

**Peninsula Township
Park Commission
Regular Meeting September 7, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: **Sanders**-Chair; **Griffiths**; **Andrus**

Absent: Skurksi (excused) Shipman (excused)

Also present were *Bob Wilkinson*, Buildings and Grounds; *Ginger Schultz*, Lighthouse Manager and *Mary Ann Abbott*, Recording Secretary.

Approve Agenda

Sanders would like to add to the Consent Agenda the minutes of July 21, 2016 for approval and make a correction to the August 16, 2016 meeting to reflect that Griffiths was present at that meeting.

MOTION: Griffiths/Andrus to approve the Agenda with changes.

PASSED UNAN

Brief Citizen Comment – for Items not on Agenda

Dena Schweitzer, 13446 Blue Shore is here representing the Traverse City Little League and would like to thank the Park Board for their support over the years. She would also like to thank Bob Wilkinson for his work replacing the Bleacher tops which look just wonderful.

Conflict of Interest

None

Consent Agenda

A. Correspondence (as provided in packet)

B. Approve Minutes–

July 21, 2016 Special Meeting

August 3, 2016 Regular Meeting

August 10, 2016 Special Meeting

August 18, 2016 Special Meeting

C. Treasurer's Report

D. Invoice List Approval

Andrus would like to remove the Invoice List Approval from the Consent Agenda and place as Business Item #J

MOTION: Griffiths/Andrus to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

PASSED UNAN

Business

A. Devil's Dive Half & 5K –Siderman

Daniel Siderman, Traverse City Track Club would like to request to again stage the Devil's Dive 5K race on the Devil's Dive park property. They are expecting about 200 participants on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 11 AM. The Porta-Johns will be delivered the Friday before the race and they may set the start and finish lines on Saturday. A small amount of mowing may need to take place but the Track Club will take care of this.

Sanders Will you be using the same footprint as last year? *Siderman* Yes

MOTION: Sanders/Griffiths to approve the Traverse City Track Club Devils Dive Special Event Application for October 9, 2016.

PASSED UNAN

B. Update Long Term Planning Update—Skurski

Griffiths reported that she and Commissioner Skurski met to discuss Long Term Planning for the Parks. They suggest a team composed of Skurski, Griffiths and the Township Planner and develop an Exploration Team. This Team would then develop a formal team consisting of a member of the Town Board and public citizens. The project is on hold until a Township Planner is selected.

C. Maintenance Report /Wilkinson Contract/Mowing Subcontract—Sanders

Bob Wilkinson, Building and Grounds presented his report to the Commission:

The trail sign at Bowers Harbor Walking path needs to be replaced. Commission approved Wilkinson to replace this sign and asked that the distance of the path be measured and also placed on the sign.

Wilkinson has been in contact with Sarah Crane concerning the Tree Planting at Haserot Beach Park. She is willing to help with obtaining maple trees (Suggestion by Wilkinson that some maples may be transplanted from other locations) and water for two years. Wilkinson also suggested that the soil be improved for these trees.

The tabletops at the Bowers Harbor Park have been replaced with aluminum. The dugout roof is almost finished.

Wilkinson has resigned from the Mowing and Snow Plowing portion of his contract. He has found a replacement for the mowing portion. Consensus is to proceed with Wilkinson's recommendation.

D. Lighthouse Manager Report.

Ginger Schultz Lighthouse Manager presented her report for the month of August 2016:

Keeper program is going well. Event for National Lighthouse Day was celebrated with 300 cupcakes and lots of donations from visitors. Painting is done on the railing. MIHM grant meeting is tomorrow at 10:00 AM. The Lighthouse Gift Shop has grossed \$97,894.50. They received \$47,964.00 for the tower climb. Tour groups are contacting them regularly. Need more local volunteers.

E. Cub Scouts joint stewardship project with GTRLC at PNA

Cub Scouts Pack #26 would like to enter into an agreement for upkeep and care of Pelizarri Park. The point person will be Commissioner Shipman. Consensus is to proceed with this agreement. Pack #26 will come up with the contract.

F. Hessler Log Cabin Restoration Schedule

Sanders Mike Lautner from M&M Log Construction and will be getting the Park Commission a work schedule.

G. Update Bowers Harbor Expansion –Shipman

Sanders reported that next meeting would be Monday September 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Email Sanders or Shipman with any questions.

H. Tree planting at Haserot Beach Park

Covered in Wilkinson's report

I. Consumers re Bowers and Haserot lights

Sanders reported that they are requesting shields for the lighting at Bower's and Haserot.

J. Invoice List Approval

Andrus questions payments on invoice list payable to individuals in particular for the cupcakes for Lighthouse Day. **Sanders** will check with the Township on these expenditures and report back to Andrus

MOTION: Griffiths/Sanders to approve the Invoice list as submitted.

PASSED UNAN

Citizen Comments

Bob Wilkinson was asked by a citizen for more picnic tables at Haserot Beach. There was a suggestion that when people inquire about a memorial bench that a picnic table could be suggested as well.

Board Comments

None

MOTION: Andrus/Griffiths to adjourn at 7:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by *Mary Ann Abbott*, Recording Secretary.