

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Township Hall
January 8, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Corrections Made by Becky Chown on 2-19-20

1. **Call to Order** by Skurski at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Present: Atkinson, Karczewski, Skurski, Dreier, Murphy, Milliken, Dahl
4. **Approve Agenda** Skurski requested business item I come before H.
Moved by Atkinson to approve the amended agenda, Dreier seconded. Passed Unam
5. **Brief Citizens Comments-for items not on the agenda** 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 December 4, 2019

B. Reports/Correspondence

a. Minutes from Joint Meeting with Township Board, December 17, 2019

Moved by Karczewski to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes as noted with a second by Murphy. Passed Unam

8. Business

A. Volunteer Recognition – Bill Stott and Bill Ryan were recognized for their excellent work with establishing an effective trash pickup program at the lighthouse. Both were in attendance at the meeting.

B. Bowers Harbor Park Pavilion Reservation

a. Music in the Park

Karczewski: Last year the event had limited publicity. Communication channels for this year can be improved.

Atkinson: The event did not cause any complaints from the neighbors surrounding the park and we can improve communication to have more local residents be aware of this family friendly event.

Skurski: We can get this information into the township newsletter and in the Old Mission Gazette.

Moved by Atkinson for approval contingent upon a certificate of liability documentation with a second by Dreier Passed Unam

b. Traverse City Triathlon (Endurance Evolution, LLC) – Bowers Harbor Park Pavilion Reservation

Skurski: This event is on July 26, 2020 from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are only being asked to approve the use of the park pavilion. The township board is in charge of the other aspects of this event such as road closures and parking.

Murphy: I would like to raise the question as to how many of these events are allowed on the peninsula and how big can they be? Do we have any policies in place to limit the number of events?

Skurski: As a committee we are only asked to approve issues that involve the parks. The township board makes the decisions on how many events to hold on the peninsula. Last year the township board turned down the request to have part of the Ironman Triathlon take place on the peninsula.

Moved by Karczewski to approve of the Traverse City Triathlon to use the pavilion at Bowers Harbor Park on July 26, 2020 contingent upon a certificate of liability documentation, Atkinson seconded. **Passed Unam**

Maintenance Report (Wilkinson) Absent

C. Lighthouse Report (Dahl)

Dahl: A commemorative bench came loose near the beach and was moved farther back. The stones are done around the veterans' memorial. The lighthouse committee meetings on Tuesdays at the township conference room are well attended. Manigold, Chown, Achorn, Schultz and some township staff are in attendance as well as Dahl, who represents the parks committee.

D. Parshall Tree Service-Beech treatment

Dreier: This beech treatment needs to be done for **2 two** consecutive years in the **month of July months of July or August**. This treatment prevents the insects from boring through the bark and killing the tree. Advanced notice will be provided to residents in that area.

Moved by Dreier to approve the bid from Parshall Tree Service for \$4,200 to treat the beech trees in Bowers Harbor with a second by Milliken

Voice vote for approval Ayes: Milliken, Murphy, Dreier, Skurski, Karczewski, Dahl, Atkinson

Passed Unam

E. Joint Meeting Outcomes (Skurski)

There was a discussion on continuing to build increased communication between the township board and the parks committee. Skurski will meet with Kelly to establish the budget for the 2020-2021.

F. Parks Committee Proposed Fiscal Procedures

The Parks Committee Fiscal Procedures (updated 12/26/2019) is in the posted packet for this meeting.

G. 2020-21 Capital Spending Recommendations

Skurski: We created our list of priorities and now a budget needs to be presented.

H. Playground Update (Dreier)

Dreier: A 2020 Playground Development Project was presented with a specific time line. The recommendation was for a capital expenditure of \$200,000 and to have the new equipment at Haserot Beach and Bowers Harbor in place by June, 2020. No money has been spent in years on this equipment and is long overdue. Karczewski will attend the township board meeting on January 14, 2020 and present the request for the monetary allocation for playground equipment. Capital expenditures on the parks have been low. The citizen survey showed the parks as being ranked high on what residents care about and use. This equipment is over 20 years old.

I. Parks Rep for Town Board Meeting

If a specific park is being discussed, the assigned parks committee member will plan to attend that meeting.

The parks committee set up a budget work session for January 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the township conference room.

9. Citizen Comments

Jane Boursaw 12875 Bluff Road

I was over at Bowers Harbor Park and noticed some of the trees had tape around their trunks. I was wondering what this means.

Dreier: I believe that one ribbon is for removal or trimming. Two ribbons are for the trees to be maintained. I will double check with Parshall Tree Service and get back to you tomorrow with that information.

Nancy Heller 3091 Bluewater Road

I would like to commend this committee in your willingness to work with the various township entities to get some of these projects completed. I was at the joint meeting between the parks committee and the town board and I did not hear any motions being made. To be effective you need clear cut motions and specific direction as to what you are tasked to do. Several months ago you changed your meeting date and this has created a conflict for Wilkinson who has another commitment. You need to have some type of report from maintenance. Many projects were presented and if you want to get anything accomplished, pick several items and make proposals that are short, sweet, and direct. Regarding the playground equipment, I would like to know what the life span is for this type of equipment. I have agreed from day one that the signage needs to be improved, yet do we need to spend \$5,000 to \$6,000 for a consultant? I would like to have a review of the charges for the pavilion at Bowers Harbor Park. Regarding Kelly Park, there was a time when the DNR had agreed to pay for the dredging and the boat launch. We need their expertise. However, I am afraid the peninsula will end up paying for the entire project.

10. Board Comments None

11. Adjournment

Moved by Karczewski to adjourn, seconded by Dreier

Passed Unam

Adjournment at 9:10 p.m.