

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Township Hall
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Skurski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Karczewski, Atkinson, Skurski, Dahl, Dreier, Murphy, Milliken
4. **Approve Agenda** Skurski added changing the date of the meeting schedule and placed as Business Item I and Milliken added update on Archie Park and placed between D and E.
Atkinson moved the agenda be approved with a second by Dreier. 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 January 13, 2021-one change

Karczewski moved the consent agenda be approved with a second by Dreier. Passed Unam

8. Business

A. Ordinance (Dreier)

Dreier: I spoke with Sanger (enforcement officer) and Deeren (zoning administrator) regarding the rewriting of some of the township ordinances. Sanger stated the signage at the parks still says parks commission instead of parks committee, making the enforcement of the sign rules questionable. The major concerns of dogs being leashed, except for hunting dogs, dog litter and non-motorized vehicles need to be addressed in the rewrite of the park ordinance. The other enforcement concern is when destruction of park property occurs.

B. Dog Banner (Karczewski)

A photo of a banner from Hickory Meadows reminding people to leash up and clean up after their dog was presented by Milliken. These are public safety issues for the township. A conversation regarding dogs in the parks ensued.

Murphy moved to purchase 6 signs for installation at Lighthouse Park, Pelizzari, and Bowers Harbor contingent upon the sign ordinance of the township with a second by Milliken. An amendment to the motion to obtain clarification from the DNR regarding the rules for hunting dogs on state property was added with a second by Milliken. Passed Unam

C. Budget 21-22 (Skurski)

The township is unsure of any revenue sharing coming from the state. The township budgets are being cut due to the anticipated revenue shortfall. The park budget for 2021-2022 is \$75,000, down from \$145,000 the previous year. The Wilkinson maintenance contract costs \$50,000, \$10,000 for capital outlay with \$15,000 remaining. Skurski asked members to submit items needing repair or

maintenance in their respective parks and Skurski will go over the list with Wilkinson. The function of the committee is for planning strategy and long term solutions going forward.

D. Fee Structure (Skurski)

The committee discussed the Bowers Harbor Park Pavilion rental fee structure and agreed rate increases are warranted.

Karczewski moved fees be \$100 for groups up to 40 people and \$200 for groups over 40 people. Residents will pay 50% less. Milliken seconded. Passed Unam

Archie Park Update (Milliken)

The fence and grade and gravel of the parking lot have not occurred. Milliken suggested some type of work order system be created so Wilkinson knows what park maintenance needs to be completed. There is now a lawsuit against the property owner above Archie Park who cut down trees and degraded the hillside.

E. Update of 5 Year Recreation Plan (Skurski/Karczewski)

The 5 Year Recreational Plan needs updating. The committee is going to hear a presentation on March 24, 2021 from Matt Cowell, who works for the Land Information Access Associates (LIAA). The idea is for Cowell to be a consultant on this plan and help find the funds to finance both the needed capital projects and the money to maintain the park system. This is a forward looking plan to envision what the parks could be. The committee members might break into smaller work teams along with several of the township trustees to come up with a highly detailed plan. The plan would use public comment and the website Participate Old Mission to help craft the parks future.

F. Watershed Center Beach Clean-up (Skurski)

The Watershed Center received a grant from the EPA of \$300,000 to lead clean-up campaigns across the Great Lakes Basin and to coordinate clean-ups through 2022. The Grand Traverse Baykeepers are the contact point in this area and have invited the township to participate by having a site captain coordinate this effort. Milliken volunteered to contact Heather Smith at the Grand Traverse Baykeepers and planned for the date of May 1 or 2, 2021 to aid in this township shoreline clean-up endeavor.

Dreier moved that the township participate in the bay trash clean-up coordinated by Milliken. Murphy seconded. Passed Unam

G. Parks Committee Evaluation (Milliken)

Milliken highlighted the results of the evaluation. The members agreed on the committee structure working well and the splitting off of the historical society properties and the lighthouse proved effective. The number of 7 people on the committee works and there is congeniality between the members. Time is spent in the meetings on projects that cannot happen due to a lack of funding. The communication between the parks committee and the town board improved with the regular inclusion on the town board meeting agenda. A town board member attending the parks committee meetings is desirable.

H. Parks Rep for next Town Board Meeting-Skurski will attend the scheduled meeting on March 9, 2021.

I. Change date of Parks Committee meeting

Peninsula Township
Parks Committee
March 3, 2021
Lola Jackson-Recording Secretary
DRAFT

The parks committee discussed changing their meeting schedule.

Milliken moved the meeting schedule for the parks committee be moved to the 4th Wednesday of each month beginning on March 24, 2021 with a second by Karczewski.

Passed Unam

9. Citizen Comments None

10. Board Comments

Murphy: The appraisal for one parcel of land near Pelizzari is moving ahead at a cost of \$2,000 and there is a potential second parcel appraisal. There are 3 positions (2 year terms) on the parks committee ending March 31 2021. Those 3 members need to make their intentions known going forward. There are 4 members with 3 year terms.

11. Adjournment Karczewski moved to adjourn with a second by Atkinson. Passed Unam

Adjourned at 9:18 p.m.