

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Township Hall
September 12, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

1. **Call to Order** Griffiths called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Atkinson, Snow, Cornell, Skurski, Griffiths
4. **Approve Agenda** Additional bills for the lighthouse need to be approved and are added to the Lighthouse report as item E1. Wilkinson has additional bills to be approved and will go under Maintenance Report F1. Snow moves that the agenda be accepted and seconded by Atkinson.

Passed Unam

5. Brief Citizens Comments

Carter Oosterhouse 2118 Island View Rd.

Would like to see a “Music in the Park” community event established on the Peninsula and is willing to get the event started beginning next summer on a trial basis of 4 weeks. The event would happen on Saturday nights in Bowers Harbor Park. Northport has been doing an event like this for 30 years and the Peninsula event could use some of the same musical entertainers. The program in Northport is run by a non-profit and the money goes back to the community. The Peninsula could establish the same type of organization here. There would no charge; supported by donations and occasional sponsors. The board is receptive to this idea.

Action-Motion Atkinson moves that a more formal plan for Music in the Park be presented by Oosterhouse. Second by Skurski.

Passed Unam

Neil Lau 18800 Bay

Their family has lived across the street from Haserot Beach for over 90 years. The road commission has put up some 25 mile per hour signs and people have been noticing and there has been some traffic slowing through that area. Concerned that the DNR was going to remove any infrastructure on the Kelly Park property and this seems short sighted. Recommends plenty of signage to inform people that Kelly is a public beach and this would take some of the pressure off of the high use at Haserot Beach.

Snow: There is a link on the Peninsula Township website where citizens can download a DNR form to provide public input regarding the development of the Kelly Park Plan. Public comments are being accepted until October 1, 2018.

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.

Correspondence (if any, provided in packet)

Approve Minutes of 8/8/18 meeting

Treasurer's report and invoice list approval

Skurski moves that the consent agenda be approved and seconded by Atkinson.

Voice vote Ayes: Atkinson, Snow, Griffiths, Skurski, Cornell

Passed Unam

8. Business

- A. Pelizzari Natural Area tree planting grant – Melinda Jones, Executive Director, ReLeaf Michigan
111 Lakeview Ave Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629

The DTE Foundation agreed to provide \$1,500 in grant money for the planting of approximately 15 trees, which is coordinated through ReLeaf Michigan. A Tree Maintenance Agreement needs to be signed. The trees must be planted by volunteers and on public property. These trees are going to be planted at the Pelizzari Natural Area. ReLeaf Michigan purchases the trees and arranges for delivery. The Park Commission provides the off-loading of the trees next to the holes. The holes have to be dug in advance. On planting day ReLeaf Michigan arrives up at 8:45 am and the project is usually completed by 11 a.m. There needs to be a minimum of 10 gallons of water available for each planted tree as well as tree gators that hold 15-20 gallons of water. The biggest concern is with the continued watering of the trees. The soil needs to be amended in this area. The proposed date is October 13, 2018. ReLeaf provides a press release and materials for soliciting volunteers. A notice of the event and call for volunteers will be on the Peninsula Township website.

Action Motion Skurski moves to proceed with the acceptance of the DTE Foundation Grant of \$1,500 and work with ReLeaf Michigan to plant trees in Pelizzari Natural Area. Atkinson seconds.

Voice vote Ayes: Atkinson, Snow, Griffiths, Skurski, Cornell

Passed Unam

- B. Park traffic control – Griffiths

Empire has an ordinance that allows trained citizens called Beach Ambassadors to help with enforcement of parking at their beach and Griffiths would like to see a parking ordinance for the Peninsula Township. Griffiths will begin to put together a parking plan for the Park Commission to consider.

- C. Forestry grant program – Snow

The Peninsula Township has contracted to pay an arborist for 8 hours of work. The Peninsula Planning Director Randy Mielnik contacted Schultz as there is a potential grant available and the application deadline is September 30, 2018. The primary concerns regarding trees are public safety and the Lighthouse structure. Snow, Schultz, and Wilkinson are meeting the arborist tomorrow, September 13, 2018.

D. DNR 8/23/18 open house on Kelly Park plans – Snow
Atkinson, Griffiths, and Snow attended the DNR open house. The DNR requires a grant application process for any improvements made on the Haserot boat ramp. The DNR is willing to provide the township with expert planning to help design a boat launch. The parking lot is going to be placed on the East. The DNR does not want Kelly Park to become a picnic, beach area, but a soft boat launch. The Park Commission is going to write their official response to the DNR Plan on September 18, 2018 at a Special Meeting.

E. Lighthouse manager's report – Ginger Schultz 3877 Smokey Cove Drive
Sales through August 31, 2018 are \$124,150.40, of which \$58,685 is from tours and \$65,465.40 from gift shop sales. With the recent rains water was leaking in through the wood surrounding the tower windows. Mihm came out and performed some initial repairs. There is a \$ 7,225 bid for Mihm to replace and repair all of the wood around the tower.

Action-Motion Snow moves to authorize \$7225 for Mihm to replace the wood below the tower windows with a second by Griffiths.

Voice Vote Ayes: Atkinson, Snow, Griffiths, Skurski, Cornell

Passed Unam

The final Lighthouse 45th Parallel sign design was approved.

Action-Motion Skurski moves to spend \$1041.41 for the Lighthouse 45th Parallel sign and is seconded by Atkinson.

Voice Vote Ayes: Atkinson, Snow, Griffiths, Skurski, Cornell

Passed Unam

E1. The additional Lighthouse invoices were reviewed.

Action-Motion Skurski moves to pay \$2,200 of invoices submitted by Schultz. Snow seconds.

Voice Vote Ayes: Atkinson, Snow, Griffiths, Skurski, Cornell

Passed Unam

F. Maintenance report – Bob Wilkinson 18426 Cinder Rd. Interlochen

Parking at the Haserot Beach launch was discussed and four signs are going to be ordered and installed to aid in having the flow of the parking pattern improved. There are to be signs at both entrances and two in the middle of the lot. Wilkinson's time was spent in repairing issues that arose from the latest set of storms, both in the parks and the township. As it is so late in the season, the new buoys for Haserot Beach will not be put out.

F1. The additional Maintenance invoices were reviewed.

Action-Motion Skurski moves to pay Wilkinson's invoices of \$2310. Snow seconds.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Atkinson, Snow, Griffiths, Skurski, Cornell

Passed Unam

9. Citizen Comments None

10. Board Comments Skurski needs someone to submit the invoices for the packets for next month and Griffiths with handle. Skurski makes a comment that the pickleball courts have not been overly used.

11. Adjourn Skurski moves to adjourn and is seconded by Snow. Adjourns at 9:40 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Lola Jackson