

# PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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## PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE Regular Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

January 24, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Skurski at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Butler, Dahl, Skurski, Zebell. Excused: Murphy, Milliken, Chown
4. **Approve Agenda** Butler moved to approve the agenda with a second by Zebell Approved by Consensus
5. **Brief Citizens Comments (for agenda items only)** None
6. **Conflict of Interest** None
7. **Consent Agenda:** any member of the committee, 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 September 20, 2023, and November 15, 2023
  - B. Correspondence from Concerned Peninsula Citizen-“Cars Parking on BHP Grass” October 2, 2023
  - C. Correspondence from Susan Piehl regarding BHP parking complaints-October 2, 2023
  - D. Correspondence from Park Committee Members and Director of Planning and Zoning on BHP Parking Situation-October 2-3, 2023
  - E. Correspondence from Bill Stott/ Bill Ryan-“Poison Ivy Control and Trail Clearing in Central and Northern Michigan Peninsula Township: 2023” November 6, 2023.
  - F. Correspondence from Mike Skurski “Industrial Geese Away” January 18, 2024  
Zebell moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Dahl Approved by Consensus

### 8. Business

- A. PNA Signage and Placement Schedule- Murphy
- B. All Park Signage Plan-All

**Skurski:** as Murphy is not here and there is a great deal of information in the packet regarding signage, we should go ahead and have a general discussion.

The committee discussed needing bigger lettering on the examples of the signage. Murphy will be contacted to provide bigger samples at the next meeting. The use of QR codes and maps linking all the parks is being explored. Ideally, the signage will be installed by summer. There is still ARPA money available, which must be spent by the end of 2024.

C. Celebration Recap and Equipment Funding- **Zebell:** the reason I wanted to go back over this is I get stopped by people saying “if there is no money for parks, how did you come up with a playground structure and a swing set?” Mike (Skurski) did extensive research and came up with an affordable swing set. We decided to order and install the wood chips ourselves, which turned out to be quite an endeavor. There are many people to thank regarding the wood chip installation. Complete information on the costs and all of the

names of the volunteers is in the packet. Without volunteers and strategic decisions by this committee, much less would be accomplished.

**D. Volunteer List Next Steps-Milliken**

Milliken was going to talk about the next step in creating a volunteer program and will be on the February meeting agenda.

**E. Volunteer Recognition-Zebell:** I created a letterhead the park committee could use to thank people in a more personalized way with a letter. I also want to see if people can obtain a tax credit for in kind donations.

**F. List of Open Maintenance Needs-All**

**Skurski:** I have created the budgetary performance year-to-date. Transfers from ARPA and the pickle ball group still need to occur. Everyone can submit small projects needed in their assigned parks. A good example is the geese away lights, which can be used at the soccer field and then at Haserot Park and Beach. In building the park 2024-2025 budget, I will take care of the basics and if we can have the individual park requests from the entire committee, we can construct the budget at our February meeting. The township votes on the finalized budget the last meeting in March, so I think we will be ready to present our budget to the trustees.

**G. Kelly Park Boat Launch Site Plan-Chown**

The committee reviewed the map and budget provided by Beckett and Raeder (see information in the packet). A DNR waterway grant of \$605,000 and township ARPA money is going to fund the project. The work is slated to begin in the spring, 2024.

**H. Needed Projects and Expense for 2024 Budget-Skurski and All**

**Skurski:** look at the budget from 2023-2024 and make sure all of the money for your park projects has been spent. If there is anything not completed, please let me know so we can get them finished.

**8. Citizen Comments None**

**10. Committee Comments**

**Zebell:** I applied again this year for the 2024 cycle of the 2% Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. We were awarded \$19,600 to "support Bowers Harbor Park improvements by partnering with CFS Youth Work and GoatWork programs to help remove invasive plant species."

**Dahl:** the money I need is for tree maintenance and signage. The signs stating no parking and no camping continue to be stolen. The two track remains a problem with people partying and building fires.

**11. Adjournment Dahl moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Butler Approved by Consensus**

Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.