

## BOWERS HARBOR PARK EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting

September 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 2:13 p.m.

Present: Shipman, Chair; Foote, Swift, Havenga and Snow.

Absent: Rosi.

Note: Reardon is no longer employed by Peninsula Township, Zoning Administrator Claire Schoolmaster will be representing the planning department going forward.

Approve Agenda

Motion: Swift/Havenga to approve the agenda. MOTION PASSED.

### BRIEF CITIZEN COMMENTS – FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Nancy Heller 3091 Blue Water Road – asked about the status of the committee budget and requested a current budget figure (Shipman will summarize at next meeting).

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Swift/Havenga to approve the consent agenda. MOTION PASSED.

### BUSINESS

- A. Review draft summary Report produced by Beckett & Raeder based on August 18, 2016 public input meeting and comments received.

The Committee reviewed the information presented in the report and explored methods of prioritization for both the north and south portions of the park. It was discussed that many of the elements receiving the strongest favorable responses supported elements identified in the concept plan such as pedestrian trails. It was also noted by Foote that the A & B columns are responses that are both positive and it might help the committee to look at a combined number in terms of defining priorities. The committee discussed the elements that received close to or greater than 50% supportive votes. The committee discussed refinements to the concept plan and the need to add the eastern two track to the map and refine trails accordingly. Shipman to followup with township staff and Beckett & Raeder regarding two-track easement. Beckett & Raeder also to be asked about moving forward on phase 3, to include a graphic representation of the north park, and a refinement of trails, parking, etc.

Discussion of cost to provide irrigation for plantings and whether fencing would be recommended to delineate boundaries and prevent vehicle access. Committee would like to ask Otwell-Mawby whether fencing would satisfy the due care buffer requirement. Shipman also to followup regarding encroachment work done by Reardon.

Committee discussed phasing of development, beginning with baseline improvements including mandatory items framed by the grant agreement and due care plan (vegetative buffer, public entrance and parking, signage, site cleanup). Shipman to create table for the committee to work with based on data from the public input report.

- B. Discuss next steps in planning process.

The Committee recommends the Park Commission consider installation of no dumping/no motorized vehicles signage, site cleanup of the property, and movement of the sign that was placed from the west two-track. Committee would like to work with adjusted table of public input data for phased development

considerations, and would like to pursue phase 3 planning items. Consensus that committee will need to request addition of rendering for north portion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

MOTION: Swift/Snow to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Shipman,  
Peninsula Township Park Commission

These minutes stand to be approved at the next meeting of the BHP Expansion Committee.