

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Special Meeting
*****VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM*****
January 13, 2020 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Edits made by Becky Chown on Feb. 18, 2021

Link to join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643300990?pwd=eC8zQm1rUFZaSmR3ZWVbnF0eEFiUT09>

Passcode: 298518

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Dreier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Atkinson, Dahl, Karczewski, Dreier, Milliken, Murphy, Manigold (township supervisor), Chown (township clerk), Skurski (excused absence)
4. **Approve Agenda** Skurski was to lead the Business Item B discussion.
Murphy moved to have Item B postponed to a following park meeting with Skurski in attendance. Second by Atkinson.

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 2, 2020

Atkinson moved the consent agenda be approved with one correction to the December 2, 2020 minutes. Murphy seconded.

passed unam

8. Business

A. Finance & Budget Discussion with Town Board Reps (All)

a. Capital Project Funds Available

Karczewski: If we have a high priority, high cost project, can the amount of money allocated for one year be saved and moved into the following year?

Manigold: The township is beginning the budget process for the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year. Revenue sharing is going to be cut and the treasurer is predicting a shortfall in funds. Each township department is making 10% cuts to their budgets. My recommendation is to keep your business plan open. Have a target amount for the capital outlay projects planned. We can then go out into the community and work to raise the funds.

Chown: Donations from the township capital improvement solicitation letter sent out at the end of 2020 netted \$9,000 for the parks. This was more money than was designated to the fire department or the cemeteries.

Atkinson: Now should be an excellent time to get the actual costs and plans for moving ahead on the Bowers Harbor playground equipment. We can then go directly to community members asking for monetary support for the project.

Manigold: With a specific, highly developed plan, I can begin approaching organizations, associations, and individuals for any of the projects you select.

Karczewski: We should enlarge the scope to include all the needs at Bowers Harbor Park. People who do not have children may not want to fund just playground equipment. We can build a campaign around an entire park. The \$9,000 should be put into the general park fund for maintenance.

After an exchange regarding what money was spent and/or collected in this current fiscal year, the parks committee set up a working meeting for January 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to craft the specific approach for upcoming parks projects.

- B. Parks Committee Evaluation Update with Town Board Reps (Skurski) Topic Postponed
- C. Budget Discussion for 20-21
 - a. Maintenance Needs

Based on the conversation regarding what money was spent and/or collected in this past fiscal year, the parks committee set up a working meeting for January 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to craft the approach for upcoming park maintenance and budget plans.

- D. Park Ordinance (Dreier)

Dreier: In looking over the township ordinances, the only park related issue was regarding no dogs being allowed off leash. I am raising the question do we need more ordinances aimed at activity of the parks, such as the use of non-motorized vehicles?

The discussion included use of non-motorized vehicles, community safety, fire prevention planning, park specific signage, controlled dogs versus leashed dogs, and hunting dogs. Each committee member will bring a list of their assigned park concerns to the January 26, 2021 session.

Nancy Heller 3091 Bluewater Road

Police Power Ordinance #5 is the Peninsula Township Park Regulation Ordinance. An amendment to this ordinance could address the issues being highlighted here tonight. Any signage needs to be generic and not linked to any specific entity except for the township itself. Names of commissions and committees potentially could change in the future.

- E. Archie Park Update (Milliken) The check for damages sustained on the hill above Archie Park was never received. Township attorney Meihn is now going to sue for the damages, legal fees, and labor for the repairs.
- F. Parks Rep for next Town Board Meeting- Murphy will attend the next town board meeting to communicate completed park projects and list upcoming, future goals.

Chown: I agree a representative from the parks committee should be at every town board meeting. This aids in increasing the communication and is welcomed.

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Lola Jackson-Recording Secretary
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9. Citizen Comments

Jane Boursaw 12875 Bluff Road

In driving around the peninsula, I just wanted to report children are playing on the playground at Haserot Beach almost every time I go by. There is a tree down between path markers 2 and 24 at lighthouse park.

10. Board Comments

Dreier: Individuals who are required to take taxable distributions from their retirement accounts after 70 ½ can donate the money to the township and might be tax deductible.

11. Adjournment Karczewski moved to adjourn with a second by Milliken. **passed unam**
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.