

its hometown residents and neighboring communities.

Ron Olson, chief executive officer of the Economic Development Corporation for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, said he appreciated the risk involved in opening a world-class facility amid Michigan's tough economic times, yet was confident in its success, as it adds jobs and revenue to the Michigan economy.

"We're not recession proof, but I think in-state and out-of-state travelers will find Turtle Creek to be a great destination," he said.

**T**urtle Creek's standard double hotel room sets a pretty high standard. While the

two beds seemed to be full-sized vs. queens, sleeping is comfortable. Glass shower stalls and earth-tone tiles surround a generous spray. A flat screen, wall-mounted TV and high-tech bedside clock accent the stylish lighting and décor. What were missing when we visited, though, were the in-room coffeemaker and a pool.

Common areas like the outdoor patio – with metal tables, chairs and red umbrellas, and the Level 3 Lounge carry a similar city-style feel.

The casino is nice, relaxing and spacious with towering sloped ceilings. And its staff is among the friendliest I've met. The approach from the hotel takes two escalators – the first brings you to a mid-level

lounge with a great view of both sides of the gaming floor; the second cascades you to the ground level.

The slots are fun and seemingly generous. My brother won \$651 on a 10-cent machine. And the payout attendant was genuinely happy for him as she counted out his winnings. ...To say the least, he'll be back!

Being a golfer and when up north, focused on recreation, I couldn't help but think how nice it would be to have an onsite golf course, pool, spa and waterside lounging. Maybe that will be part of Phase II!

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## Timberstone Gets That Fifth Star Again From Golf Digest



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Susie Fox, Director of Golf for TimberStone GC at the Pine Mountain Resort, is pumped again, as Golf Digest has awarded them their 5 Star award for a second time. Susie, who went to school with Tom Izzo and Steve Mariucchi and worked with them for 10 years on their Izzo-Mariucchi Classic. (<http://michigangolfer.tv/2004shows/show4/>) Susie has been at the course since Jerry Matthews designed the course.

Timberstone Golf Course has partnered up with Marquette's Greywalls and Harris's Sweetgrass to form a powerful trioka of courses. While many golfers from lower Michigan thought long and hard about driving to Iron Mountain to try TimberStone, they now might now make the trip to golf these terrific courses..



The new Turtle Creek Casino and Hotel features the Bourbons 72 Dining Room.