

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Township Hall

April 11, 2018

Call to Order at 7:00 PM by Skurski

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Atkinson, Snow, Skurski, Cornell: Absent Griffiths (excused)

Approve Agenda Items added to Business: Atkinson added Dredging permit for Haserot Beach (Item F); Skurski added Budget performance and shortfall (Item G).

Action-Motion Snow moved that Agenda be approved/Atkinson second **PASSED UNAM**

Brief Citizens Comments (For items not on Agenda) NONE

Conflict of interest NONE

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.

Correspondence (if any, provided in packet)

Approve Minutes of 2/7/18 & 3/21/18 meetings

Treasurer's report and invoice list approval

Snow stated that the meeting on 3/21/18 contained both open and closed session minutes. The 2/7/18 & 3/21/18 minutes have both been sent to each commissioner for approval.

Action-Motion Snow moved the Consent Agenda be approved. Cornell second.

PASSED UNAM

Business

A. Eagle Scout Project

Leonard Chown 2877 Old Mission Road

Good evening,

My name is Leonard Chown, and I live about five miles north of here on Old Mission Road. I grew up on the peninsula, I am in the eighth grade, and I am a boy scout with Troop 34. Currently, I'm a life scout, which means I've begun to plan my Eagle Scout

project. Like my two older brothers, William and Martin Chown, I would like to have my project benefit the Pelizzari Natural Area.

This past February 10, my dad, Glen Chown, and I met with Mr. Lagerquist from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Mr. Skurski from the Peninsula Township Park Board, and Mr. Murphy, the lead volunteer at Pelizzari Natural Area, and came up with a plan.

We decided we'd like my Eagle Scout project to help screen the property line and prevent trespassing on John Pelizzari's property in what is known as the middle meadow and to screen the Erickson family's property in the north wing by planting a total of 120 two-to-three-foot-tall white pines.

Right now, the lack of screening impacts the privacy of these adjoining property owners and also impacts the sense of wildness and beauty experienced by visitors to the park.

In addition, in the north wing, the pines will help diversify the trail experience by providing shade and wind protection on what is otherwise a completely open portion of the trail. Trespassing isn't as big a problem here, but it still happens on occasion.

We will plan to go out in the next few weeks with Mr. Lagerquist to assess where the trees should go so they are spaced properly. We will also contact the Ericksons and Pelizzaris to let them know what we are doing and get their input.

Finally, I would also like to install a total of five cedar bluebird houses in the park, possibly in the middle meadow, subject to reviewing this with Angie Lucas on the Conservancy staff who has expertise in bird habitat improvement projects. I already have the bluebird boxes, which were donated by my grandfather.

I am proud to say that this project builds on park improvements made by both of my brothers and also by Zach Gerber, all scouts in Troop 34. There will continue to be Eagle Scout project opportunities in this park in the future.

I hope to schedule the project from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 29. Not only will this be an excellent time to plant, but also both of my brothers will be home, and they both want to help. I also expect numerous fellow scouts to assist as well as Mr. Lagerquist and Mr. Murphy. You are all invited to help, too!

Would the park board consider funding the cost of purchasing the trees, the compost, and the hardware needed to put up the bluebird houses? These are the only expenses I will incur, other than refreshments for the scouts.

After researching prices for trees, we have found them for \$1.98 each for 120 trees from Cold Stream Farm (plus \$14.26 for tax and \$82.76 for shipping), and my neighbors at Harbor View Farm will sell us two yards of compost for a total of \$40.00. The cost of the hardware to put up the bluebird poles and attach the houses is \$228.88. Therefore, the total cost of the project will be \$603.50.

Thank you for your time and your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Skurski: This is a well thought out project and one that is needed. Your presentation was excellent, you did the research, presented the board with a budget, and volunteers will implement this project.

Action-Motion Atkinson moved for approval of \$603.50 to fund the Eagle Scout Project at Pelizzari Natural Park. Skurski second. **PASSED UNAM**

B. Bowers Harbor Park Pavilion Reservation – Sue Bauer

Father Fred Foundation submitted a Peninsula Township Special Event Application for a volunteer picnic on June 18, 2018. There was also a Certificate of Liability provided. The event was held there last year.

Action-Motion Atkinson made a motion to approve the application: Cornell second

PASSED UNAM

C. Budget for Park Commission 2018-2019

Skurski reported that Bickle (Peninsula Township Treasurer) had accepted the Park Commission budget as submitted, which was \$120,000 and included a shortfall of \$17,000. However, the budget that was posted on the website only showed \$100,000. Skurski does not know if this is an oversight and needs to discuss with Bickle. If the budget has been reduced, then this would leave a shortfall of \$37,000.

From citizen at meeting: Nancy Kelly (3091 Bluewater Road) This is not an error and the budget was set at \$100,000.

Skurski to set a meeting with Bickle to clarify budget

D. Lighthouse Manager's Report – Schultz 3877 Smokey Cove Drive

Receiving 2018 lighthouse gift shop merchandise. Purchase of new phone and an additional tablet for the gift shop completed and old printer will be replaced. The tower window repairs and replacement of one window are on hold until the weather warms up. Mihm Enterprises have repair scheduled for early May. There is uncertainty if this will delay the opening of the lighthouse. There is a 45 Parallel sign that needs to be ordered and then placed low on the fence. Bickle has agreed that Schultz could receive a credit card with a \$500 monthly limit. Schultz attending Michigan Lighthouse Alliance Meeting May 20-22, 2018. Some high resolution photographs from the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association were sent to Schultz. These can be used to create displays and postcards

Action-Motion Snow makes a motion that Schultz receives a credit card with an upper limit of \$1000 and a monthly purchase limit of \$500. Cornell second. **PASSED UNAM**

E. Maintenance Report – Wilkinson 18426 Condor, Interlochen

Wilkinson was awarded a 4 year contract after competitive bidding. He is going to use the previous contract with the new information filled in and needs a signature from a park commissioner and the township. Griffiths to sign for the Park Commission.

Pending Projects

Grills - 8 grills have been budgeted to be replaced. Wilkinson and Atkinson will select which grills to purchase. The budget is for \$500 per grill.

Action-Motion Skurski moves that 8 grills be purchased and the amount of the budgeted \$500 per grill be used. Atkinson second. **PASSED UNAM**

Tables – 10 table tops, material and installation

Action-Motion Atkinson moves that Wilkinson order materials for tabletops and that the budget amount of \$7,000 be used. Cornell second. **PASSED UNAM**

Split Rail Fence – Bowers Harbor Expansion Park

Action-Motion Skurski moves that the split rail fence material be ordered immediately and installed upon arrival at the Bowers Harbor Expansion Park. The \$15,000 budgeted money to be used. Snow second. **PASSED UNAM**

Lighthouse Storage Shed Roof – Wilkinson bid \$1968 to replace the singles on the storage shed. Question was raised if the shingles need to meet State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) requirements. Schultz will research number of bids required and SHPO material specifications for the commissioners.

DNR Trust Fund Signs- These signs have arrived and Wilkinson will install immediately according to DNR requirements.

Haserot Dock Access to the Haserot Dock is difficult due to slippery rocks. Wilkinson proposes building a 10 foot wooden plank hinged ramp to attach to the dock to permit easier access.

Action-Motion- Cornell moves that \$350 be allocated to build a wooden plank out to the Haserot Dock. Atkinson second. **PASSED UNAM**

Dredging Haserot – Manigold is working to obtain a new dredging permit that allows dredging 3 times per year at Haserot. Wilkinson emphasized that the physical permit must be on site when dredging occurs. Wilkinson recommends dredging before the current permit expires.

Other project include getting a flag for Bowers Harbor, installing donated basketball nets, ordering No Lifeguard on Duty sign for Haserot Park. Backboard of tennis court needs to be removed.

Wilkinson is going to talk to Bickle about the snowplow contact, which is through the Peninsula Township. The snowplowing is putting the snow in front of areas of access and creating problems at the lighthouse. A cement parking barrier was pushed against the outdoor toilet at Bowers Harbor.

Items F (Dredging) and **Item G** (Budget) were discussed in the course of the meeting.

Citizen Comments NONE

Board Comments NONE

Adjourn Cornell moved and Atkinson second to adjourn at 8:35 PM **PASSED UNAM**

Lola Jackson

Recording Secretary