

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Township Hall
Thursday May 26, 2016

Meeting called to order at 11:00AM

Roll Call: Skurski, Shipman, Sanders – Chair; Griffiths; Andrus

Also present is *Michelle Reardon*, Director of Planning and Zoning

Absent: None

Approve Agenda:

MOTION: Shipman/Skurski remove Consent Agenda to Regular Park Commission meeting on Wednesday June 1, 2016 and approve agenda as amended.

PASSED UNAN

Brief Citizen Comments – for items not on the Agenda

None

Conflict of Interest

None

Business

A. Appoint Members for Bowers Harbor Park (BHP) Expansion Steering Committee

Sanders thanked the public for their interest via both electronic communication and attendance at meetings. Shipman discussed role of committee members and time commitment over the next 6 – 8 months (2 meetings/month and special attendance at Park Commission meetings as needed). Planning department at Peninsula Township will be involved as technical reference. Sanders reiterated the need for public input and consultation from the start through the completion of the BHP Expansion project.

Park Commission discussed the previous two nominations at the Special Joint Meeting of the Town Board and Park Commission on 5/9/16 of Mary Swift and John Snow.

MOTION: Shipman/Griffiths to finalize Mary Swift as a Volunteer Committee Member

PASSED UNAN

MOTION: Shipman/Skurki to finalize John Snow as a Volunteer Committee Member

PASSED UNAN

Interested Volunteer Committee Members:

Not Present (statements and letters read out loud by Shipman): Dena Schweitzer, Karen Gleeson, Beverly Thompson

Present (Allowed time to address Commission and Public at the podium): Meg Havenga, Jennifer Sprenger, Don Atkinson, Dan Denowitz, Diane Hammond, Sarah Kroupa, Dan Farley, Monnie Peters (Declining), Nancy Heller (Declining), Sue Kinne (Declining), Dorothy ?? (Declining)

MOTION: Andrus/**not supported** to appoint Mr. Atkinson to fill the position

MOTION: Griffiths/**not supported** to appoint Ms. Schweitzer to fill the position. Motion withdrawn by Griffiths due to concern of time commitment

MOTION: Sanders/Shipman to appoint Ms. Havenga to fill the position **PASSED UNAN**

B. Approve RFP for Hessler Log Cabin Repair: Previous RFP, after a 4/1 vote, did not receive any bids. The new RFP language does not include: developing a committee to work with the contractor to teach the Historical Society members yearly maintenance practices. The current Historical Society work estimate is \$6000 - \$8000 to be paid for via Historical Society funds. **Tabled until further study of work to be needed is completed.**

C. Approve Lighthouse Invoices: tabled until June 1, 2016 Regular Meeting

Citizen Comments

Monnie Peters, 1425 Neahtawanta Road: Concerns regarding meeting format, location and packet concerns. Very positive comments on organization and public input at meetings.

Nancy Heller Blue Water Road: Question for the commission: Where is the Big John fund entry into the Park Commission balance? When will it be entered into the fund balance? Push for a solution to figure out account balances. Can't run a business like this. Being negative is not productive as a Township. Would really like to work together for a solution.

Mary Swift 13956 Peninsula Drive: Thank You

Sarah Kroupa: Thank You

Margaret Achorn 11284 Peninsula Drive: Regarding budget comments, doesn't know why you are getting stonewalled at the Township Hall. Didn't tell Parks what share of Big John sales belonged to Parks until much later.

Board Comments

Sanders The Park Commission has a Park Adopted program for all of our parks. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering.

Sanders The Park Commission will be discussing a preliminary budget request to fund the BHP Expansion Committee efforts.

Andrus Would like to see a Public Hearing and a Survey Request as items for the BHP Expansion Committee to conduct.

Skurski Would like to see the first Committee meeting take away to include and outline of input options proposal.

Shipman Addressed the entire Bowers Harbor Park and Expansion Park as "the Park" and thanked everyone for volunteering

Skurski Would like to receive items from the public and Park Commission for the next meeting agenda. Request a stop date for addition of items to agenda prior to meetings – the Thursday prior to regular scheduled meetings. Parks have unaudited accounts as of today. Parks have close to 65% of our coverage for our budget requirements

Shipman Wants status of requested meeting with auditor and Township Clerk, Monica Hoffman. Skurski will announce date of meeting.

ADJOURN: 12:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Maura Sanders, Peninsula Township Park Commission - Chair