

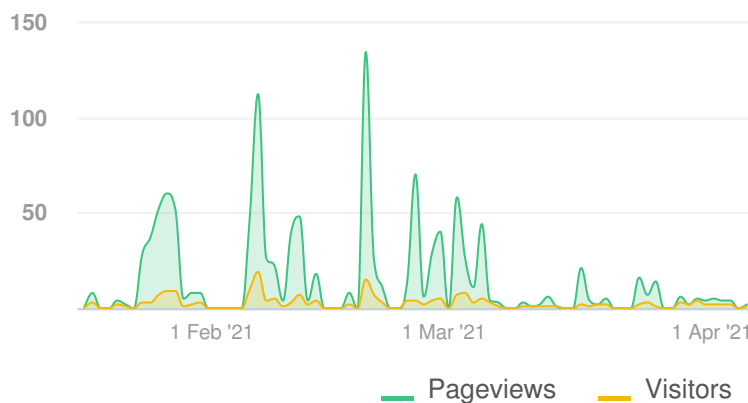
# Project Report

14 January 2021 - 04 April 2021

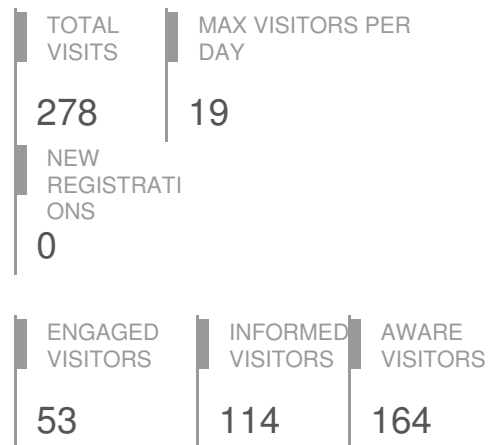
## Participate Old Mission Mobility—Bicycles and Pedestrians



### Visitors Summary

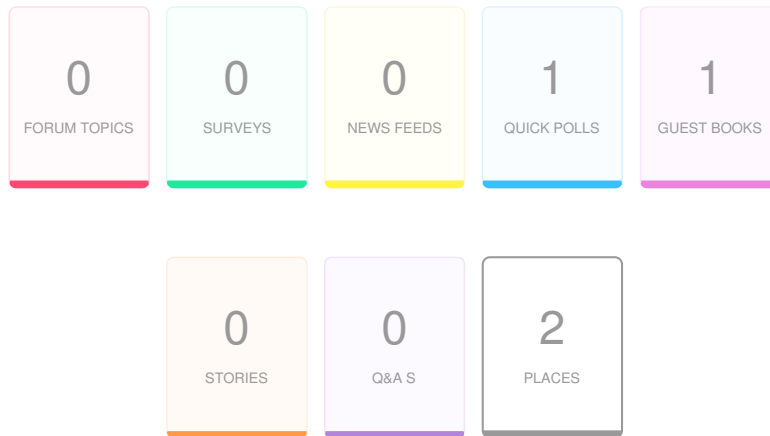


### Highlights



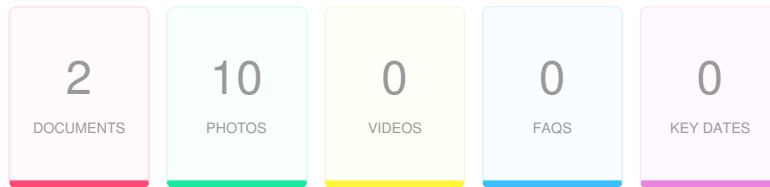
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Visited a Project or Tool Page	164				
<b>Informed Participants</b>	<b>114</b>	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
<b>Informed Actions Performed</b>	<b>Participants</b>	Participated in Surveys	0	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a photo	10	Participated in Quick Polls	32	0	12
Downloaded a document	0	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	0	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Asked Questions	0	0	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Placed Pins on Places	1	0	0
Visited Multiple Project Pages	71	Contributed to Ideas	27	0	0
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	53				

## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Guest Book	Help Define Potential Projects	Published	1	0	0	0
Place	Map places where you want to call attention to issues rel...	Published	3	1	0	0
Place	Potential Bike and Pedestrian Connections	Published	0	0	0	0
Quick Poll	It is one thing to indicate support for something, but wo...	Published	44	32	0	12
Ideas	Ideas Board	Published	67	27	0	0

## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Photo	Walker on Nature Trail.jpg	7	7
Photo	Hikers Near Lighthouse.JPG	7	8
Photo	Bikers on Pen Twp Road2.jpg	7	7
Photo	Bikers on Pen Twp Road.jpg	7	7
Photo	Bike on Paved Shoulder .jpg	7	7
Photo	Bikes on Blue Water Road.jpg	7	7
Photo	Biker on Paved Shoulder on M-37	7	7
Photo	Biker on Pen Twp. Road.jpg	6	6
Photo	Bikers on Pen Twp Road3.jpg	6	6
Photo	Pedestrian Signage on M37.jpg	5	5
Document	US DOT Federal Highway Admin _ Small Town and Rural Multimodal Netw...	0	0
Document	AARP Public Policy - Planning Complete Streets for an Aging America	0	0

## ENGAGEMENT TOOL: PLACE

Map places where you want to call attention to issues related to bike or pedestrian travel which may be worthy of further study.

Visitors <b>3</b>	Contributors <b>1</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>1</b>
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2021-02-18 08:29:57 -0800	Address: Traverse City, Michigan 49686, United States <a href="http://participateoldmission.com/mobility-issue-non-motorized-transportation/maps/map-places-where-you-want-to-call-attention-to-issues-related-to-bike-or-pedestrian-travel-which-may-be-worthy-of-further-study-2?reporting=true#marker-32745">http://participateoldmission.com/mobility-issue-non-motorized-transportation/maps/map-places-where-you-want-to-call-attention-to-issues-related-to-bike-or-pedestrian-travel-which-may-be-worthy-of-further-study-2?reporting=true#marker-32745</a>
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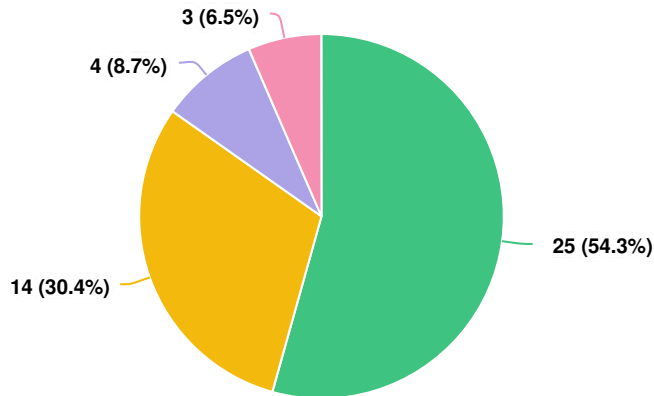
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## ENGAGEMENT TOOL: QUICK POLL

It is one thing to indicate support for something, but would you also be willing to help pay for an improved bicycle and/or pedestrian system in Peninsula Township?

Visitors <b>44</b>	Contributors <b>44</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>46</b>
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Would you be willing to pay for elements of an improved bicycle and/or pedestrian system in Peninsula Township?



### Question options

Very Likely    Likely    Unlikely    Very Unlikely

Mandatory Question (46 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

# IDEAS

## Ideas Board

Visitors <b>67</b>	Contributors <b>27</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>83</b>
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22 January 21		<p><b>Beth Karczewski</b></p> <p><b>Create a “blue ribbon” bike trail.</b></p> <p>A safe route of 10-15 miles for the weekend rider that includes points of interest and views. Stage at Bowers Harbor Park and focus on the less busy roads. Use directional signage on the route and distribute maps to local bike shops to promote safe riding.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES	
<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	
23 January 21		<p><b>Laurie</b></p> <p><b>Fund bike/pedestrian shoulders and paths by having races and marathon fundraisers and/or charging fees for current marathons and bike events</b></p>
VOTES	UNVOTES	
<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	
23 January 21		<p><b>Jay Berger</b></p> <p><b>Another voice to improve road shoulders to support bikers and walkers.</b></p> <p>The peninsula is a world class location for road cycling but the lack of road shoulders makes it extremely dangerous for cyclists, walkers, runners and drivers.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES	
<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
03 February 21		<p><b>MB Milliken</b></p> <p><b>Reduce speed limits on Peninsula and East Shore Road as well as roads at the North end of the Peninsula</b></p>
VOTES	UNVOTES	
<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
04 February 21		<p><b>Agnes Peterson</b></p> <p><b>Mt Bike Trails</b></p> <p>Create trail system for mt biking at the Lighthouse Park and Pelezarri Natural area. This might entice more bikers to ride the trails vs the roads.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES	
<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	

## IDEAS

### Ideas Board

<p>04 February 21</p> <p><b>Agnes Peterson</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	7	0	<p><b>TART Connector Trail</b></p> <p>Create a connector trail to the TART trail system, allowing safe access by peninsula residents to the entire TART system and to open up commuter routes to downtown.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>15 February 21</p> <p><b>Lois Byrne</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>It is my understanding that the TART has indicated an interest in working with OMP to extend the trail to OMP. Has this been pursued?</p>
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<p>15 February 21</p> <p><b>Lois Byrne</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>The speed limit on Center Road needs to be reduced in heavy housing areas; at least north of Bluff intersection to Eagles Landing entrance.</p>
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<p>17 February 21</p> <p><b>NormanFred</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p><b>Signage for bikers on Peninsula Dr is needed to inform them of laws requiring large groups to stay in single file &amp; to leave spaces between.</b></p> <p>Bike lanes on Peninsula Dr north of McKinley Rd are needed badly. Single file riding is safer for both the riders and drivers. I see double and triple tiers of riders on Peninsula Dr even south of McKinley Rd. Leaving large spaces between groups of riders is needed so that there is somewhere to go for the driver who is passing if he has to move back into his lane without hitting a rider. It is a miracle that many more riders are not killed on the Peninsula every year. One more thing: Someone needs to get it across to riders that if they want to be treated like any other users of our public roads, they need to live by the same rules that drivers do. Stopping at STOP signs would be a good start. Signalling their intentions, being courteous and mindful of others would also be things to get used to doing. They are welcome to use the roads but sharing the road is a two way street - no pun intended. The other day, I was driving north on Peninsula Dr when out of nowhere a rider came down Wilson Rd, didn't even slow down and swung onto Peninsula Dr at high speed (thank God) and into the oncoming lane heading north. Had he turned to the south, I would have wiped him out. If a car had been in that oncoming lane he would be dead. If I had done that to him, he would have freaked out. All I could think of was, "Boy. That was stupid."</p>
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<p>18 February 21</p> <p><b>Amy Ranger</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p><b>Any thought to one way traffic on east shore road/ bluff and Peninsula drive, so that an actual pedestrian /bicycle path might be developed?</b></p> <p>East Shore Rd and Bluff Rd could be Northbound, Peninsula Dr Southbound or vice versa so that waterside lane could be for pedestrians/bicycles. More students could commute, daily walkers and cyclists wouldn't feel so at risk.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>25 February 21</p> <p><b>curtpete</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	6	0	<p>We could use a trail similar to TART that would run from the base of the peninsula to the lighthouse.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>26 February 21</p> <p><b>Paul Foley</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<p><b>Peninsula Drive Speed Limit 35mph</b></p> <p>The speed limit on Peninsula Drive should be changed to 35mph from North of Gray Road; many residents/children cross to access the water; many cyclists/pedestrians travel along the edge.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>26 February 21</p> <p><b>elizabeth a foley</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	3	0	<p>Speed limit along the entire length of Peninsula Drive needs to be lowered to 35 mph for safer cycling, walking &amp; families crossing to beaches</p> <p>lower speed limit on peninsula dr</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>28 February 21</p> <p><b>Dave Murphy</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>Immediate improvements begin with signage and education about sharing the road, as well as speed limit reduction on shoreline roads.</p> <p>Signage &amp; speed limits</p>
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<p>28 February 21</p> <p><b>Dave Murphy</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>The GT County Rd Commission treats all roads the same regardless of recreational use. Our township needs a greater say in our roads.</p> <p>Get township control of our roads</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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VOTES	UNVOTES				
1	0				



## IDEAS

### Ideas Board

28 February 21		<p>It would be great if the lighthouse trails were groomed for classic skiing/hiking/snowshoeing once or twice a week during snow season.</p>
Virginia Coulter		
VOTES <b>1</b>	UNVOTES <b>0</b>	

10 March 21		<p>Trail for bikes and pedestrians from base to lighthouse</p> <p>We need a trail from the base of the peninsula to the end. Start with the base and go as far up as possible, keep adding. This is highly needed!</p>
KK		
VOTES <b>0</b>	UNVOTES <b>0</b>	

22 March 21		<p>Keep the northern portion of Bluff Road as a through road for cyclists only, if it is not reopened to traffic.</p> <p>I realize that the future of the northern section of Bluff Road is undecided but if it remains closed to thru traffic permanently I would recommend that it be made accessible to cyclists as a thru road. Otherwise cyclists will be forced to move onto Center Road to tour the perimeter of the peninsula, where the speed limit is too high and there is too much vehicle traffic for safe cycling.</p>
Julia MacLachlan		
VOTES <b>0</b>	UNVOTES <b>0</b>	

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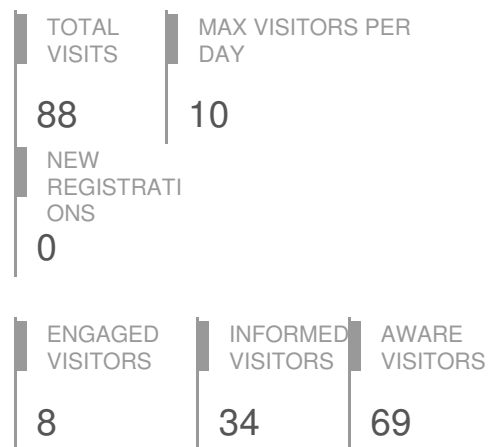
## Participate Old Mission Land Use—Shoreline and Water Quality



### Visitors Summary

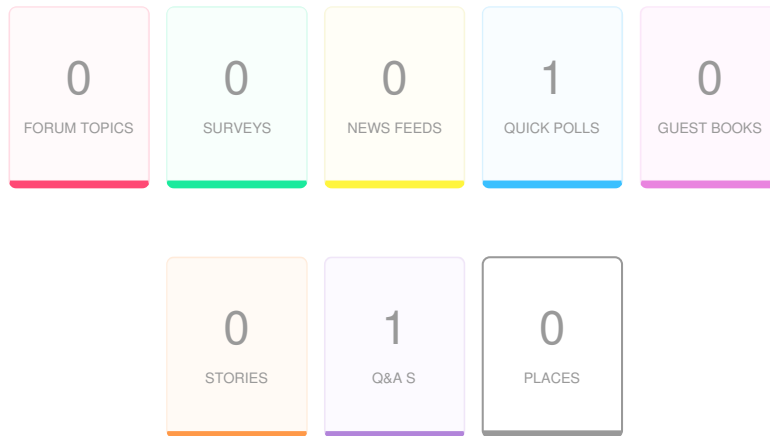


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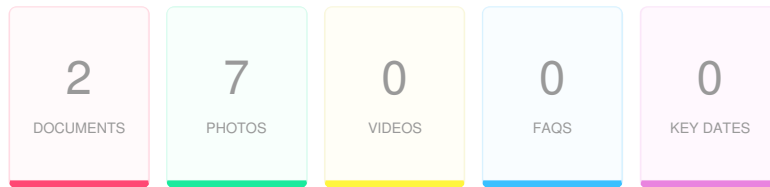
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Visited a Project or Tool Page	69	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
Informed Participants	34	Participated in Surveys	0	0	0
Informed Actions Performed	Participants	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Participated in Quick Polls	3	0	0
Viewed a photo	10	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Downloaded a document	5	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	0	Asked Questions	0	0	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Contributed to Ideas	6	0	0
Visited Multiple Project Pages	28				
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	8				

## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Qanda	What new regulatory steps and/or educational initiatives ...	Published	7	0	0	0
Quick Poll	Do you support stricter measures to limit vegetation remo...	Published	3	3	0	0
Ideas	What ideas would you like to share concerning needed step...	Published	11	6	0	0

## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



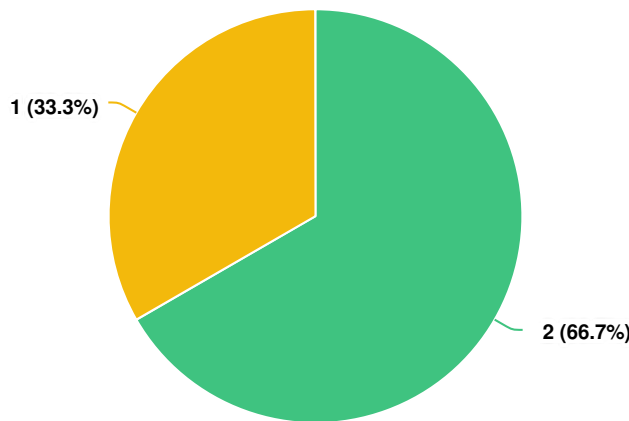
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Photo	DJI_0048.JPG	6	8
Photo	DJI_0081.JPG	5	6
Photo	DJI_0079.JPG	5	5
Photo	Submerged Fire Pit Illustrating High Water Level	4	4
Photo	DJI_0066.JPG	4	4
Photo	DJI_0078.JPG	4	4
Document	existing shoreline regs.pdf	4	5
Document	Up-North-Shoreline.pdf	1	1

## ENGAGEMENT TOOL: QUICK POLL

Do you support stricter measures to limit vegetation removal to help prevent future erosion? Now, no more than 30% of the natural vegetation along the shoreline may be removed (see link for a summary of existing regulations).

Visitors <b>3</b>	Contributors <b>3</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>3</b>
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Would you support stricter regulations on vegetation removal to help prevent shoreline erosion in the future? Present re...



### Question options

- Yes
- Not Sure

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

## IDEAS

What ideas would you like to share concerning needed steps to protect shorelines from erosion?

Visitors <b>11</b>	Contributors <b>6</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>10</b>
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<p>03 February 21</p> <p><b>MB Milliken</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>VOTES</td> <td>UNVOTES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2</b></td> <td><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>Continuing education regarding green buffers between shore and yard.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>				
<p>17 February 21</p> <p><b>NormanFred</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>VOTES</td> <td>UNVOTES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2</b></td> <td><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>Don't allow the clear cutting of trees along the shoreline roads on the Peninsula</b></p> <p>Please note that these washouts along shoreline roads were at places where the owners removed the trees for a "Better view of the water." One of these is right next door to my property, just north of Gray Rd. If the trees on that bank had been nurtured and preserved, that bank might still be there. There are properties north and south of this location that have the trees clear cut. These will be the problem areas of the future. Ordinances need to be formulated that allow some flexibility to allow some tree thinning of trees but clear cutting has to be avoided. I am not in favor of mandating Permits for everything we do, but Permits for cutting trees along the water side of public roads to protect them from future catastrophic erosion and collapse seems like a good idea to me.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>				
<p>28 February 21</p> <p><b>Dave Murphy</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>VOTES</td> <td>UNVOTES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>1</b></td> <td><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<p><b>The biggest bay pollutants are storm drains and road runoff. Less impervious surface on new construction, less pavement, monitor drains.</b></p> <p>Storm drains and road runoff</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>				
<p>18 March 21</p> <p><b>Amy Teare</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>VOTES</td> <td>UNVOTES</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>0</b></td> <td><b>0</b></td> </tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>require re-planting of shoreline where trees have been removed, using low bushes and grasses to stabilize the shore.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>				

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## Participate Old Mission

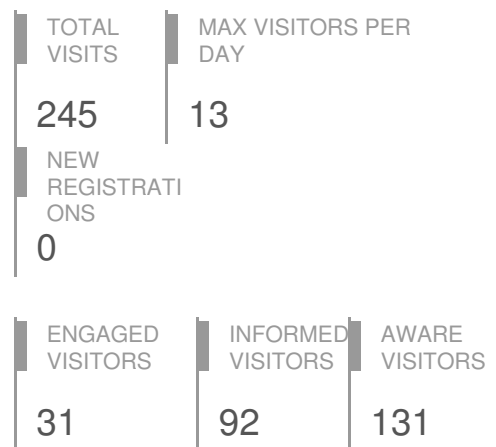
### Land Use—Agri-Tourism, Rural Character, and Lodging



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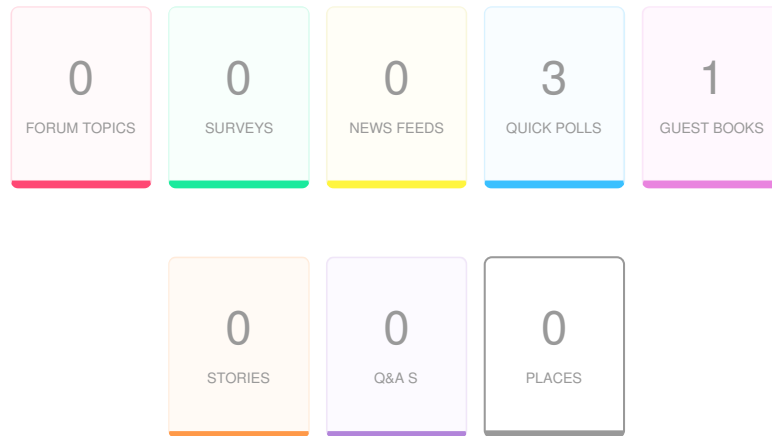


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Aware Participants	131	Engaged Participants	31		
Aware Actions Performed	Participants	Engaged Actions Performed	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Visited a Project or Tool Page	131				
Informed Participants	92	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
Informed Actions Performed	Participants	Participated in Surveys	0	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a photo	0	Participated in Quick Polls	26	0	0
Downloaded a document	15	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	0	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Asked Questions	0	0	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
Visited Multiple Project Pages	70	Contributed to Ideas	19	0	0
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	31				

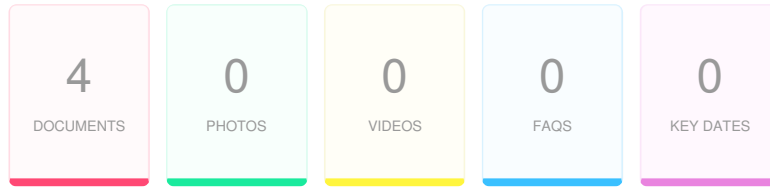
## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Guest Book	Please expand on your thoughts.	Published	1	0	0	0
Quick Poll	Generally, are you supportive of more outdoor events at r...	Published	24	24	0	0
Quick Poll	Are you generally supportive of measures to lessen restri...	Published	13	13	0	0
Quick Poll	Generally, should steps be taken to encourage more B&Bs, ...	Published	13	13	0	0
Ideas	Describe ideas you have to increase agri-tourism activiti...	Published	53	19	0	0



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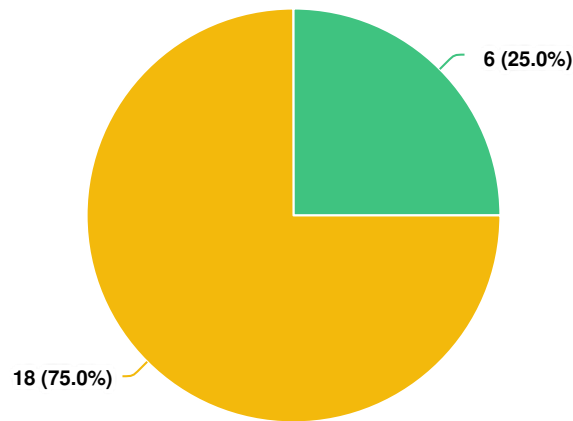
Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Document	Rural Event Venues _ Zoning-Practice-2018-11.pdf	8	8
Document	Peninsula Twp Phone and On-line - FINAL REPORT.pdf	7	7
Document	Peninsula_Protected Lands_2020-2.pdf	5	5
Document	Peninsula_Protected Lands_2020-2.pdf	0	0

## ENGAGEMENT TOOL: QUICK POLL

Generally, are you supportive of more outdoor events at rural venues in agricultural areas?

Visitors <b>24</b>	Contributors <b>24</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>24</b>
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How do you feel out outdoor events at rural venues?



### Question options

- yes
- no

Mandatory Question (24 response(s))

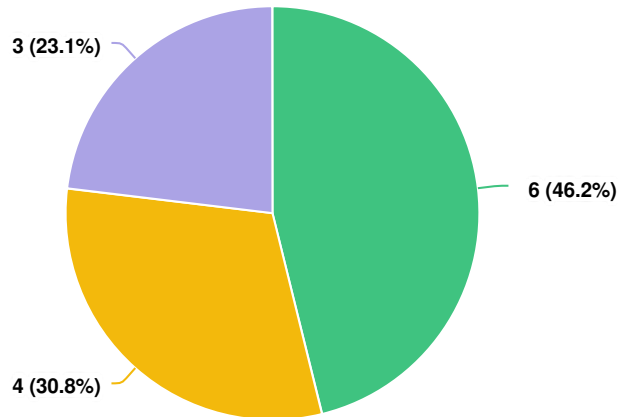
Question type: Radio Button Question

## ENGAGEMENT TOOL: QUICK POLL

Are you generally supportive of measures to lessen restrictions on small agri-businesses, allowing them to add value to agricultural products grown on-site and offer them for retail sale?

Visitors <b>13</b>	Contributors <b>13</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>13</b>
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Are you generally supportive of measures to increase the size of farm-stands, and allow small agri-businesses to add value ...



### Question options

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Mandatory Question (13 response(s))

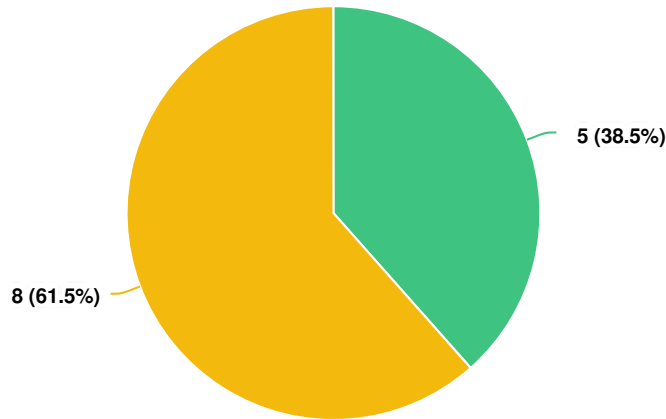
Question type: Radio Button Question

## ENGAGEMENT TOOL: QUICK POLL

Generally, should steps be taken to encourage more B&Bs, country inns, or similar facilities to increase lodging options on Old Mission Peninsula?

Visitors <b>13</b>	Contributors <b>13</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>13</b>
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Peninsula Township is a desirable destination, but we lack a clear strategy for how to accommodate people overnight. Should...



### Question options

- yes
- no

Mandatory Question (13 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

## IDEAS

Describe ideas you have to increase agri-tourism activities while maintaining rural character.

Visitors	Contributors	CONTRIBUTIONS
53	19	45

21 January 21 farmer	do everything you can to allow the wineries to have more events. Limit outdoor activities to no later than 11 p.m.
VOTES 0	UNVOTES 0
Your question is biased it assumes that the answer must be to preserve the rural character. what does that mean? Is it automatically assumed that a wedding for example would bring more traffic and therefore it does not preserve the rural character, No the rural character stays the same, traffic does not change the landscape The landscape is what gives it the rural character. Wineries should be allowed more flexibility on what goes on inside the winery. Outside limit to 11 pm is reasonable.	

21 January 21 farmer	change the sign size limits for farms.
VOTES 0	UNVOTES 0
People driving 55 mph or more can not read a sign that is the size established by the current ordinance. Allow a larger sign.	

21 January 21 farmer	Allow greater flexibility with agri-retail. If someone wants to use a building for retail sales of farm products that should be allowed.
VOTES 1	UNVOTES 0
As I understand it there are limits on the size of retail space in a building used for farm activities. If true this should be looked at more closely.	

21 January 21 farmer	Provide for more commercial space on the peninsula.
VOTES 1	UNVOTES 0
there is no expansion of the commercial space that has existed for quite sometime. Anyone who wants to bring a new business to the area is blocked because there is no available commercial zoned space. If a farmer wanted to say open a butcher shop on his farm and sell retail shouldn't this be allowed? I'd love to see some cows on the peninsula!	

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<p>22 January 21</p> <p>curtpete</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	2	0	<p>We need more lodging options for OMP guests. Home share should be encouraged as long as it can continue to be problem free which it has.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
2	0				
<p>Some Short Term rental has been a problem. STR is whole house rental whereas Home Share is rental of rooms in an owner occupied home. There have been absolutely no nuisance problems with these types of rentals and are virtually no different than when we invite our downstate friends to come up for a weekend.</p>					
<p>22 January 21</p> <p>Terri McDermott</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<p>Allow more Shared Home Rentals to be prevalent on the Peninsula. Shared home is much different than the Short Term Rentals.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
1	0				
<p>Short Term Rentals do not require the presence of the home owner, which can potentially be a problem for neighboring homes. Shared Home Rentals require the homeowner being present in the home while allowing guests to stay on the peninsula and guide them to restaurants, wineries and farms for local produce and experiences.</p>					
<p>22 January 21</p> <p>farmer</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>Airbnbs should be allowed to provide opportunities to residents to earn extra income and to showcase the wonderful beauty of the peninsula.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>23 January 21</p> <p>Bill S</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	6	0	<p><b>Wineries &amp; Agri-retail</b></p> <p>The tremendous growth of the wineries hasn't been beneficial for all township residents. I don't want the farmers and winery owners to miss out on capitalizing on their investments. But I sure don't want to live on a peninsula where venue neighbors aren't able to enjoy their own backyard retreat because of a party happening every weekend during the summer.</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>04 February 21</p> <p>Betsy Calhoun</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>VOTES</th> <th>UNVOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<p>Regarding lodging options; a campground might be a suitable addition to the landscape (maybe the state park could be nudged?)</p>
VOTES	UNVOTES				
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## IDEAS

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<p>17 February 21</p> <p>jcm</p>	<p><b>lodging</b></p>				
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VOTES	UNVOTES				
0	0				
<p>28 February 21</p> <p>Dave Murphy</p>	<p><b>PDR &amp; other land conservation tools support low-impact ag, &amp; minimize development &amp; traffic. Why introduce uses we paid \$20+M to avoid?</b></p>				
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VOTES	UNVOTES				
5	0				
<p>28 February 21</p> <p>Michael Dettmer</p>	<p><b>My idea is to leave well-enough alone. We need to preserve the culture of our agricultural history. No to morphing from ag to \$\$\$\$commerce</b></p>				
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VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>28 February 21</p> <p>Michael Dettmer</p>	<p><b>One idea for this process is to have people reveal/use their actual name. NO to "farmer" signatures.</b></p>				
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VOTES	UNVOTES				
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<p>28 February 21</p> <p>Virginia Coulter</p>	<p><b>From my experience, agricultural signs are large enough bc most people are using GPS. Passersby notice my garden and regulation size sign.</b></p>				
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<p>28 February 21</p> <p>Virginia Coulter</p>	<p><b>Agri-tourism - don't allow Tourism part of the equation to outweigh the agriculture. Quality of life is low traffic, quiet, and views!</b></p>				
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## IDEAS

Describe ideas you have to increase agri-tourism activities while maintaining rural character.

08 March 21		Do not increase agri-tourism. Don't ask how, ask if we should. agri-tourism benefits a few who monetize at the expense of our community.
Thomas Kachadurian		
VOTES	UNVOTES	
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The Question should be: Do we want more Agri-tourism?		



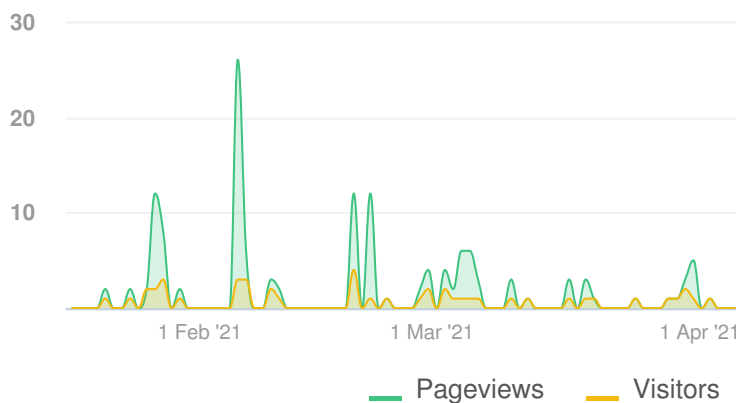
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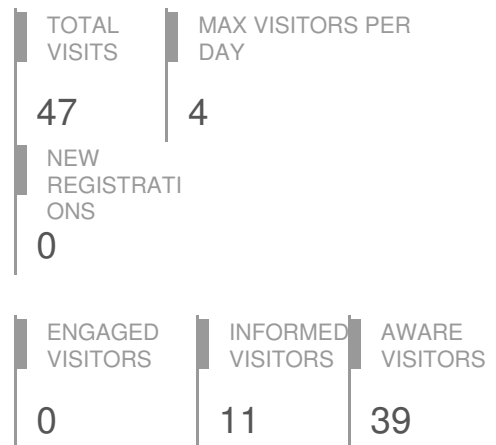
## Participate Old Mission Land Use—Alternative Energy



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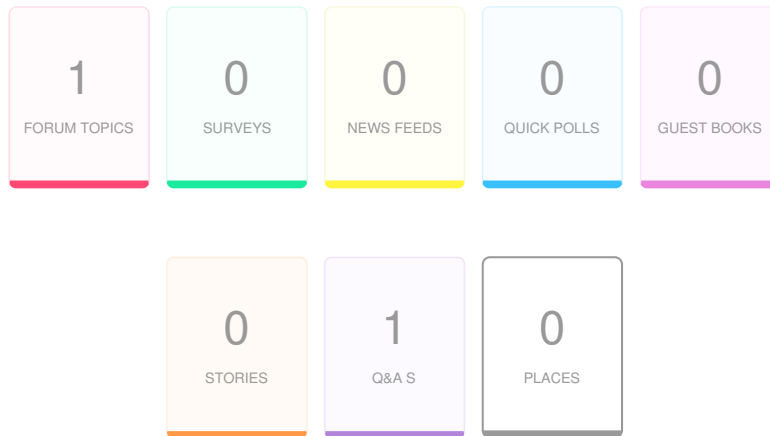


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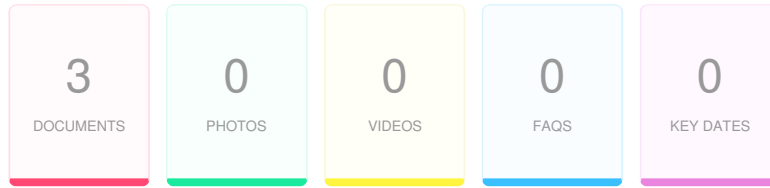
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Visited Multiple Project Pages	10				
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	0				

## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



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Forum Topic	What are your thoughts about the tradeoffs between the en...	Published	5	0	0	0
Qanda	Are you more supportive of solar equipment (including fre...	Published	0	0	0	0

## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Document	Zoning Amendment For Solar Equipment.pdf	3	3
Document	Planning For Solar Energy PAS-Report-575.pdf	2	2
Document	Planning for Wind Energy PAS-Report-566.pdf	1	1

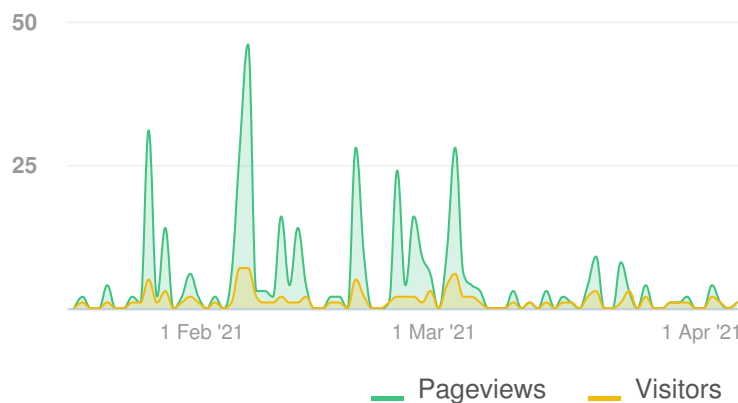
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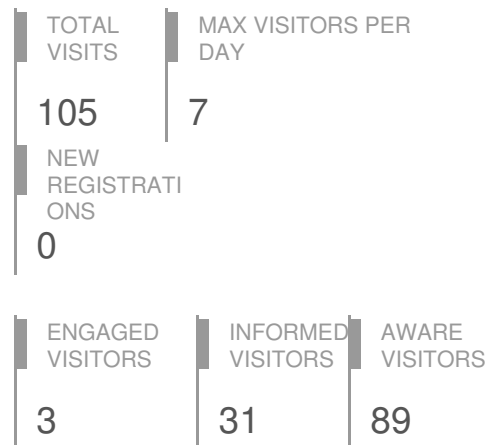
## Participate Old Mission Land Use—Village Center



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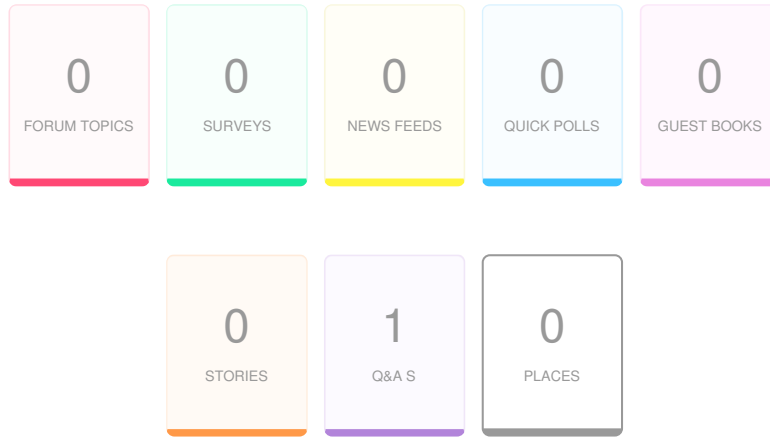


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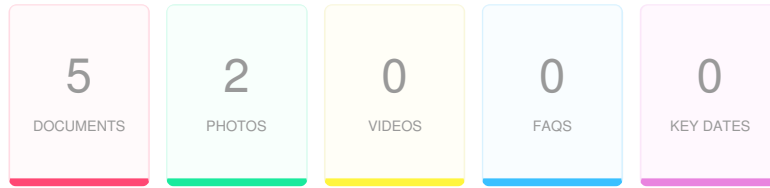
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Qanda	What are some of the benefits and drawbacks of this concept?	Published	5	3	0	0
Ideas	Ideas	Published	0	0	0	0

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Photo	VILLAGE CENTER2.JPG	14	15
Document	PRESERVATION VILLAGE CONCEPT REPORT.pdf	5	5
Document	MSU TOWN CENTER CONCEPT STUDY.pdf	4	4
Document	Zoning-Practice-2007-12.pdf	1	1
Document	PAS-QuickNotes-74 TDR.pdf	0	0
Document	Zoning-Practice-2009-09.pdf	0	0

## QANDA

### What are some of the benefits and drawbacks of this concept?

Visitors <b>5</b>	Contributors <b>3</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>4</b>
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Sara Taft

02 February 21

What are the current Commercial Centers on the OMP?



Publicly Answered

There are a total of about 25 acres of land zoned for commercial purposes (C-1) in the township. That total acreage is in several places, such as in Mapleton, the west end of Bowers Harbor Road, and at the intersection of Devils Dive and Seven Hills roads.



John Jacobs

09 February 21

This question was asked as part of the large survey undertaken by the Township a year+ ago. Respondents overwhelmingly opposed the idea of a village center. Why is this question even being asked? Is the Township actually considering allowing such a thing in the face of such fervent opposition?



Publicly Answered

Yes, one question was asked about this topic in the 2019 survey. The online survey results were 55% opposed, 42% support, and 3% undecided. The phone survey results were 59% opposed, 34% support, and more undecided (7%). The concept of a village center was included as a topic on Participate Old Mission for two main reasons. First, the current master plan adopted in 2011 indicates that it should be reconsidered. To our knowledge, it was never formally rejected and was simply not acted on. Community planning is a process, and we need to continually reevaluate/update language. Second, considerable effort went into prior studies, and this is a complicated topic. We thought that more information would help better frame the issue (compared to one brief question in the recent survey) and allow us to provide more due diligence as we consider how/if the new master plan should address this topic. As indicated, this concept was originally conceived as a tool to preserve the rural landscape by using a transfer of development rights. It is and was not intended to expand development opportunities.

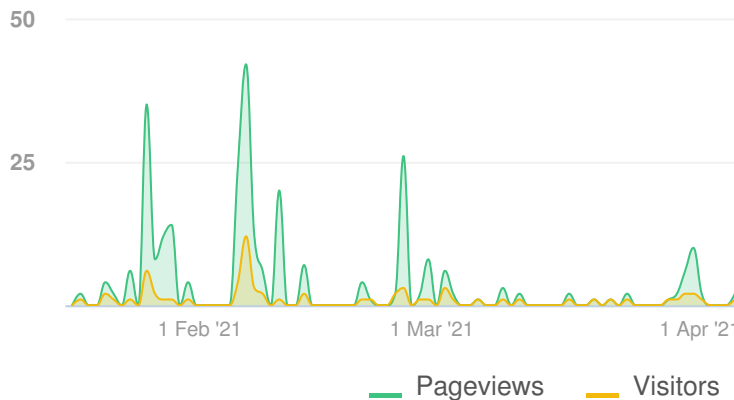
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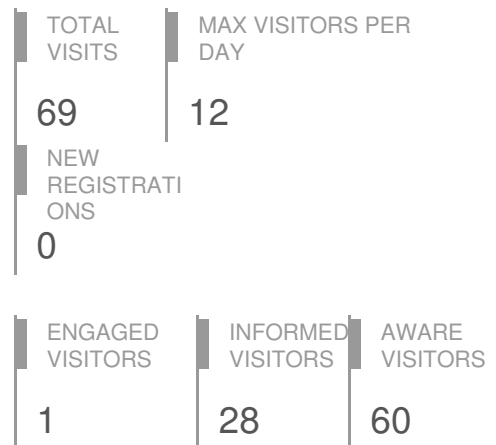
## Participate Old Mission Showcasing Local History and Culture



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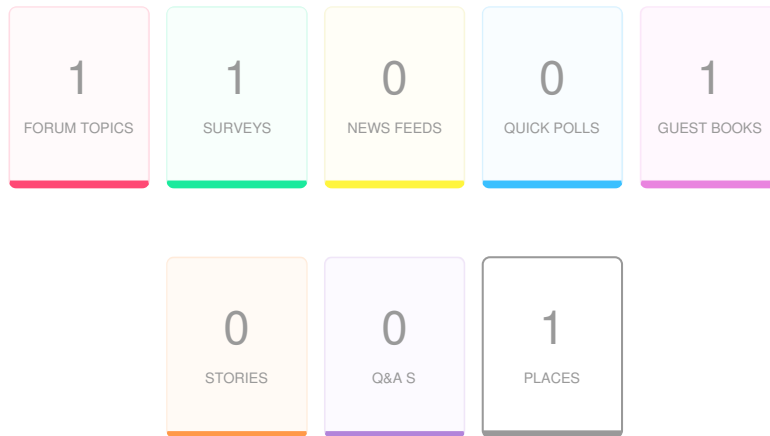
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Viewed a photo	10	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
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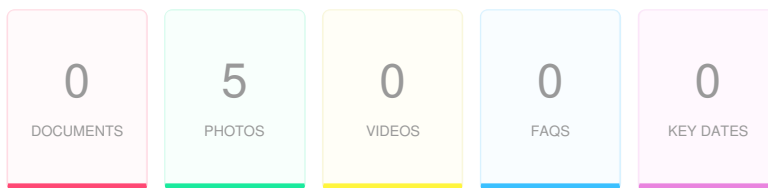


## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



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Forum Topic	What more can be done to draw attention to local history ...	Published	17	1	0	0
Guest Book	What else can you tell us about showcasing local history ...	Published	2	0	0	0
Place	Identify places in Peninsula Township that you are most e...	Published	0	0	0	0
Survey Tool	Submit a photo	Published	0	0	0	0

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Photo	Historical Marker .jpg	6	6
Photo	Steamer at Old Mission Dock Circa 1900 cropped.jpg	5	6
Photo	lighthouse cropped.jpg	4	4
Photo	HISTORY PHOTO S .jpg	4	4

## FORUM TOPIC

What more can be done to draw attention to local history and culture?

Visitors <b>17</b>	Contributors <b>1</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>1</b>
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26 February 21	I would like to see a list of local historical sites/structures compiled and made publicly available with notes on their significance for self guided tours, preservation, and to raise awareness of our unique past.	
<b>Todd Wilson</b>		
AGREES 0	DISAGREES 0	REPLIES 0

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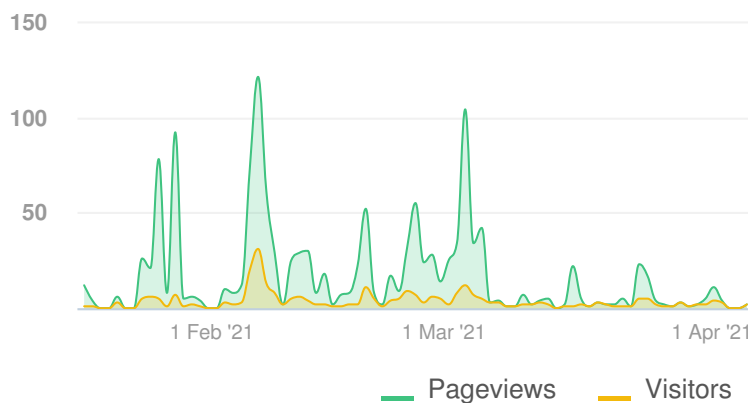
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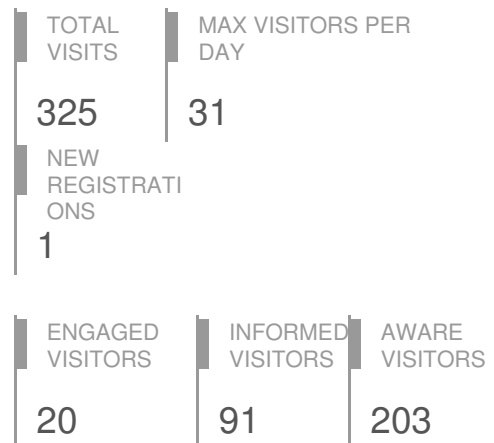
## Participate Old Mission



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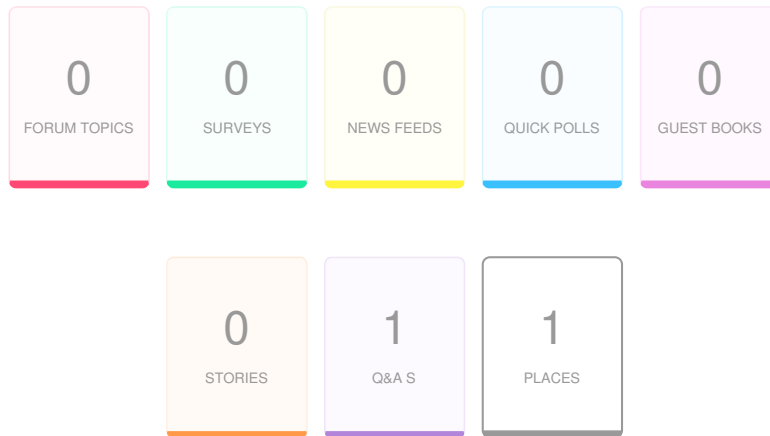


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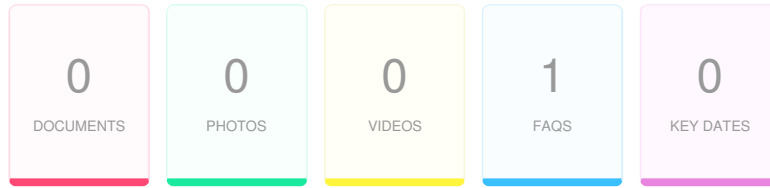
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## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



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Qanda	Are you curious about something going on in Peninsula Tow...	Published	30	15	0	0
Place	Our Natural Bounty and Wonderful Place to Live	Published	13	0	0	0
Ideas	What might make Peninsula Township an even better place?...	Published	21	6	0	0

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Faqs	faqs	35	39

## QANDA

Are you curious about something going on in Peninsula Township? Do you want to fact check a rumor? Ask us a question here and get a direct response from the person best able to address your question.

Visitors <b>30</b>	Contributors <b>15</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>21</b>
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Q

Laurie

23 January 21

Will Pickleball courts be built?

A

Publicly Answered

Peninsula Township has a parks committee that works on park development plans. Work on pickleball courts at Bowers Harbor Park has taken place and the answer to this question is somewhat involved. More complete information will follow shortly from the parks committee.

Q

Jay Berger

23 January 21

Thanks for the new website. Helpful to have this tool. The recent township newsletter is excellent. Also, great to have the township attorney provide and update on Nextdoor. Thanks for all you do! Jay Berger

A

Publicly Answered

You are welcome. We hope use of this website grows as time goes on and that it becomes a useful tool to improve communication and dialogue.

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Q

Todd Wilson

24 January 21

I am all for improving the venues for farmers to market their products and promote agri-tourism opportunities but I feel that the recent WOMP lawsuit against the township zoning is something else entirely. It is a wholesale conversion of Winery allowances currently setup to promote local viticulture into micro commercial districts that sidestep zoning restrictions favored by most residents. If you read the details of their demands: more hotels, restaurants, distilleries, and retail stores...the equivalent of Winery strip malls may be the end result. That's in addition to more potentially inebriated traffic and violations of noise ordinances. Does current zoning have proposed changes to help maintain generations of agricultural and tourism that promote farming and the wineries without the conversion of the peninsula into a series of fancy stripmalls?

A

Publicly Answered

The current draft of the zoning update does not deal with changes to existing winery regulations, pending the outcome of current litigation.

Q

Brit Eaton

25 January 21

I'm very concerned that the proposed Township Ordinances include such unexplained and blatant changes in code like the change in Section 8.10.2 (3) Hotel, Motel, Tourist Courts from a five (5) acres minimum with a three hundred (300') foot width to the proposed Section 6.15 (A) (3) with NO acreage minimum and only 30' and 15' setbacks. In discussions with members of the Master Plan Steering Committee, there has been no agreement to drop the 5 acres minimum. Just how does something with such a huge impact on the Peninsula, get changed without public discussion! On what basis was this changed? We are already giving the B&B's a hard time and yet you change a restriction that comports with the spirit of the Master Plan and then open the flood gates on the Peninsula to widespread daily motel room rentals. Unbelievable. How could this happen?

A

Publicly Answered

The original zoning ordinance (adopted in 1972) listed hotels, motels and tourist courts as a special use in the commercial (C-1) Zoning District. There are only about 25 acres of land zoned Commercial (C-1) in the whole township. The balance of the township is generally zoned residential or agricultural, and a hotel would not be permitted in such districts. The proposed change (now in draft form) has to do with whether it makes sense to require five acres for hotels, motels, or tourist courts (in addition to SUP approval) in areas zoned C-1. Apart from the fact that it is somewhat unusual to require a minimum lot size for a specific commercial use, there is concern that a five-acre minimum lot size requirement might actually encourage a large hotel development. Most would consider a large hotel on five acres to be inappropriate in Peninsula Township, so the question was, why require five acres? The merits of this potential change are still being discussed.



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Q

Nora Francis

27 January 21

What is the structure being built on Center Road just north of the new firehouse construction?

A

Publicly Answered

According to Christina Deeren, our zoning administrator, the only building under construction immediately north of the new fire station is believed to be an agricultural barn.

Q

rosemary peterson

02 February 21

So happy for the chance to share ideas and comments with the neighbors on the Peninsula. Our concern is the shoreline protection enforcement which seems not to be taken seriously. With so much new construction along the shore on Peninsula drive we note that one of the first actions taken is to cut most of the trees that obstruct a clear view of the water. I understand that a percentage of cutting is allowed but this seems to be unenforceable leading to more erosion and fierce winds off the lake. It would be prudent to keep the tree buffer which allows for the rustic natural look of the shoreline to stay intact. Thank you for your comments.

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Publicly Answered

Yes, the zoning ordinance regulates certain actions within a "buffer strip" along the waterfront. The buffer runs along the shoreline and extends 35 feet inward on the land. Tree cutting and the placement of decks and other structures within the buffer zone is strictly controlled. Over the past several years, we have attempted to educate property owners, especially new owners, through articles in the township newsletter about the zoning ordinance restrictions and "best practices" to preserve the quality of the water through management of the watershed. Additionally, in late 2019, a well-attended educational event organized by Monnie Peters was held at the town hall. Participants were given a guidebook prepared by the Watershed Council of "best practices" for waterfront property owners to follow. A copy of this document can be found on the shoreline and water quality page of the master plan section of this website. Our zoning department keeps a watchful eye on all activities on waterfront property and engages property owners whenever a violation is observed. Additionally, the adoption of a "shoreline overlay zoning district" has been discussed in the past. Such an overlay district would contain additional requirements aimed at shoreline protection. It is referenced in the current master plan.

## QANDA

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Q

Mary Jo Elliott

04 February 21

Do e we have a dark sky ordinance here in Peninsula township? If so, could you provide the details within it?

A

Publicly Answered

Yes, we do. You can find more information about this on the township's website at [www.peninsulatownship.com](http://www.peninsulatownship.com). Click on "Documents" in the blue bar and then on "Ordinances." Section 7.14 of the zoning ordinance contains the specific provisions regarding exterior lighting. You are also welcome to call the zoning office at 213-223-7318 with any specific questions.

Q

Charlotte Aaron

05 February 21

Is The Tavern going to open again?

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Publicly Answered

The township does not have any information on when the tavern might reopen.

Q

Nora Francis

06 February 21

What is the status of M-37 possibly being turned over to the Grand Traverse Road Commission instead of being maintained by MDOT?

A

Publicly Answered

As far as Peninsula Township officials are aware, the issue is as of yet unresolved. It is possible that additional discussions will take place once meeting restrictions associated with COVID-19 ease.

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Bud Stych

06 February 21

Speeding has become a hot button issue. The deputy assigned to the township has very limited time to address this. Would hiring an additional deputy help? What would it cost?

A

Publicly Answered

Yes, the township hears about speeding issues frequently. The deputy assigned to Peninsula Township has multiple responsibilities that include time in court, ongoing training, and following up with residents who call for general public safety assistance (particularly common with elderly residents). The speeding issue touches on many concerns that run the gamut from those expressed by residents who live along certain roads to concerns over bike and pedestrian travel. The cost for an additional deputy for Peninsula Township would likely be around \$85,000 per year.

Q

Nora Francis

20 February 21

What is the status of the large plot of wooded property on the west side of Smokey Hollow Road, just north of 2 Lads winery? There was a for sale sign for a couple of years, which is no longer there. I have also seen pickup trucks parked on the east side of the road and several trees seem to be marked with ribbons. Has this property been sold? If so do you know the plans for its use? Thank you!

A

Publicly Answered

We can only say that as of 2-19-21, no plans have been submitted to the township for a land use permit in this area.

Q

L. Johnson

22 February 21

winery

A

Privately Answered

Hello - Could you please restate your question, and we will be glad to provide an answer. Thank you.

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farmer

22 February 21

have you obtained a legal opinion on placing the township zoning enforcement officer on the ZBA. This is a serious conflict of interest and I am surprised that the town board is even considering this. It is bad enough that a board member is also a township employee. The board supervises the town's employees and boy does that in itself smack of a conflict of interest. And now you want to place the zoning enforcement officer on a board that hears appeals on zoning issues.



Publicly Answered

The township received a legal opinion from our board attorney indicating that the appointment would be appropriate but that Mr. Sanger would have to recuse himself from matters he has involvement in as the enforcement officer." However, at the township board meeting on 2-23-21, the township zoning enforcement officer declined the appointment due to other commitments. The appointment was to be temporary and end as soon as possible, either when someone from the community volunteers to fill this seat or when the term ends in August 2021, whichever comes first. Peninsula Township invites all residents to consider giving back to the community and serving on either the ZBA or other boards or commissions. When vacancies can be filled promptly, there is less chance of cancelled meetings and interruptions to the flow of township business.



Nora Francis

23 February 21

I previously asked about the status of the property on Smokey Hollow Road, just north of 2Lads winery. I received a response that to your knowledge there has not been a special use permit granted. Today, I hear trees being cut down in that beautiful stretch of wooded area. Once again, I ask, do you know what is the intended disposition of this land. It breaks my heart to hear trees being felled.



Publicly Answered

After a site visit and conversation with someone on site, our zoning administrator was told that this activity is primarily a selective cut of dead and/or diseased beech trees. Action of this sort does not require a land use permit or special land use permit. The only limitations on tree/vegetation removal occur along the shoreline (see the recent winter newsletter that describes this more). If there is grading activity on a site that involves disturbance of more than one acre, a soil erosion permit from the Grand Traverse County Health Department is required.

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Pam Baumann

25 February 21

Nora Francis asked 5 days ago about the status of the parcel of land west of Smokey Hollow and north of Two L ads. You replied that no plans have been submitted for a land use permit. Does this include cutting trees? It appears many of them are being cut down or harvested.

A

Publicly Answered

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Chuck Lombardo

27 February 21

I am hoping the township would consider creating a workable ordinance that would allow for short term rentals. Having short term rentals would enable township residents to have reasonable options for guests to stay nearby, as well as provide income for those that wish to rent their property. It seems that rather than just saying "no" to STRs, the township could come up with a solution to address this in a thoughtful and satisfactory way. Other municipalities in the region have done this successfully, why not here?

A

Publicly Answered

Recently, the state legislature took up the issue of how short-term rentals can be regulated at the local level. This was during the 2018-'20 legislative session. This topic is important to most local governments, and many hearings were held in Lansing on proposed legislation establishing parameters for local regulation of STRs. Lots of preliminary activity occurred, but when COVID-related issues surfaced, progress slowed. Peninsula Township intends to wait for new state legislation to pass before taking up this issue so that any new STR ordinance is consistent with new state law rather than writing something only to have to revise it soon after. Once state law becomes clear, Peninsula Township will move forward with a workable STR ordinance that is guided by residents' desires. It should be noted that, according to the resident survey conducted in 2019, between 62–67 percent of residents favor the township's current policy on STRs.

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L. Johnson

01 March 21

With regards to the wineries' lawsuit against the Township: What are the current demands of the wineries? Is there a document available from the Township detailing these demands? Also, are the Township and wineries in negotiation at this time? Thanks.

A

Publicly Answered

For those residents that are seeking information regarding the WOMP lawsuit, the demands, and other matters related to the lawsuit suit, please refer to our minutes of past Board meetings and legal updates at current Board meetings. Further, residents can view any documents at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, using case no. 20-CV-01008. If you request documents, feel free to contact the Board attorney, Gregory M. Meihn, at [gmeihn@foleymansfield.com](mailto:gmeihn@foleymansfield.com) and he can provide you with the originally filed complaint and amended complaint.

Q

LindaKeely

02 March 21

When will the new fire department be operational?

A

Publicly Answered

The target date for the new fire station to be operational is March 15, but no later than April 1.

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Julie Alexander

19 March 21

I am asking about SUP 139 - specifically the Seven Hills proposal. In this proposal there is a proposed use of a spirits tasting room. On the earlier version in the February packet it was called a possible distillery/tasting room. In looking over the current ordinance and draft ordinance, there is not enough land there to have a tasting room- it is right around 2 acres. The current ordinance and draft ordinances also require tasting rooms to stop at 9:30. This one asks for the hours of operation to be 2pm-12 am which would violate our current ordinance and the proposed draft. Another question- I see no mention of ordinances pertaining to distilleries or breweries. If a brewery or a distillery has a tasting room, which they usually do, wouldn't it stand to reason that their hours of operation should be the same as a winery's?

A

Publicly Answered

The land included in SUP #139 is zoned C-1 (commercial) and restaurants and taverns are listed as a special use in that district. The C-1 district does not specifically describe permitted hours of operation for uses. The wineries and tasting rooms are all located in the agricultural zoning district (A-1) and subject to either special use requirements or use by right provisions in the A-1 District (including some limits on hours of operation).

## IDEAS

What might make Peninsula Township an even better place? We want to hear your ideas!

Visitors <b>21</b>	Contributors <b>6</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>9</b>
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11 February 21	<h3>Transform Peninsula Drive into a Scenic Byway</h3> <p>Look to other model byways and scenic roads around the country including A1A in south Florida where they identified the need to provide safe access for both vehicles and pedestrians and have transformed the road overtime to be an attraction for site-seers, bicyclists, and walkers and joggers. Consider implementing improvements to Peninsula Drive from the base of Peninsula at Center Road and Peninsula Drive north to the intersection of Bowers Harbor Road that could include seasonal speed limit of 25mph, traffic calming measures, widened shoulders, curbing and stormwater improvements (some locations), surfacing improvements and management, interactive mapping, signage and wayfinding.</p>			
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25 February 21	<h3>I think cutting down trees on a property prior to an approved site plan is ridiculous and there should be a hefty penalty. "Diseased" riiight</h3>			
Robert Eckstein				
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27 February 21	<h3>Make sure the lighting at Haserot Beach meets the Nightsky Requirements</h3> <p>I am curious if the lighting high on the poles at Haserot bother anyone else? Do they meet the nightsky requirements? We often go to the beach to look at the night sky and these lights interfere...</p>			
Jenni Glysson				
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28 February 21	<h3>Make sure that Agro tourism does not crowd out our long-standing history of non-retail low impact agriculture.</h3> <p>Specifically keep the wineries from turning there direct sale settings into event venues</p>			
Long time resident				
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01 March 21		<h3>Yoga &amp; Ice Rink &amp; Concerts at Bowers Harbor Park for all generations to enjoy.</h3> <p>It would be nice to have outdoor morning summer yoga, and /or tai chi exercise programs, jazz/classical/pop music early evening concerts (bring your own lawn chair) , and pickle ball courts at the OMP Bowers Harbor Park for all generations to enjoy (with fee and/or donation if needed to offset costs). Maybe a future band shell structure? Wintertime fun could include an outdoor skating/ice rink. (Freeze the tennis courts?) The park is a great meeting place for our residents of all ages, but some additional and updated programs are needed for the healthy mind and body of our community.</p>
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01 March 21		<h3>Breakfast &amp; Coffee restaurant needed</h3> <p>It would be great to have a locally sourced breakfast &amp; coffee restaurant that was open for us early birds, for both residents and tourists.</p>
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23 March 21		<h3>Electric Vehicle Charging station(s)</h3> <p>Having EV Charging station(s) on the Peninsula and encouraging new business to also install. The growing EV economy presents the Peninsula Township with an opportunity to lead in sustainability. By installing electric vehicle charging stations at strategic point(s) on the Peninsula would provide a valuable service to EV driving residents and visitors. The driver or user of the EV station would be charged and the PT investment would be then eventually be recovered .</p>
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