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From: Brian VanDenBrand <planner@peninsulatownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Anne Griffiths (aegriffiths415@gmail.com); Don Atkinson; Gary Cornell; John Snow; Mike Skurski
Subject: Update on park plan public comment emails

Hi all,

Over the past few minutes I've forwarded a number of emails we've received as public comment for tonight's meeting. I will also print off paper copies.

As a reminder, the primary purpose of tonight's meeting is to invite additional public comment on the draft park plan.

Please remember that the plan isn't perfect at this point. It's still a draft, and we are still in the information gathering and writing stage.

My suggestion is that you schedule a work session in the coming weeks (before Christmas) to discuss finalizing the plan, incorporate public comment as appropriate, and then discuss a final plan at your regular meeting on January 3rd. The Township Board could then accept the plan at its regular January 9th meeting.

Regards,

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SUGGESTIONS FOR PNA LANGUAGE

Please consider using some of the language from the Master Plan written in 2010 in the Recreation Inventory Section of the 2017 Recreation Plan. Readers are referred to the Appendix, but it might be helpful if some of the language is located in the Plan. It is important that future Park Commissioners realize that the public was promised "no play structures, no gazebos, no athletic fields, etc". Several Eagle Scouts have asked to build structures (basketball court, disc golfing, gazebos, playgrounds) with "natural materials". Previous Park Commissions have turned these down, as not fitting in with the passive recreational aspect of PNA.

The following were taken from the original Master Plan 2010. Any or all of these in the Recreation Inventory Section would be helpful for future Park Commissions..

"Ensure park usage is in keeping with the quiet natural undisturbed character of the park". (Page 25)

"Natural area is a low-impact quiet/natural area ...allowing for passive recreation activities while protecting, conserving, and restoring the natural scenic, outdoor recreation, and wildlife values of the site". (Page 22)

"Manage the Natural Area so as to preserve, protect, and restore the site's natural resources". (Page 28)

Name: Laura Serocki

Address: 6924 Center Rd TC 49686

Comment:

PARK COMMENTS

Archie Park—keeping the beach open for the public is important
Bowers Harbor—extending the walking trail to the south would be great! The pavilions are wonderful places for gatherings.

Murray/Ridgeway—new maps are great!

PNA—There are many young trees and seedlings growing next to the trails. Many have already been broken off or branches cut off. Some of these could be transplanted into areas of the park that need trees.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Anne Griffiths (aegriffiths415@gmail.com); Don Atkinson; Gary Cornell ; John Snow; Mike Skurski
Subject: FW: Park Plan

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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Wagner [<mailto:jennybear2@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 10:52 AM
To: planner@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: Park Plan

Hello,

The last time I looked, there is currently no toilet facility at the Murray Road trailhead as stated in the plan.

Thanks,
Linda Wagner

Sent from my iPad

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From: Brian VanDenBrand <planner@peninsulatownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Anne Griffiths (aegriffiths415@gmail.com); Don Atkinson; Gary Cornell ; John Snow; Mike Skurski
Subject: FW: Hasterot Park etc

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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda [<mailto:lkeely@acegroup.cc>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 8:16 PM
To: planner@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: Hasterot Park etc

Hello, I feel the plan for this park is too general. I suggest developing the park somewhat like the park at Empire including paved parking with payment required except for township residents. I think there needs to be a plan for daily cleaning of the toilet, trash removal (extra on weekends) and beach clean up. There is a lack of cleaning at the parks. This needs more emphasis.

There is quite a lot of horse traffic at Old Mission Point Park which is neither mentioned nor addressed At Bowers Harbor, the large, above ground tree roots are dangerous by the pavilion and there needs to be safely remediation. Perhaps by soil addition.

I feel the township needs to take better care of existing parks rather than add more at this time.

Please present my thoughts at the Park Commission meeting on Dec 6.

Thanks

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From: John Jacobs [mailto:jjacobs@jjacobs.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:05 PM
To: planner@peninsulatownship.com; Anne Griffiths
Cc: Robert Hyslop
Subject: Comment On Park and Recreation Plan

Dear Mr. VanDenBrand,

I am the president of the Leffingwell Forest Preserve Assn. which is comprised of all 35 homes that line the north side of Old Mission Bay. On behalf of our homeowners, I am writing to affirm our agreement with comments on the 2017 Draft Park and Recreation Plan sent to you on Dec. 3 by Robert Hyslop.

Haserot Beach operates at its capacity, both as a beach and a boat launch. Expansion of the launch or parking will serve only to further strain capacity and exacerbate existing problems with safety and traffic.

I urge looking into the feasibility of acquiring other property, perhaps closer to Traverse City where most of the Township's population resides, that can be used for additional beach/boating access, thereby relieving the pressure on Haserot.

Mr. Hyslop's comments to you are included below for your reference.

Sincerely yours,

John Jacobs - President, Leffingwell Forest Preserve

My name is Robert Hyslop and I wish to comment on the 2017 Park and Recreation Plan. I am a part owner in The Pines, 18848 Eastern Road, which abuts Haserot Beach on the east. I am also a recreational sea kayaker and have paddled extensively in the bay, to the lighthouse, and to Power Island.

Recreation Inventory - Haserot Beach

1. I commend the plan for its assessment of the problems with Haserot Beach Park and the importance of this park to the community. Specifically:
 - that it is the **only** improved public beach access on the peninsula,
 - that boat traffic associated with the launch ramp severely limits the area available for swimming,
 - that parking, crowding and usage conflict are persistent issues that need to be addressed.
2. The statement *that the boat launch is operational but needs some upgrading, with safety modifications* needs clarification. I assume that upgrading means something along the lines of the sheet piling proposal commissioned by the township earlier this year. (Gordie Fraser, February 13, 2017) That project had an estimated cost of \$175,000 but it did not affect swimmer safety in any meaningful way. In fact, the sheet walls would impair sight lines and increase the risk of swimmer/motor boat accidents, particularly at lower lake levels.
3. I read with particular interest the inventory's mention that *...nearby property may be available for purchase [that] would accommodate the large numbers of visitors to the park...* This description suggests something more ambitious than the old garage property. I would certainly like to know more, but recognize that public discussion of details may not be possible at this time.
4. I note that the inventory discloses that two Haserot parcels were acquired in 1989 with funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Fund. It might be good for the public to know that these constitute the western half of the park. Also, that they were acquired from The Nature Conservancy, presumably with use restrictions imposed by the grantor. This might be helpful in addressing the "less grass, more parking" suggestions. (See eg. Appendix A)

Goals, Objectives and Actions - Haserot Beach

I find an internal inconsistency as to the second item to *Develop a plan—in cooperation with the DNR—for redesign and repair/rebuild of a single ramp motorized boat launch at Haserot.* Repair is one thing, redesign and rebuild is another, and the latter sounds like the Gordie Fraser sheet piling proposal.

Reviewing a parcel map obtained from the township last August I find that the existing ramp slabs are entirely within the "No Development Zone" created by the 1960 Prescott deed. That encroachment appears to be about about thirty feet. Thus a redesign and rebuild would require that the slabs be removed and reinstalled to the west, thus reducing by another thirty feet the amount of beach available to the non-motorboating public.

If the township decides to keep a motorized launch at Haserot Beach Park, it should do so with the understanding that it will remain as it is and where it is. No redesign, no rebuild.

Please see the following attachments:

Parcel Map, Planning Department, 8/2/2017

Concept # 2, Haserot Expansion Plan, Draft 6/9/2014

Goals, Objectives and Actions - Lighthouse Park

If implemented, the first item, *Provide access for swimming and launch of small, non-motorized carry boats* would mitigate congestion and user conflict at Haserot Beach. These need not be expensive projects. I suggest the following design criteria:

- simple gravel parking lots
- low bank shoreline
- wooden steps to reduce erosion
- portable toilet facilities

I suggest the following locations:

- turnout of M-37 one-half mile west of the lighthouse (trail junction 9 on Map 4)
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Attachments: BAGLEY STRIP.pdf; Untitled attachment 00004.htm; DNR 2014 PROPOSAL.pdf; Untitled attachment 00007.htm

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From: Robert Hyslop [<mailto:hyslop@comcast.net>]
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2017 7:03 PM
To: Van Den Brand Brian
Cc: robert Hyslop
Subject: 2017 Park and Recreation Plan

December 3, 2017

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Subject: FW: Park Expansion Property Runoff
Attachments: 2600 Bowers Harbor Road, Spring Water.docx

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From: bcatinella@charter.net [<mailto:bcatinella@charter.net>]
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2017 9:54 AM
To: 'planner@peninsulatownship.com'
Subject: Park Expansion Property Runoff

From: bcatinella@charter.net
To: "Catinellas@charter.net"
Cc:
Sent: 26-Nov-2017 14:51:56 +0000
Subject: New Message

To: Peninsula Township Board

Park Board

I am writing to update you on a problem I and some neighbors have had regarding spring time water runoff from the Bowers Harbor park expansion property to the properties directly north.

Four years ago, 2013, my basement began to flood because of water runoff from the expansion property. I called the township and was told the land belonged to a downstate developer but was being sold to the township to expand the park. I provided pictures to the planner Michelle who assured me the township would correct the problem upon taking ownership.

The following year the water problem repeated itself costing me \$9000.00 to install a drainage system for my basement. I again went to the township and was told the purchase of the property was in the works

but had not been completed. I was again assured that the issue would be addressed when the township obtained ownership.

I recently had conversations with Don Atkinson of the park board and township Brian Vandenbrand township planner, regarding the Bowers Harbor Park expansion. It appears that since my earlier conversations with township officials in 2013 several township board, park board, and the township planner have left, and the information regarding the water problem of the property owners north of the expansion property has been lost.

I am now again providing this information to update the decision process to assure our concerns are considered in the expansion plan. I have lived at this address since 1986 and have never had water issues anywhere near this level. There are many theories as to why this has started to happen, but I am only concerned it is addressed.

Please see attached

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From: Brian VanDenBrand <planner@peninsulatownship.com>
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To: Anne Griffiths (aegriffiths415@gmail.com); Don Atkinson; Gary Cornell ; John Snow; Mike Skurski
Subject: FW: Peninsula Parks Master Plan

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From: William Stott [<mailto:wstott3193@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2017 8:11 AM
To: planner@peninsulatownship.com
Cc: Anne Griffiths
Subject: Peninsula Parks Master Plan

Mr. Brian VanDenBrand
Peninsula Township Planner

I attended the recent Peninsula Parks Commission meeting in which the draft Master Plan for OMP parks was reviewed. As an involved OMP resident, I am greatly interested in seeing this document finalized. I congratulate you and the Commission for taking on this very important effort. While recognizing that this document is a work in progress, I still wish to pass on a few comments, both general and specific.

As a general comment, our multi-use trails (hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing) are one of the largest draws for visitors and residents alike. To a large degree they help define OMP as much as our agricultural areas and a stated goal of preserving, maintaining and even expanding these should be a point of emphasis. There does not appear mention of the potential for established bridle trails which is becoming more of an issue due to use of some OM Point Park trails by horse riders. Horses tend to damage the sandy soil trails of which we have a few. Mountain biking can also damage some areas also, though not as significantly as horse hooves. Some mention of either development of bridle paths or strengthening the trail-bed with crushed rock, or similar, may be useful in the document. Also, as a premier biking destination, some statement of providing for the ease and safe practice of this activity would seem warranted. Despite falling under the direct control of the county road commission, road biking could be greatly enhanced by securing an extension of the TART system onto OMP with the ultimate goal of having a packed rock or paved trail running the length of OMP. While this may be a bit of a "stretch" goal, it is not necessarily unattainable as the benefits to having access to such a trail for existing residential OMP developments become recognized and written into planning/zoning requirements.

Specific comments, apart from the few obvious formatting issues, are as follows;

- 1) The map #3 is no doubt up for revisions as it does not show the Bower's Harbor expansion nor Kelley Park.
- 2) On page 14 regarding, "...action is needed to reduce automobile access to the beach area..." apparently references the four informal pull-outs of the Lighthouse Park is highly commendable and needed. Could some detail be added regarding "why" this is needed? Perhaps providing very visible parking area along the roadside and steps to the beach at these areas would remedy both the trash and erosion issues? Boulders work well in preventing unwanted auto access.

Sincerely,
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From: Dave Murphy [mailto:dgmurphy@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 2:12 PM
To: 'Brian Vandenberg'
Subject: Comments on Township Parks Plan

Brian & Parks Commissioners:

First, thank you for the dedicated work to this planning process.

Some general input and then some specific comments about Pelizzari Natural Area:

- Our parks are an essential part of public health & safety. They're much more than physical assets to manage. Whether it's specific safe places for kids & families to recreate, or programs & tools within the parks for public health, or even a focus on safe recreation/non-motorized transportation on our roads outside of the parks, I'd like to see the parks commission view their mission at least partly in the context of public health & safety.
- The township demographics should be taken into account with grant applications and land acquisition for parks. We've done a great job of creating parks/preserving land to the north in the township and it's understood that the geographic center is near Bowers Harbor/Blue Water Road. But from a population standpoint, 50% of our residents live south of Wilson Road. The only park in that section of the township is Pelizzari Natural Area (PNA) and it was a mighty struggle less than a decade ago to create it. Everyone benefits in many different ways from our parks & other land preservation to the north. Those of us to the south use the northerly parks, but with a considerable drive. And by eliminating development on preserved land to the north, we benefit again with less traffic driving to the south. So by all means, let's continue to add to our northern parks. But with that understood, people recreate where they live. The direction most of us are pointed is toward town because that's where jobs, shopping and most of the schools are. Please keep the demographics of our township in mind if parks expansions are considered. Let's continue adding parkland wherever we might,

but please note these demographics and give consideration to the south end of the township. There is significant undeveloped land left near PNA.

- The Lighthouse and adjacent park are historical & community resources. They obviously get extremely high use. But that use is dominated by non-residents. We should be a welcoming township; we certainly use the parks resources of nearby units of government. Plus the lighthouse is a draw that benefits our commercial & agricultural communities. But with all of that understood, the lighthouse should always cover its expenses because of the use patterns of visitors and tourists. Perhaps that's stating the obvious, but my point is that other parks are community resources; the lighthouse is more of a visitor resource. As grants, expenditures and even your time commitment goes, I sometimes get concerned with how much is poured into the lighthouse. Let's also take care of and expand the resources used the most by our residents.
- We've had some recent discussions about connecting the parks, possibly partnering with TART for non-motorized trail development, or making enhancements to current heavily used routes. This should be not only a parks priority but a township government priority. Our township is heavily utilized for recreation not only by township residents, but by those from the city & area visitors. Our roadways can be dangerous when cars, agricultural vehicles, joggers and bicyclists are competing for space. All roads are not created equal. They were designed at different times for different uses and development along them occurred in ways that should be respected. Road widening & removal of vegetation is often seen as a simple way to enhance safety but may actually have the opposite effect. We need to be vigilant of this in dealing with the county road commission & should take steps to make our views known about future work on our roads. Some of our most scenic roads (East Shore as one example) have massive trees and vegetation right next to the pavement that naturally slows traffic and makes the road appealing for recreation. We should not lose that ambiance or burden homeowners with more asphalt in their front yards. So we need to think creatively about best uses of our roads, respecting our neighbors' historical use patterns, & possibly utilizing alternative corridors to provide safe non-motorized opportunities. The parks commission should weigh in on these subjects with the township and road commission.
- Pelizzari Natural Area (PNA) is where I'll focus most of my specific suggestions. I was the founder of the group initiating the first petitions to create the park, starting in 1995, & have been deeply involved with the park for 22 years. It took 13 years just to get the issue on a millage ballot in 2008. My comments:
 - The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy has been an invaluable partner to PNA and the park would not exist without their involvement. Whatever the parks commission & township might do to permanently cement GTRLC's relationship with PNA could be nothing but a benefit to our township.
 - As noted earlier, parks expansion will be valued wherever it might be achieved. But especially with PNA being the only park on the south end past Wilson Road where 50% of the population resides, it should be given additional consideration.
 - When we ran the millage campaign to create PNA, we did it as a citizens group separate from the parks and township. The millage language and the citizen's group commitment was to use the millage money for two purposes only: purchase the land & use a specifically defined amount of money to do early stage improvements to make it safe to use. Those improvements took place in the first several years. Whatever millage is collected from this point to the time the bonds are paid off should be directed only to debt reduction. If any excess is collected, it should be immediately applied to the debt and collections cease. If there's over-collection for any reason, it should be returned to the residents. If further improvements are deemed necessary for PNA, money should not come from that millage collection. No one is more attached to PNA than me. But we should honor the understanding voters had with the millage & we ran the campaign based upon the terms of the millage created by the township board and elections officials.
 - When the land for PNA was acquired, tests revealed low levels of old agricultural chemicals on the northwest wing of the property. The MDEQ created excessively strict standards to be met before the land could be passed to the township in a hold harmless condition. That remediation work was paid for by volunteers in cooperation with the GTRLC's fundraising. No costs of remediation were paid for by the township. The expense was enormous – hundreds of thousands of dollars. Our understanding was that no motorized traffic would ever be permitted in that wing as part of the MDEQ's requirements. After power outages, Consumers Energy crashed onto the north wing of the property repeatedly, tearing up

trails and vegetation, and cutting down sizeable trees far from their right of way to access their utility corridor. Never before had they accessed their easement from what's now PNA because it had been an orchard with a boundary of forest near the utility easement. But because the MDEQ mandated remediation that included removing a naturally forested area, Consumers could more easily gain access from the park. The parks commission has apparently agreed with Consumers that there will be ongoing access through that remediated area. The legality may be unclear, but I urge the parks commission to not passively let Consumers continue this practice. Again, Consumers never before accessed their utility easement from PNA until the MDEQ mandated tree removal – at a massive expense to volunteers. I'll ask on behalf of all of us who donated at a heavy cost to make this project happen that Consumers simply continue to use its old pathways to their easement and not enter through PNA and do further damage to the park. It's more demanding on them to use the old paths, but they did it for over half a century & are now taking the easier route for nothing but convenience...and a convenience that cost us huge sums of money to meet what's now appearing to be arbitrary standards set by the MDEQ.

- Discussion of restrooms at the main PNA parking lot has taken place. They would be a nice enhancement given the heavy use. But in consideration of budget, I'd like to note that the majority of users travel a short distance to get to PNA. Most don't hike the full route, but even if they do, the 3 miles can be done at a leisurely pace in under an hour. Public restrooms are in either direction at the DNR boat launch one mile to the north and at Bryant Park about two miles to the south. So for those traveling to PNA, they pass by several public restrooms. My sense is if public restrooms are installed, they'll be very heavily used and it will be a daily task and expense to maintain them.
- It's been gratifying to see the donations in the form of park benches to PNA. As of the moment, there are four in the short loop of the meadow area alone & I believe that's plenty for that area. Please keep in mind with placement that wherever they go, there is a tendency for users to create new trails straight forward from where the bench faces. We've had a bad problem with that occurring at a high point in the meadow area. Park users then created a straight down (or up) path that's been erosion-prone & an ugly scar on the landscape. I'm somewhat concerned about where a new bench was placed in Don Rutt's memory. It may result in a similar new path for a short cut. I strongly discourage placing benches on the hillsides in either the north wing or the hemlock wing. In the north wing, the hillsides look directly down onto private residences and trespassing has already been an issue there. On the hemlock wing, part of the view looks down onto a private residence and the other view looks down at steep banks prone to erosion. So wherever new benches might go, those two locations should not be future bench sites: the bluff above East Shore on the north wing & the bluff above East Shore in the hemlock wing. I'm not so concerned about placement in the Center Road section of the park. But I'd be happy to discuss placement in other areas to be sure we don't encourage new trails or disruptive behavior near neighbors.
- Some discussion of access from East Shore up to the hemlock wing has taken place. It's unwise for various reasons and I'll minimize my comments other than to say I've appreciated the parks commission's stance of not developing anything along the shoreline leading up to the hemlock wing. It was a terrific accomplishment to avoid development & preserve wetlands in that area with muddy shoreline, curving roads and dense, wet vegetation. Thanks for preserving it that way and I'm always glad to provide more historical perspective if necessary. Lastly, it may be a good example of the parks commission weighing in with the road commission if they look to widen the road or trim vegetation in that area.

Thank you. I think that's probably it, but if anything more comes to mind, I'll share!

Dave Murphy

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Peninsula Township needs trails both in its parks and along its roads for hikers and bikers. The serious injury and death rate for bikers attempting to use Center Road is high. Traveling along Center Road and Peninsula Drive in anything other than a crash-proof vehicle is dangerous and not a risk to be taken lightly.

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From: Brian VanDenBrand <planner@peninsulatownship.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 1:49 PM
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Subject: FW: Township Parks Master Plan - Draft Comments

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From: Gussie Peterson [<mailto:gussiepeterson@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Township Parks Master Plan - Draft Comments

Peninsula Township Parks Commission:

I had the opportunity to review the draft recreation plan that is being updated.

I see that you have listed one goal and 4 objectives which sound good.

However in your action plan, you really only address the 1st objective, which is to continue to maintain and improve the existing parks and natural areas.

The three objectives not addressed are certain worthy goals and I would encourage that action plans be developed to further them.

I especially want to encourage the development of trails for cycling, walking and running that connect to the various points of interest, our school, and other key spots on the Peninsula. We have a beautiful place to live and we need more opportunities to enjoy our natural wealth and encourage non-motorized transportation.

Also, I have always wondered why there is no connectivity from the Peninsula to the amazing TART trail system, which in turn, is connected to trails and key points in the region and trail systems all over northern Michigan. I see this as a major missed opportunity. Please make this a priority in your next master plan!

Thanks,

Gussie Peterson

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