



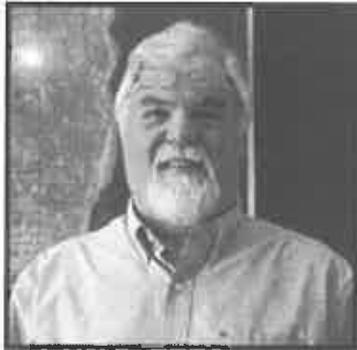
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PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

Winter 2013-2014

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HOT TOPICS



"I have had the honor to serve as Supervisor since 1988. In the last twenty-five years I have had the distinct pleasure to work with residents, boards and staff to make the Peninsula a model for farmland preservation and quality of life. Thank you." – Rob Manigold

"During Rob's tenure as Township Supervisor approximately 6,000 acres total have been preserved on the Peninsula including farmland, shoreline, natural areas, parks and almost 2/3rds of the priority farmland identified in the Agricultural Preservation Zone and much of the township's most treasured scenic viewsheds. The American Farmland

Trust identified Peninsula Township's farmland preservation program as one of the top 10 most successful efforts in the entire nation!" – Glen Chown, Executive Director of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

"Rob has been key to the development and implementation of sewer and water systems in Grand Traverse County, working through the County Board of Public Works using Master Sewer and Water Agreements between Acme, East Bay, Elmwood, Garfield, Peninsula townships and Traverse City. Other of Rob's efforts relate to environmental protection including the Resource Recovery program, the Master Contract with American Waste and the Septage Treatment Plant. He was often attacked and criticized for the initial failure of this facility, but never wavered on his support of the concept and long term positive impact it would have on our region by preventing millions of gallons of waste from being land applied and destroying water quality which is our most valuable asset." - K. Ross Childs, Former Grand Traverse County Administrator for 26 years

"Think of all the projects during Rob's administration: Pyatt Lake Natural Area, Lighthouse Point State Park (Murray Farm), Mission Point Lighthouse, Pelizzari Natural Area, Peninsula Township Cemetery, Dougherty Historic Home Site, Scenic Heritage Route designation, phragmites invasive species control and two successful farm preservation millages. The things that have occurred during his term of office are a testament to his skills and dedication that could be the definition of public service and by that I mean Rob has served the public interest. Rob is always giving credit to others and he would be the first to say he did not do these things alone, but his leadership is always present and he has made the difference." - Gordon Hayward, Township Planner (1988-2009)

SPECIAL USE PERMITS (SUP), ORDINANCES (ORD), AND ISSUES CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED AT EITHER THE TOWN BOARD OR PLANNING COMMISSION

- SUP#120 - AT&T seeks a wireless communication tower to be located at 7178 Center Road. Their first proposal was a 110' monopole with internal antennae. A second style would be 80' in height with external antennae hidden amidst fake pine boughs. Federal and State law applies to the establishment of telecommunication towers and a decision must be made before the end of the year.
- SUP#121 - Mission Point Lighthouse Interpretive Center – Parks and Recreation seeks to utilize an existing storage building as a handicapped accessible interpretive center.
- The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund is reviewing a DNR boat launch on Old Mission Harbor and additional property for Bowers Harbor Park. We will know if the funding comes through in December and would kick off the planning phase early next year.

KUDOS

- Thanks to Sean O'Keefe and Tom Maguire for serving on the Planning Commission. John Elashkar has been selected to replace Tom and the remainder of Sean's position through August 2015 will need to be filled. Contact the Clerk if you are interested in applying.
- Noah Lomasney organized a work detail, prepped and painted the bleachers and storage building at Bowers Harbor Park toward his rank of Eagle Scout.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Four fire department personnel traveled to Washington state to inspect the new Marine Rescue Vessel before delivery and to receive two days of operator training. The boat was 75% funded through a \$422,000 FEMA grant and will be delivered to Station #1 this autumn.
- The Peter Dougherty Society is a (501)(c)(3) organization and has received a Jeffris Family 1 for 2 Challenge Grant of \$156,942. While the deadline for the grant is January 2016, fund raising has begun. The Dougherty House is the oldest house in the entire TC area and once it is restored it will be open to the public.
- Elise Crafts was hired as Assistant Planner in August. She came to us from Kalamazoo and has a BA in Geography, a MA in Community Planning and Development and is highly skilled with computer mapping technology. Elise is "thrilled to be working in one of the most beautiful places in Michigan" and we are happy to have her on staff.
- Just a reminder that our zoning does not allow the storage of docks in any required yard setback and a DEQ permit is required to store docks below the Ordinary High Water Mark.



OPERATING INFO

- There are two TCAPS and one County Road Commission proposals on the ballot on November 5th. Polls will be open at both precincts from 7am to 8pm. Contact the Clerk's office if you want an Absentee Ballot or with any questions regarding voting procedures.
- Winter tax bills will be mailed on December 1st. Taxes may be paid through Tuesday, February 18th due to the holiday.
- Supervisor Selection Process
The Supervisor selection schedule was approved by the Town Board in October. There will be an advertisement in the Record Eagle beginning November 1st as well as information associated with statutory duties on the township website. Letters of interest and resumes will be due to the Clerk's office no later than November 14th at 4pm. The Town Board will evaluate all applications and invite the best candidates to return for interviews on December 2nd and make the appointment at the Town Board meeting on December 3rd. All meetings will be open to the public. This schedule will allow the newly appointed supervisor to work/train with Rob Manigold for the month of December. The appointment will last until the 2014 election cycle when a Supervisor will be elected for two years to complete the original four year term.
- The lighthouse is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday (10am -5pm) in November and December. It will be closed from January until April. However, all township parks are open for winter recreation so get out on the trails with your snow shoes, cross country skis or take a nice winter hike. Lighthouse Park and Pelizzari Natural Area provide great space to spend the day outside, no matter the weather. A sleigh ride event will happen at the lighthouse this winter but the date has not been set yet.

HELP WANTED

The Mission Point Lighthouse needs keepers and daily volunteers in the Gift Shop. Contact Lighthouse and Parks Director Elizabeth Smith at 645-0759 for information. The Lighthouse Friends Group is interested in research material for donation or loan regarding area shipwrecks and shipping. Currently, they are working on the Sarah and John Lane and the Metropolis shipwreck exhibits.

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Old Mission Penin. School 933-7420

Peninsula Comm. Library 223-7700

Sheriff (non-emergency) 223-4525

SCHEDULES and EVENTS

Park Commission
(first Wednesday at 7 pm)
November 6
December 4
January 8*
February 5

Fire Board
(first Monday at 7 pm)
November 4
December 2
January 6
February 3

Board of Review
Tuesday - December 10
9am-11am

Town Board
(second Tuesday at 7 pm)
November 12
December 10
January 14
February 11

Planning Commission
(third Monday at 7 pm)
November 18
December 16
January 20
February 24*

Zoning Board of Appeals
(second Thursday at 7 pm)
November 14
December 12
January 9
February 13

Peninsula Community Library
Monday and Thursday - 9 am to 9 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9 am
to 5:30 pm Saturday - 9 am to 1 pm
Story Stew, first and third Thursday -
9:30 am

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society
(first Thursday at 7 pm - Town Hall)

American Legion Dinners
(first and third Tuesday - 6 pm)
American Legion Hall on Swaney Road

Annual Dickens' Bazaar
Saturday - November 2
First Congregational Church

**Old Mission Women's Club Christmas
Cookie Sale**
Saturday - December 7 - 8 am-1pm
Fire Station #2

Recycling/Clean-up Program
Sunday - November 3 -9am-3pm
American Waste on Hughes Drive,
TC www.cleanupgreenup.com.

**Michigan Township Association
Annual Meeting**
January 28-31
Grand Traverse Resort

Compactor Station Hours:
Wednesday, noon to 6 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm
Recycling at any time

The Peninsula Township Office is open
Monday through Thursday. Monday
hours are 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. Tuesday
through Thursday hours are 7:30 am to
5:00 pm. The Office is closed every Friday
and on November 11 (Veteran's Day),
November 28 (Thanksgiving), December
24-25 (Christmas), December 31 and
January 1 (New Year's) and February 17
(President's Day).

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