

# **PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE**

**December 14, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m.**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approve Agenda**
- 5. Brief Citizens Comments (for agenda items only)**
- 6. Conflict of Interest**
- 7. Consent Agenda:** any member of the board, staff, or the public may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion.
  - A. Minutes from November 16, 2022
  - B. Memo from Barry Hicks, LIAA "Peninsula Township Parks Plan: Mission, Goals, and Objectives, Action Plan" – November 16, 2022
  - C. Correspondence from Bill Stott "Annual Poison Ivy Spraying Report" – November 17, 2022
  - D. Correspondence from Becky Chown "DRAFT version of new park regulation ordinance" – November 17, 2022
  - E. Correspondence from Dave Murphy "Two Items with PNA" – November 28, 2022
  - F. Correspondence from Bill Stott "Lighthouse Area Litter Collection Summary 2022" – December 7, 2022
  - G. BHP Expanse Pledge Card
  - H. Grand Application Cover Letter to Grand Traverse Band Tribal Council
- 8. Business**
  - A. Parks Ordinance Update – Jenn Cram
  - B. Current Grant and Funding Efforts – Dave & Michele
  - C. Newsletter – Dave
  - D. 5 Year Master Plan – Barry Hicks
- 9. Citizen Comments**
- 10. Board Comments**
- 11. Adjournment**

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**PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**November 16, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** by Skurski at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Skurski, Murphy, Butler, Milliken, Zebell, Chown. Excused Dahl. Cram, Peninsula Director of Planning.
4. **Approve Agenda** Chown requested to give a short update on the Sparks Grant and was added as Business A1. **Murphy moved to accept the amended agenda with a second by Milliken.** **passed unan**
5. **Brief Citizens Comments (for agenda items only)** None
6. **Conflict of Interest** None
7. **Consent Agenda:** any member of the board, staff, or the public may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion.
  - A. Minutes from October 26, 2022
  - B. Correspondence from Ginger Schulz: Help with the trails at Lighthouse Park, November 3, 2022
  - C. Correspondence from Mike Skurski: Park Minimum Standards/requirements, November 3, 2022
  - D. Correspondence from Susan Piehl: Message from Guy Maxwell, November 10, 2022**Milliken moved to approve the consent agenda with a second by Murphy.** **passed by consensus**
8. **Business**
  - A1. **Chown:** I sent information regarding the Sparks Grants to this committee and to our engineer. These are state grants specifically for recreational sites and represent a potential opportunity to receive substantial money for our parks. Each municipality can apply for 3 specific, oriented applications. The grants are considered transformational and the 3 items selected fit this description. The township board requests your consensus on the 3 applications. The first is for the hemlock ADA boardwalk at the Pelizzari Natural Area. Number 2 is for Bowers Harbor Expansion utilizing the existing plans and the third is for the boat launch at Kelly Park. Jennifer Hodges thinks these represent the 3 best transformational projects. These applications are due in mid-December and I

encourage you all to write letters toward these grants. There are 3 phrases of approving grants. If a project has had no funding, the project automatically moves into the second phase. If we are not funded, we will obtain feedback as to why not and this may prove helpful moving forward. Please encourage people in your circles who use the parks to send me letters of support. I will make sure they are included in the grant packets. I need these letters by December 10, 2022.

A. Playground Color Choice – Michele

Zebell presented the colors for the playground equipment (see page 18 in packet) and the committee agreed. Installation is expected the end of May, 2023 or beginning of June, 2023.

B. Bowers Harbor Painting – Michele (duplicate item)

C. Art Show-Mike

**Cram:** we do have an ordinance regarding large events. Technically, commercial activities such as retail sales are not a use allowed in Bowers Harbor Park because it is zoned A1. Signage is also an issue because banners are not allowed. Danielle Lynch, CEO of Blue Ribbon Events, has not reached out to zoning or planning after last month's park committee meeting presentation nor filled out a large event application.

The committee discussed the reasons and concerns for not having this type of event, which included use of a community park for profit, community benefits, setting a precedent, the fees for using the parks should go to parks instead of the general fund, the event would preclude park use for 2-3 days during the summer peak time.

D. 5 Year Master Plan, including Project List, Priorities, Vision, Goal Setting, Objectives – Barry Hicks

Barry Hicks Land Information Access Association LIAA) 324 Munson Ave

**Hicks:** since our last meeting I have spoken to Chris Rieser regarding the historic buildings on the peninsula and Ginger Schultz the manager of the lighthouse (present) and contacted Jane Boursaw for photos to use in the park plan update. The park maps and acreage count are updated and the county aerial photography has been obtained. Information gathered from the 2022 park feasible study, community meetings, and the online survey gives us plenty of data to use in the new plan.

The committee discussed objectives needed in the updated 5 Year Master Plan for Parks and Recreation. The topics go from broad to most narrow. Pelizzari and Bowers Harbor Expansion have detailed plans and can be used. The objective of accessibility includes retrofitting or building new facilities. Bathrooms at the parks are a priority from the citizen survey. The second objective is communication and building a

volunteer force. Non-motorized trail connectivity and safety provide good opportunities for grants and has broad citizen support. Plan for safe, non-motorized township wide connectivity of the parks system and transportation routes throughout the township are another intention. The other potential objectives are emergency vehicle access and services and grant funding. Grants for maintenance are limited, whereas land acquisition and new projects are favored. The committee wants a dedicated, sustainable, operational budget and a dedicated park and recreation staff member.

**Hicks:** shoreline, forestry, and invasive species discussions are including the word resilience and could be in each park plan or an overarching topic. The term comes from the idea there are shocks and stresses in the environment. The shocks are sudden and stressors are issues we know are going on such as the high and low Lake Michigan water cycle. If you know it is going to happen, plan for it. This is how the term resilience is being used.

The following list is from Barry Hicks and the notes he took after the park discussion. These notes are subject to amendment as the committee moves forward at the next meeting.

### **Mission:**

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### **Goals & Objectives:**

**GOAL #1: Provide a variety of recreation opportunities within the parks for all ages, interests, and abilities.**

Objective 1: Retrofit existing or build new facilities to accommodate accessibility needs.

3.1 – ADA Bathrooms

3.2 – Pavilions/Picnic spaces

3.3 – Trails/Boardwalks

3.4 – Parking spaces/Signage

Objective 2: Provide year-round recreation opportunities

Objective 3: Upgrade/Replace existing or provide new playground equipment

Objective 4: Provide space for pets

**GOAL #2: Develop and implement a cohesive communication plan.**

Objective 1: Signage – park identification, facilities, and navigation

Objective 2: Continue to develop public engagement opportunities to provide information and gain feedback for continued or new park programming

**GOAL #3: Thoughtfully planned, managed, and connected township-wide parks system.**

Objective 1: Develop Park management plan for each park in the township

Objective 2: Evaluate and consider appropriate staff/volunteers to manage park system

Objective 3: Continue to develop and maintain well-organized volunteers

Objective 4: Plan for safe non-motorized, township-wide connectivity of the parks system – Plan for transportation routes through the township to encourage safe walking and biking

Objective 5: Evaluate, maintain, and address access for emergency vehicles and services

Objective 6: Pursue grant funding when appropriate for construction of new facilities and acquisition of property

Objective 7: Maintain relationships with regional partners such as the Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation (Tart) Trails Network and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

**Action Plan**

**General Parks Activities**

- Review budget and operational capabilities on an annual basis
- Install new cohesive and improved signage throughout the entire township for all parks and recreation facilities
- Evaluate and manage environmental resilience issues such as non-native species, shoreline development and protection, and forest health
- Work with appropriate groups on connectivity planning

**Bower's Harbor**

- Implement the 2017 Bower's Harbor expansion plan, including a one-mile accessible trail/loop
- Update/replace playground equipment
- New accessible pavilion
- New accessible and plumbed bathrooms
- New dog park
- New pickleball courts
- New basketball NBA half-courts

**Haserot**

- Improve existing parking lots (either crushed stone or pavement)
- Remove old boat launch

**Kelley**

- Add/Improve parking (crushed stone or pavement)
- New accessible bathrooms
- New Gazebos or pavilions
- New boat launch with hull-washing station
- Fish cleaning station

#### Archie

- Update/improve interior lighting

#### Peter Dougherty House

- Restore/build historic barn
- Update museum displays and informational signage
- Investigate development of an apple orchard

#### Log Church

- Update museum displays and informational signage
- Add bus shelter (in coordination with BATA)
- New bike repair station
- Create traffic calming measures

#### Pelizzari Natural Area

- Potential expansion area(s)
- Accessible trail(s)
- Installation of boardwalk in Hemlock Wing (protect sensitive environment)
- Maps for visitors

#### Mission Pointe Lighthouse Park

- Expand parking lot
- Explore shuttle feasibility
- Build replica barn (site of historic barn) or utility building
- Retrofit existing trail(s) for universal accessibility and sustainability
- Remove trails that are not sustainable or dangerous

#### Old Mission State Park

- Maintain existing trail system through coordinated effort managed by the township
- Address dangerous trees

- Maintain/improve emergency vehicle/service access trails
- Improve trail/directional signage

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E. Next Steps 5 Year Plan- the committee went over the timeline for plan completion by February 1, 2023. The next park meeting is scheduled on December 14, 2022 at 7:00. The plan goes to the township board meeting on January 10, 2023 for a public hearing and resolution. Then there needs to be a transmittal letter sent to all of the planning agencies in the region, Networks Northwest, and the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners.

F. Parks Rep for next Town Board Meeting-Skurski will write up a summary for the town board meeting on December 13, 2022

#### **9. Citizen Comments** None

**10. Board Comments- Zebell:** exploring types of paint to use on Bowers Harbor vault toilets. Was contacted regarding having a different type memorial bench in a park. Benches are to be the same for conformity.

**11. Adjournment- Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Milliken.**  
**passed by consensus**

Adjournment at 9:07 p.m.

DATE: November 16, 2022  
TO: Peninsula Township Parks Committee  
FROM: Barry Hicks, AICP  
RE: **Peninsula Township Parks Plan: Mission, Goals and Objectives, Action Plan**

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## Re: Annual Poison Ivy Spraying Report

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**MIKE SKURSKI**

To: William Stott

Cc: Susan Piehl, Lighthouse Program Manager, Dave Murphy, Mary Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Pete Dahl, Ronessa Butler, Becky Chown

Bill,

Major thanks for performing your poison ivy/Russian olive spray program this last summer. It does appear that with the large area of Peninsula Parks this is a task that will never end.

The use of Trychlor is indeed the best way to go as it is a more selective herbicide than most others that are capable of eradicating PI & RO.

We will look to include your required materials cost in the next budget for 2023-24. We will no doubt have a higher cost in that period.! We have also seen increases in loosestrife at Kelley, something that we may want to add to the list.

Thanks again to you and Bill for your help at the Parks.

MIKE SKURSKI

Chair

Peninsula Township Park Committee

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## Re: Annual Poison Ivy Spraying Report

Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 9:12 AM

**Susan Piehl**

To: Armen, Becky, Dave, Isaiah, Marge, Rudy, Warren, Dave Murphy, Mary Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Mike Skurski, Pete Dahl, Ronessa Butler

Cc: Bill Stott

Good morning,

Please see the attachment and email below from Bill Stott.

Regards,

Susan Piehl  
Peninsula Township Office Manager

--Original Message-----

From: William Stott

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 6:36 PM

To: Susan Piehl; Mike Skurski

Cc: Ginger Schultz

Subject: Annual Poison Ivy Spraying Report

Please find attached my 2022 annual report of Poison Ivy and Autumn Olive treatment efforts on OMP parklands. Susan, as per usual please forward as appropriate.

Best Regards,  
Bill Stott

# Poison Ivy Control and Trail Clearing in Central and Northern Peninsula Township: 2022

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Peninsula Township Parks Committee

November 16, 2022

Dear Committee Members,

This letter summarizes the efforts in summer 2022 to control Poison Ivy (PI) and Autumn Olive (AO) bushes in central and northern OMP Township parklands. Utilizing the backpack sprayer purchased by the Commission in 2012, I was able to spray PI and AO seedlings growing on or near trails and beaches from June through August.

A total of 25 gallons of diluted Triclopyr-based herbicide was applied in a careful manner to eradicate PI and AO seedlings, but protect all grasses and non-PI broadleaf plants whenever possible.

Poison Ivy. Poison Ivy poses an obvious risk for those using our trails and beaches and for those mowing, as the latter can aerosolize the toxic oil produced by PI. The heaviest infestations treated were in the several mowed and paved trails in the Bowers Harbor Park Annex (~12 gallons) and areas adjacent to the western most lighthouse area "Pull-Outs." Focal concentrations in Bower's Harbor Boat Launch and alongside the lighthouse stairway were also treated. Growths in all remaining locations were more isolated in nature. PI is tenacious in re-establishing growth near trails from off-trail beds and has returned to several beach areas near the lighthouse with lowering water levels. In general, however, the amounts of PI near/on all trails and beach areas have been significantly decreased following several years of treatment.

As in previous years, the treatment of choice was the selective broadleaf herbicide called "triclopyr." Triclopyr has been in use for decades as a general-purpose herbicide to control woody broadleaf plants without affecting grasses or conifers. This selectivity is important as we want to spare grasses, especially beach grasses. Triclopyr degrades rapidly in soils and water and has a favorable environmental toxicity profile, including for the user (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triclopyr>).

Autumn Olive. Autumn Olive is considered an invasive bush, rapidly covering open areas and trails with a thorny barrier to hikers and bikers, primarily on the Mission Point trail system, but also becoming an issue in Bowers Harbor Annex. Previous removal and stump treatment of large bushes still requires treatment of saplings during PI remediation efforts. Large bushes threaten spreading of AO to large open areas of the Bowers Harbor Park Annex. Overgrowth of the open area next to the two-track at the Ridgewood Trail Head of Old Mission Point Park is a *fait accompli* and will require cutting to limit its impact on the two-track.

With the Commission's approval, I will renew our efforts in the spring and summer of 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bill Stott*

**DRAFT version of new parks regulation ordinance attached**

3 messages

**Rebecca Chown**

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 10:13 AM

To: Dave Murphy, Mary Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Mike Skurski, Pete Dahl, Ronessa Butler  
Cc: planner@peninsulatownship.com, Marge Achorn , Dave Sanger

Hello, parks committee members,

As it turns out, Jenn and I decided late last night not to attempt the trip to Kalamazoo after looking at the weather forecast and realizing! we were going to be heading straight into the teeth of a significant winter storm. Thank you for your call this morning, Michele, to see if! we were all right. Conditions were just not conducive to making that trip.

Had we known we were cancelling earlier, I would have stayed for the rest of the parks meeting and updated you on a conversation! that Marge, Isaiah, and I had yesterday with Chris Hackbarth, DTE's regional manager and community engagement guy. He joined us! for lunch here at the township and gave us many ideas for additional grant funding. Specifically, he noted that we could reach out to! him in the first quarter of the new year with specific small grant requests, as he has a budget to fulfill them without needing to write a! grant application. Mary Beth, how expensive is the bike repair station? DTE would conceivably put \$2,000 towards that, and I wonder if! one or more of the bike shops in town would make up the difference? If we plan and implement, I think we can chip away at small wish! list items. I'll have more information later about larger grant opportunities via DTE's foundation, but oh, it would be nice to get that bike! repair station going in early 2023!

I also wanted to ask each of you to read the attached final version of the proposed new parks regulation ordinance. You saw a similar! version several months ago and many of you submitted comments. This is the final draft, and it has been vetted by Ordinance! Enforcement Officer and Township Board Member Dave Sanger as well as Sean Megurian, our community police officer, plus legal! counsel. Please submit any comments or corrections you have to me by Thursday, December 1. We would like to get this across the! finish line this year and plan to put this item on the December 13 township board agenda. We are not required by hold a public hearing! on this matter, nor is the parks committee required to discuss it publicly and make a recommendation; I confirmed that yesterday with! legal counsel. Ideally, you would discuss it at a parks meeting and make a recommendation, but given the many important matters! before all of us, how long it has taken to get the ordinance this far, and the need to have an ordinance we can enforce sooner rather! than later, this seems the prudent course.

Could someone please let me know who will give the next parks update? We would like to have that on the agenda for our special! December 5 meeting, scheduled for 1:00 p.m., if that works schedule-wise. In addition, any or all of you would be welcome to make! public comment about the parks regulation ordinance at the tb meeting on December 13.

Thank you all for your continuing work on behalf of our parks. We are grateful to you and for you, and I have a feeling the dam will! break this year and we will receive some funding. I am also very pleased with the good work we did last night. It's an honor to serve on! the parks committee with you.

Becky

**Peninsula Township Planning** <planner@peninsulatownship.com>

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 2:22 PM

To: Rebecca Chown, Dave Murphy, Mary Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Mike Skurski, Pete Dahl, Ronessa Butler  
Cc: Marge Achorn , Dave Sanger, Barry Hicks, Isaiah Wunsch

Becky, thank you for sharing the latest draft of the parks regulation ordinance and for the updates. My comments and questions on the! parks regulation ordinance is attached. I am happy to discuss with you, Dave and legal counsel as needed.

I also echo Becky's comments below and appreciate all that the Parks Committee does for our parks and community. I look forward to! working with you all in the future, we have much to be excited about.

I also appreciate the compromise to keep strong language in the Parks Plan regarding non-motorized connectivity. Connecting our! parks, historic sites and natural resources for residents and visitors to enjoy safely is important. Because our parks are spread out! geographically on the peninsula some of those connections may be adjacent to our road system. I clearly have a strong opinion about! this and hope that you are all comfortable with the compromise that was reached, as this is your plan. Echoing what Barry noted about! delegation, the Parks Committee can look to the Non-motorized Committee to be the lead on this. They are making tremendous! progress as a small grass-roots committee. They have already been successful in improving relationships with MDOT and the Grand! Traverse County Road Commission. We have better striping on M-37 and signage coming as a result. They are developing! partnerships with other organizations such as TART and the Cherry Capital Cycling Club. They are seeking and writing grants to! support non-motorized improvements within the township. I believe that the Parks Plan should be a Parks and Recreation Plan and be! a visionary document to support all of the public spaces within the township. As a side note, we will schedule time for Parks and Non-! motorized to meet together in the near future.

I do have a few additional thoughts on the Goals, Objectives and Action Plan that were discussed last night and have cc'd Barry on this! so that he is included.

With regard to the request under the Action Plan for All Parks to include a sustainable operational budget and dedicated staff, shouldn't! we look at fund raising opportunities as well as grants? What about fees for park usage? Perhaps a percentage of the operating!budget is generated from fund raising efforts and a portion from fees. What about donors having use of a park for a day, donor walls, donor pavers, donor benches/bench plaques, organized walks, galas...? What types of events support the mission of the parks that

could generate revenue? Should there be fees in addition to park reservations associated with the use of the parks for non-residents? This is how other parks and recreation programs sustain operational budgets for staff and maintenance. I believe we should reference! this under Goal #3 in addition to pursuing grants. This may also be a philosophical question for the Board and Parks Committee to! discuss in the near future, as I do not know if the Parks Committee has been charged with fund raising. Perhaps the Parks Committee could become a 501c3. Goal #3 should also include a statement that looks at developing the best structure for the Parks Committee to! accomplish some of these things as part of the management plans. I believe the board would be much more supportive of committing! funding to the parks if they knew that there were other revenue sources to support that budget. I believe the Historical Society is! similarly self-sufficient through volunteers and fund raising.

I believe we should look at improving partnerships with outside agencies (DNR, Land Conservancy, etc.). We could include this under! Goal #2. Improved coordination between the Parks and Historical Society should be a priority. Perhaps resources can be shared and! operational redundancies reduced as a result of improved communication and collaboration.

Under the Action Plan for the Mission Point Lighthouse regarding expanded parking, I believe we could consider a small scaled! expansion for accessibility for all abilities. This may require the removal of some trees to accommodate a few ADA parking spaces only! and pedestrian access to launch kayaks, but could be done thoughtfully and probably funded through a grant. We should also look at! the shuttle system as discussed, especially if it can generate revenue in addition to reducing vehicle trips.

Thanks and see you all again on December 14 if not sooner.

**Jenn Cram, AICP**  
*Peninsula Township Director of Planning*

**From:** Rebecca Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 10:13 AM

**To:** Dave Murphy; Mary Beth Milliken; Michele Zebell; Mike Skurski; Pete Dahl; Ronessa Butler

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**Rebecca Chown**

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*Peninsula Township Clerk*

MIKE SKURSKI ! ! !

Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 12:58 PM!

To: Jenn Cram <planner@peninsulatownship.com>

Cc: Becky Chown, Dave Murphy, Mary!Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Pete Dahl,!Ronessa Butler, Treasurer,  
Dave.PeninsulaTrustee@gmail.com, Barry Hicks, Isaiah Wunsch

Jenn,

Glad you had time to reflect on our discussions at the last meeting and you have raised dsome key issues and potential solutions in! your note. I have a couple thoughts below.

I can see the need for a non-motorized safety goal. The details on what and how may not need to be included in the 5 year, as they are! not solidified at this time, but safe traffic flow has been a high need on OMP for a number of years. The board has shown this by their! actions and stance the past years in seeking to maintain 'winery' traffic to a more reasonable time period. We need to maintain support! for watching the mix of auto, bike and farm traffic.

The concept for a sustainable budget and funding is a necessity. he capability to maintain the parks is a goal we all support. But as I! have experienced, the how can be accomplished in a number of ways - staff, contractors, and volunteers. I believe targeting a staff is! premature at this time as we can explore other solutions. But the goal of fully funding maintenance remains. The addition of a 'park! manager-coordinator' would require additional budget monies beyond what has been identified fr maintenance.

Your ideas for exploring other means of budget finance are indeed interesting and worth exploring. They appropriating tie to the budget! goal/objectives. We do use a fee structure but may have been limited in our vision here. Low rates and lack of sponsored activities! have been our history here. Only last year did we raise our use rates, and did incorporate higher fees for non residents. The other income opportunities you put forward are worth exploring and should be mentioned in objectives - maybe something like "explore and implement other funding capabilities"

At the lighthouse, I still believe parking needs to be managed and somehow reduced, for safety concerns.The Lighthouse is more a! historical park rather than a recreation area. The last 5 year plan stated the desire for a kayak launch at the Lighthouse. This was prior! to the addition of Kelley Park to the township's Park network. With the addition of Kelley Park, we have planned for a motorized boat! launch and possible kayak/carry down launch. I see no need for a duplicate at the lighthouse. A launch would only introduce new traffic! to the park. Parking for this use would not be of the present type of short term 'visiting' but rather a long term day use. I don't see this!as any advantage for our system to have duplicate capabilities so close together.

We still have a lot to think about and distill down to a few guiding principles that we include in goals and objectives.We may want to use! the action item format under All Parks for many of the items you put forth.

We will have plenty to do in the coming years. The 5 year Plan should give us the objectives and goals - the tactics and methods will! still be worked out and be fluid and changing dependent on resources and situational changes.

Thanks - See you all Dec 14.

MIKE SKURSKI  
Chair  
Peninsula Township Park Committee

**PENINSULA TOWNSHIP  
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**PARKS REGULATION ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 57 of 2022**

At a duly scheduled meeting of the township board of Peninsula Township, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, held at the Peninsula Township Hall on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_\_ p.m., Township Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to enact the following ordinance for adoption, which was seconded by Township Board Member \_\_\_\_\_:

*An ordinance to provide for the use, conduct, protection, regulation, and control of township parks, township-owned public properties, public facilities, and other matters concerning recreation, conservation, education, and scenic areas and to provide for the adoption of supplementary rules and regulations, and providing for enforcement and penalties for violations of the ordinance, to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the township, its citizens, and members of the public and by repealing Ordinances 5 and 7, as amended.*

**THE TOWNSHIP OF PENINSULA, COUNTY OF GRAND TRAVERSE, ORDAINS:**

**Section 1: Title.**

This ordinance shall be known and referred to as the “Peninsula Township Parks Regulation Ordinance.”

**Section 2: Definitions.**

- A. “Camp” means the overnight lodging or sleeping of a person or persons on the ground or in any manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, hammock, bivy sack, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, watercraft, or in any other conveyance erected, parked, or placed on the premises or waters within any public land under the jurisdiction of Peninsula Township.
- B. “Firework” or “fireworks” means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, homemade fireworks, and special effects.
- C. “Domestic pets” means a domestic cat (*Felis Catus*), domestic dog (*Canis Familiaris*), or registered therapy or service animal.



- D. "Enforcement officer" means a law enforcement officer (e. g., the sheriff or deputy sheriff, Department of Natural Resources officer, Michigan State Police trooper) or ordinance enforcement officer.
- E. "Facility" means any structure or improvement on or at a township park. By way of illustration and not limitation, Facilities include but are not limited to pavilions, gazebos, baseball fields, soccer fields, and other buildings and structures.
- F. "Parking area" means any off-street area, whether paved or not, that is designated for public parking.
- G. "Ordinance enforcement officer" means that person designated by the township board to enforce the provisions of township ordinances under Ordinance Number 35.
- H. "Township park" means the real property owned and controlled by Peninsula Township, including the property identified below:
  - 1) Bowers Harbor Park
  - 2) Haserot Beach
  - 3) Kelley Park
  - 4) Archie Park
  - 5) Pelizzari Natural Area
  - 6) Mission Point Lighthouse Park
  - 7) Hessler Log Cabin
  - 8) Peter Dougherty House

This list may be amended by resolution of the township board.

- I. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices exclusively moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. "Vehicle" specifically includes but is not limited to off-road vehicles ("ORVs") and electric or gas engine bicycles. "Vehicle" does not include wheelchairs or other ADA ambulatory assistance devices.

### **Section 3: Hours.**

The township board or its designee shall establish, as may be amended from time to time, and post reasonable hours for the use of township parks, and may, upon application and permit, extend such hours as it deems reasonably acceptable and in accordance with this ordinance. Unless otherwise posted or extended by permit, no person shall be on a township park earlier than one hour before sunrise or later than one hour after sundown.

### **Section 4: Township Park Permits.**

- A.** Any group of fifty (50) or more people must secure a permit from the township board or its designee before using a township park. Any group of fifty (50) or more people seeking a permit shall submit a certificate of liability insurance naming the township as an additional insured for general liability of at least one million dollars per occurrence and of at least two million dollars aggregate prior to any use or reservation of any facility at a township park.
- B.** Any group or person wanting to reserve a park facility shall apply for and obtain a permit.
- C.** Applications for permits will be made available and evaluated by the township board or its designee.
- D.** Permit applications shall be submitted at least 30 calendar days prior to the date the use of a township park or park facility is requested. The township board or its designee may waive this requirement and consider permit applications on an expedited basis.
- E.** The application for a permit shall contain the information required and listed on the Peninsula Township Special Event Application provided by the township. It shall include the applicant's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, proposed date of event, type of event, number of proposed attendees, name of township park requested for event, whether the applicant will bring tables, chairs, or any other equipment, and any other information reasonably requested to inform the township of the type, size, nature, and intention of the proposed event.
- F.** Applicants must submit their application along with any fees and/or required security deposit(s) to the township board or its designee.
- G.** Fees or security deposits regarding permit applications and events shall be established by the township board by resolution and may be amended from time to time.
- H.** All fees associated with a permit shall be remitted to the township treasurer.
- I.** All security deposits shall be held by the township treasurer until such time that the permitted event has occurred and compliance with this ordinance by the participants is confirmed, but not more than fourteen (14) scheduled workdays after such event.
- J.** The township board or its designee reserves the right to cancel any permit issued or previously approved for any violation of this ordinance or other applicable local, state, or federal law.
- K.** The township reserves the right to deny issuance or approval of a required permit if the issuance and/or approval of the same is, in the opinion of the township board or its designee, likely to be a detriment to the public health, safety, and welfare of the township and its citizens.

- L. Any person or group using a township park pursuant to an issued permit shall be required to present the permit to any enforcement officer upon request.

## **Section 5: Use of Township Parks.**

- A. Stoves, grills, and picnic tables located at township parks shall be used for no longer than necessary to permit their use by the maximum number of people. Any fires for cooking or similar specific purpose shall be made within the stoves or grills provided for that purpose or within privately owned grills or stoves that are designed to retain fire and ashes and prevent their deposit onto the public grounds.
- B. Persons using a township park or facility shall abide by a leave-no-trace policy and are strictly responsible for removing all refuse generated while using these facilities.
- C. Persons with a permit for a facility have priority use and other persons must vacate the facility upon the permittee's request.
- D. All persons within the township parks shall be expected to be courteous, orderly, and to conduct themselves with respect for the rights of others and to act in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.
- E. Any persons using the township parks, facilities, motorized vehicles, or engaging in any other activity on township park property shall assume the risk of any injury, damage, or loss suffered or incurred while on or at a township park. Any person or entity with a permit shall be liable to the township and to all other lawful users of the township parks as indicated in this section for any loss, injury, or damages caused by such permit holder or their guests or from the negligent or reckless use or action arising out of or in connection with any activity, permit, event, or action in which such person, entity, or its guests is or was engaged.
- F. Persons using trails or paths within the township park shall remain on the identified path. Off-trail riding is expressly prohibited.

## **Section 6: Regulations and Prohibited Conduct.**

### **A. Pets and Animals.**

- 1) *Domestic Pets.* Persons may only bring domestic pets to a township park.
- 2) *Leash Required.* Consistent with the Grand Traverse Animal Control Ordinance, persons using township parks must keep domestic pets leashed and under their control at all times. Provided, nothing in this ordinance shall prevent an owner from allowing a dog to go unleashed within the confines of a fenced area identified as a dog park within a township park.

- 3) *Pet Clean Up.* All persons bringing domestic pets to the township park are strictly required to remove solid waste generated by the domestic animal. Persons shall properly dispose of such solid waste in township-provided disposal receptacles.
  - 4) *Other Documentation.* All persons bringing domestic pets to the township park that are not a domestic cat or domestic dog must have documentation showing the animal is a registered therapy or service animal and shall produce the same to any enforcement officer upon request.
- B. No Overnight Stay.** No person shall camp or otherwise remain upon township park property between posted closing times and sunrise.
- C. No Unauthorized Improvements.** Persons may not make unauthorized alterations or improvements to a township park. Grooming trails; cutting any trees, tree branches, shrubs, bushes, or woodland; painting; or constructing structures, planting plants, removing plants, landscaping, earth moving, or other improvements are not permitted. Any improvements on township park must be expressly authorized by the township board or its designee.
- D. Hunting & Firearms.** Except as otherwise provided in park-specific regulations, hunting, target practice, use of a firearm, archery, or use of any other projectile weapon is prohibited in any township park. Hunting, target practice, archery, and firearm usage are allowed within portions of Old Mission State Park pursuant to that park's specific regulations.
- E. No Structures.** A person shall not build, affix, or erect any structure upon township parks unless authorized by the township board.
- F. No Blinds or Stands.** A person shall not build, affix, place, or erect any tree stand, blind, or other structure for hunting at any time.
- G. Motorized Vehicles, Equipment, Trailers, and Watercraft.**
- 1) No person shall leave, or cause to be left, any vehicle or watercraft on township parks. Enforcement officers and the township fire department are authorized to remove or have removed any such vehicle or watercraft at the owner's expense.
  - 2) No vehicle shall operate, drive, sit, or stand on any township park except for operation on improved roadway designed for vehicle travel or parking within a parking area. Vehicles shall not be driven at speeds of more than ten (10) miles per hour. Drivers shall be responsible and liable for any injury to any pedestrians or any damage caused by the motorized vehicles under their operation or control. Wheelchairs or other ADA ambulatory assistance devices and vehicles necessary for maintenance or emergencies are exempt from this subsection.

- 3) Overnight parking is prohibited unless said parking is approved by the township board or its designee.
- 4) Watercraft shall be launched or beached only at the township's designated sites.

**H. No Fires.**

- 1) No fires shall be allowed on a township park except for cooking within stoves or grills.
- 2) No person shall willfully or knowingly set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brush land, shrub or bush, grass, or meadow. The township board may authorize persons to set fires for controlling or eliminating non-native species; promoting or preserving the integrity, quality, and function of the ecological resources; or preserving the public health, safety, or welfare of the township, its citizens, and visitors.
- 3) No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper, or other flammable materials on a township park.

**I. No Fireworks.** No person shall fire, discharge, or have in their possession any firework within or on a township park.

**J. No Destruction of Property.** Township property shall not be damaged or destroyed and shall be treated with respect for the next user. Any persons who damage or destroy township property will be liable for said damages or destruction.

**K. No Glass or Metal Objects at Swimming Areas.** No metal objects that would pose a risk to swimmers or glass containers shall be permitted in the swimming areas of a township park.

**L. No Littering, Dumping, or Storage of Equipment.** A person shall not knowingly dump, deposit, place, throw, leave, cause, or permit litter on a township park except in designated trash receptacles. No household refuse or other items shall be brought into the township parks and placed in the trash receptacles or otherwise left within a township park. This prohibition includes individuals leaving trinkets in a township park for decorative purposes. Furthermore, persons may not dispose of trees, treetops, branches, roots, stumps, or other vegetative debris at a township park. Persons, except authorized township personnel, may not store equipment at a township park.

**M. No Commercial Activity.** Only individuals who have received permits may engage in business activities within a township park. Accordingly, individuals without a permit are prohibited from engaging in any business activity in a township park, including but

not limited to peddling or soliciting business of any nature in a township park. Individuals who receive a permit to engage in business activities within a township park are limited to conducting the business activities authorized by the permit.

**N. No Rental of Recreational Equipment, Rides or Other Similar Amusements.** Only individuals who have received a permit from the township may, within a township park, provide rental of recreational equipment, rides, or other similar amusements.

**O. No Noise Disturbances.** The following acts and activities are declared to be noise disturbances and are prohibited.

- 1) The playing of any radio, television, speaker, phonograph, other sound reproduction device, or musical instrument in such a manner or at such a volume as to be sufficiently audible to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity
- 2) Possessing a domestic pet that causes frequent or long continued noise that would disturb the comfort or repose of a reasonable person in the vicinity
- 3) The use of any motor vehicle, off-road vehicle, or other vehicle in such a manner as to create a disturbing noise, including, but not limited to the screeching of tires and the discharge into the open air of exhaust from the engine without a sufficient muffler
- 4) The use of a loudspeaker or public address system without a permit issued by the township
- 5) Any other conduct that generates noise that would disturb the comfort or repose of a reasonable person in the vicinity

**P. No Private Signs.** Other than the township, no person shall affix, place, or erect any sign on a township park.

**Q. Failure to Comply with an Enforcement Officer.** Individuals using a township park may not:

- 1) Refuse to comply with this ordinance or township park specific rules
- 2) Interfere with the enforcement officer's enforcement of this ordinance
- 3) Retaliate against another who has made a complaint of a violation
- 4) Interfere with an employee or agent of the township while performing his or her official duties

- R. No Violation of Any Other Law or Regulation:** Persons are prohibited from violating any other federal, state, or local law or regulation on a township park, including township park-specific regulations created by the township or its designee.

**Section 7: Township Park Specific Regulations.**

From time to time, the township board may issue additional regulations governing specific township parks. Before becoming effective, the regulations shall be posted in a conspicuous location of the specific township park.

**Section 8: Enforcement and Penalties.**

- A. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction and shall be enforceable through all the authority granted to the district courts under MCL 600.8701 *et seq.*, as amended, for which the fine shall be established by resolution of the township board in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation, together with the costs of enforcing this ordinance, including but not limited to collection of attorney fees and court costs, pursuant to and as limited by MCL 600.8727(3).
- B. Any enforcement officer may administer and enforce this ordinance, including but not limited to issuing and serving civil infraction notices and citations.

**Section 9: Severability.**

The provisions of this ordinance are declared severable. If any part of this ordinance is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, that declaration does not affect or impair the validity of all other provisions that are not subject to that declaration.

**Section 10: Repeal.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, including Ordinances Number 7, Number 5, and Number 5, Amendment 1, of Peninsula Township.

**Section 11: Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication following final adoption as required by law.

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Isaiah Wunsch, Peninsula Township Supervisor

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Peninsula Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of that township board held on December 13, 2022, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the ordinance was duly published in the Record-Eagle, a newspaper that circulates within Peninsula Township, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.
3. Within one week after such publication, I recorded the above ordinance in a book of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, indicating the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the township board voting, and how each member voted.
4. I filed an attested copy of the above ordinance with the Grand Traverse County Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Chown, Peninsula Township Clerk



## two items with PNA

4 messages

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**Dave Murphy**

Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 4:16 PM

To: MIKE SKURSKI, Michele Zebell, Ronessa Butler, Pete Dahl, Mary Beth Milliken, Rebecca!Chown

Cc: Peninsula Township Planning, Steve Lagerquist

First, with a hastily organized volunteer effort at PNA, six of us put in two+ hours each with autumn olive removal, continuing the work! done earlier this year. This time we cut larger bushes at their base & applied a herbicide that, according to our conservancy ally, Steve! Lagerquist, does a good job of absorbing into roots to eradicate these invasives, especially this time of year.

So this latest effort was roughly 13 hours of volunteer time. We have more work to do next year, but I'd say through the combined! efforts of this and the earlier work, we took care of the vast majority of the larger bushes in the park.

Thanks very much to Steve for figuring out the protocol and being there with chainsaw & herbicide. And thanks to four other community! members besides Steve and me to get it done.

Second, and this is probably more a procedural question, I received a call this morning from a hiker who'd been directed to me by the! township office staff. Her dog found a dead deer off trail at PNA. While finishing the autumn olive work, I located the deer. It's barely on! park property and near 303 Homestead Lane, owned by Andrew Parvel.

I understand that we're assigned to individual parks but I'm not sure parks committee members are expected to haul dead deer out of! the woods...or are we? Would it be best to have staff refer that sort of question from the public directly to Bob? So I'm raising this as an! issue moving forward: When do we take calls and when does staff directly refer to Bob?

Lastly, it's a sizeable deer that's been partially gutted by wildlife. Steve's best guess is it was hit by a car and died in that area. He also! suggested leaving it to decompose because it's so far off trail. Clearly the hiker's dog was off leash & a hundred or more feet off trail to! find it. If Bob should get it, it will be far easier to retrieve via the Homestead address because it's so near the property line and road! rather than drag it down a hill, up a hill, back onto a trail, and haul it half a mile out to the parking lot. I haven't had luck catching Bob in! recent calls. And I'll ask what the consensus is about leaving wildlife well off trails versus hauling it out? If anything, the homeowners! should have the bigger concern and perhaps we do this to accommodate them.

Thoughts?

Thanks.

Dave

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**Susan Piehl**

Wed, Nov 30, 2022 at 9:01 AM

To: Rebecca Chown, Dave Murphy, Mary Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Mike Skurski, Pete!Dahl, Ronessa Butler

Cc: Jenn <planner@peninsulatownship.com>, slagerquist@gtrlc.org

Good morning,

Removal of deceased wildlife is the responsibility of the property owner with the exception of if it is in the road right away. If it is in the road right away you would contact the Grand Traverse County Road Commission at 231-922-4848 and they will take care of it.

I called Bob Wilkinson and he will take care of the deer at PNA tomorrow.

On another note, Bob wanted me to let you know that he will be working on tree removal in the parks tomorrow (and possibility through the weekend) and will be on his quad runner in case someone reports a person using a quad runner in the parks.

Regards,

***Susan Piehl***

*Peninsula Township Office Manager*

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**From:** Rebecca Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:29 AM

**To:** Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com>

**Subject:** FW: two items with PNA

Susan,

Can you respond to all on this? Don't we usually have them call the police?

**Dave Murphy**

Wed, Nov 30, 2022 at 11:33 AM

To: Susan Piehl, Rebecca Chown, Mary Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Mike Skurski, Pete!Dahl, Ronessa Butler  
Cc: Jenn <planner@peninsulatownship.com>, slagerquist@gtrlc.org

Thanks Susan. Best to get the deer out for the neighbor more than park users. I hope Bob will use the directions I provided to the! Homestead property. The trail in that section of the park is single track & very steep. He'll be dragging the deer up & down hills for a! quarter mile to get it to where he'll park a quad runner. Again, going in through the 303 Homestead address & to the back of their! property, then a short distance into the park will get him there. It's not far from a tree fort.

Regarding trails & trees at PNA, we were all through them on Monday & no need for tree removal work that we saw. I'll do a loop!shortly to verify again & will text Bob, but I see no need for him to spend time at PNA. Given difficulty getting in touch with Bob recently,!I'll appreciate you letting him know as well that he can skip PNA. If anything changes with the inspection I'll do, I'll let you know.

Regards.

Dave

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**Susan Piehl**

Wed, Nov 30, 2022 at 11:55 AM

To: Dave Murphy, Rebecca Chown, Mary Beth Milliken, Michele Zebell, Mike Skurski, Pete Dahl, Ronessa Butler!  
Cc: Jenn <planner@peninsulatownship.com>, slagerquist@gtrlc.org

Okay, thanks Dave I will let Bob know.

# Lighthouse Area Litter Collection Summary - 2022

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** William Stott

**Subject:** Lighthouse Area Litter Collection Summary - 2022

**Date:** December 7, 2022 at 5:34:44 PM EST

**To:** Susan Piehl, Mike Skurski, "Ginger Schultz, Mission Point Lighthouse Manager"

**Cc:** Bill Ryan, Lola Jackson, David Peterson, Leslie Cuppett, Judy Heffron, Mickie Novorolsky, Kathy Tuckerman, Robbin

Susan, Mike and Ginger, attached please find a .pdf summary of efforts to control litter in the OMP Lighthouse area of Mission Point Park and a record of that activity by participants. We presently have seven "teams" of litter collectors (cc'd on this note) consisting of one or two individuals outfitted with safety vests, litter getters and lighthouse volunteer T-shirts.

Given the number of teams involved, we are attempting to conduct this effort with a flexible schedule and manageable coverage areas. Thus, alas, no "data" will be available as in the past, it would be too complicated. However, we will continue to collect information on time of collections, locations covered and exceptional findings. Should the latter require the help of Bob Wilkinson, myself or Bill Ryan will follow up with him via text or email. We presume this is appropriate.

Have a good winter and, as always, we'll be happy to answer any questions you or the committee may have.

Best,  
Bill Stott

December 7, 2022

Old Mission Peninsula Township Park Committee,

This report summarizes the collection of litter from the OMP lighthouse area of Mission Point Park from April to end of year 2022 as it transitioned into a multi-team effort during the fall. It became clear this summer that to maintain an effective removal of litter would require the efforts of multiple teams of volunteers. Very heavy visitation, conflicting volunteer commitments and the medical-related loss of one of the teams led to this decision.

With the help of Ginger Schultz and Susan Piehl, we were able to enlist several new teams to pursue the campaign. We met with each group to orient them, got them kitted out (safety vest, litter getter), and Ginger supplied official volunteer T-shirts. Team names and the contact information we use are on the attached Excel file. With seven new teams of varying abilities, we had to simplify our process, including data collection. We now divide the target area into two sections: A) all paved surfaces (main parking lot and roadsides), and B) all beach areas plus pull-outs #1-4. In addition, Team David will cover the two-track fire lane and parking area near the entrance to the park. Teams will email all groups indicating when and what they cleaned, thus avoiding duplication of efforts. Going forward we will try to ensure coverage at least weekly during peak tourist season and year-round in the main parking lot. The teams report any “unusual” or concentrations of litter and evidence of fires. For example, Team Bills found a beach fire full of sparkler wires near pull-out #1 and Team David found two tires in the fire lane parking area which Bob Wilkinson removed. Trash bags are deposited at the main parking lot. Bob and his crew do a great job emptying bins as-well-as clearing fallen trees on the trails.

This season, litter was again collected in a safe manner. In general, a volume of 5-10 gallons of litter was collected, mostly cigarette butts, food wrappers, beer/seltzer cans, wine/liquor bottles, clothing items, personal care items (diapers, tampons, condoms, flossing tools), bagged dog feces, and plastic water bottles. Seasonal items are shotgun wadding and shells, and fireworks. Beach fires are frequently found and wood from these is dispersed as much as practicable and slag/melted plastic collected. Significantly, tires and a large chair plus TV(?) have been dumped in the fire lane parking area and along the fire lane itself. This is a first!

The nice appearing trash receptacles continues to have a positive impact. Also, barriers to out-of-sight car/truck parking and warning signs for the fire lane, have effectively ended much after-hours party activity, fires and much trash while still allowing access.

Thank you to the Committee members for their continued support of our volunteer efforts!

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Stott, Bill Ryan

## Lighthouse Litter Collection

<u>Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paved Areas</u>	<u>Beach Areas</u>	<u>Fire Lane</u>	<u>Findings of Note</u>
Bills	4/21/2022	X	X		
Bills	6/24/2022	X	X		
Bills	7/17/2022	X	X		Beach fire with many sparkler wires by pull-out #1.
Bills	8/18/2022	X	X		
Bills, Leslie & David	9/27/2022	X			
Leslie	9/28/2022		X		
Judy	9/29/2022	X			
David	10/1/22?			X	Tires on rims left in parking area.
Leslie	10/15/2022	X			
Bills & Mickie	10/28/2022	X	X		
Mickie	11/3/2022	X	X		
David	12/4/2022		X	X	Large recliner chair and flat screen TV(?) beside fire lane.

### Team Contact Info

Bills - wstott3193@gmail.com and billrtc@yahoo.com

David - dpeterson@plascogroup.com

Leslie - lacuppett@gmail.com

Judy - jheffron1970@charter.com

Mickie - mjinovo@charter.net

Robbin/Kathy - stottrobbin@gmail.com and kmTuckerman28@gmail.com

# Be a part of the future...

# Bowers Harbor Park Expansion

the vision...

- picnic pavilion
- fenced dog park
- accessible walking trails
- accessible boardwalk trail
- interpretive & viewing trails
- additional natural tree cover
- meadow/wildflower/native grass restoration



# Pledge Card: BHP Expansion Project

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email	Phone
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I would like to show my support with a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a gift of any size is greatly appreciated!

-The township is applying for a state grant designated specifically for recreation; if successful, funds will be applied to the Bowers Harbor Park Expansion. The cost of this project is \$1.4 million.

-The maximum amount the grant may pay is \$1 million, leaving \$400,000 to be raised apart from grant funding. The township has committed \$50,000 and seeks \$350,000 in pledges from the community.

-Pledges serve two purposes: they indicate strong community support & provide necessary matching funds.

-Pledges will only be due if the township is awarded the grant. Successful grant recipients will be notified between January and July of 2023.

-To make a pledge, please email Michele Zebell at [mzebell.parks@gmail.com](mailto:mzebell.parks@gmail.com).

-If you have questions, please call (231-342-6418) or email Michele. Your response by December 16 will be appreciated. Thank you.

# PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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November 15, 2022

Tribal Council  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
2605 N. West Bay Shore Dr.  
Peshawbestown, MI 49682

Dear Councilors:

Aanii. On behalf of Peninsula Township, and the non-profit Child and Family Services, we are grateful for the opportunity to submit the attached grant application for 2% proceeds for 2023. The application is for support of the Child and Family Services YouthWork and GoatWork program. The total amount of the request, \$19,600, would be invested in local youth in the Grand Traverse Region. YouthWork and GoatWork will complete important ecological services and habitat restoration at Bowers Harbor Park.

We appreciate your past support and hope that it will continue in 2023.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



Isaiah Wunsch  
Peninsula Township Supervisor