

**Peninsula Township
Special Park Commission Meeting
May 30, 2018, 10:00 am
Peninsula Town Hall
13235 Center Road
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** by Griffiths at 10:00 am
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Present: Skurski, Cornell, Atkinson, Snow, Griffiths Absent: none
4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for items not on the agenda)** None
5. **Approve Agenda** Snow asked that toilets at the lighthouse be added to the Business section of the agenda. Commission members agreed. Skurski moved to approve the amended agenda; Snow seconded **Passed unam**
6. **Conflict of Interest** None
7. **Business**

A. Lighthouse 100 foot race. Snow stated that the footrace starts at the lighthouse and follows a route of 100 miles to Petoskey, this year. No certificate of liability has been provided to the township. Griffiths added that people in the race provide their own support team; they start at 6:00 am. She reported that the Zoning Administrator requires no permit for this event because its enrollment usually is around 50 people. Atkinson recommended contact information on the organizers in case of emergency. Because they are using our park, there should be a permitting process in effect. Wilkinson said we need both a permitting process and contact information because last year lots of trash was left, and we need to know about parking arrangements. Schultz stated that there is already limited parking at the lighthouse and this makes it worse. Skurski recommended that someone talk to Manigold and/or Deeren to see what could be done. No motion was made.

B. Toilets at the Lighthouse. Snow provided an overview of the current toilets situation at Lighthouse park. Odor of the vault toilets appears to be the source of most complaints. Vault toilets cost about \$360.00/1000gal pump out plus an additional \$100.00 in chemicals. His research has found that "bonnets" on the roof of a vault toilet that catches wind and a commercial deodorant has proven effective at the state parks, according to Casey Mahoney, director of the TC state park. Toilets are pumped out 3 times/year. Snow said that port-a-potties are expensive and he prefers limiting them because of their cost. Atkinson moved to purchase 2 bonnets for the vault toilets plus commercial deodorant strips not to exceed \$750.00; seconded by Cornell.

Passed unam

C. Priority Planning for the Parks (2018). Skurski stated that the Commission has a budget plan for expenditures for this year, and that the Commission needs to prioritize the projects for Wilkinson. Because each Commissioner is assigned a park to shepherd through the fiscal year, he suggested that everyone introduce the needs of their particular park and how urgent the work would be.

(Each Commission then reviewed their respective park areas and outlined the priorities for the other Commissioners and Wilkinson. A lively and robust discussion then ensued as Commissioners asked questions and supplied observations for the others on an issue).

After the review was complete, the following priorities were listed in terms on urgency of repair. This included:

#1 Priority (with the most important first, followed by increasingly less important items).

- Playground repair-1st priority (all parks)
- Removal of grill stumps (Bower's Harbor Park)
- Anchoring soccer net
- Placement of buoys at Hastert Park
- Dock extension at Hastert Park
- Memorial Bench placement at Lighthouse
- Trail Gravel
- Garbage can lid placement and ordering

#2 Priorities

- Finish picnic tables
- Repair storage shed at Lighthouse including roof
- Fence placement at Bowers Harbor on west side of park
- Remove dying Black Locust trees at Haserot Park

#3 Priorities

- Sign post removal

9. Citizen Comments

Laura Serocki, 6924 Center Road, requested that the six benches at Pelizzari need to be distributed better throughout the park. Currently 4 of the six are in one area. She also wanted to know if the large limbs remaining from the oak removal will be removed as well at Pelizzari. The Commissioners said yes.

10. Board Comments None

11. Adjournment Atkinson moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Skurski. A voice vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.