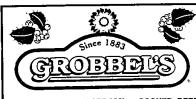
"RIEGLE IS vulnerable." Huber said, "because he has voted for every spending and tax increase in recent incmory. He has been highly ineffective in bringing industry to Michigan or improving its industrial climate. "He is considered weak" on the issue of strong national defense.

"I have supported the important issue for 20 years. These are the issues which President Reagan has been unable to get through the Congress because of the hostile attitudes of the Democrat-controlled House and Senate."

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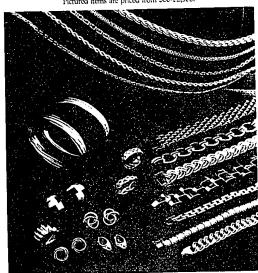
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