Packet Addition
April 12, 2022, Township Board Regular Meeting

Consent

Request to approve parking & signs for Annual Garden Walk

The Friendly Garden Club

Traverse City, MI
Est. 1923

April 8, 2022

Rob Manigold
Supervisor, Peninsula Township
Dear Mr. Manigold:

The Friendly Garden club of Traverse City is a non-profit 501c3 organization whose objectives are to provide education, to promote the love of gardening, landscaping, and floral design, and to encourage civic beautification and environmental responsibility. We currently plant and maintain the Logo Garden at the Open Space in Traverse City, we maintain a community vegetable garden and donate 100% to Traverse City food pantries, and we are partnered with the Botanic Garden on a Children's Sensory Garden which we will break ground for in May of this year. The annual Garden Walk is our major fundraiser for these projects.

We are currently working on our 39th annual Garden Walk, which is to be held on Old Mission Peninsula July 21, from 1:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The addresses for the gardens on the walk are:
Helton – 6456 East Shore Road – parking on the side of the road
Crandall/Graft – 6645 East Shore Road – parking on the side of the road
Gray/Hutchinson – 757 Willow Drive – parking on the side of the road
Florence – 9033 Center Road – parking on the side of the road
First Congregational Church – 6015 Center Road – parking in their parking lot

With the two East Shore Road gardens only 5 houses apart, we were hoping that cars could park on one side of the road only and as far of the road as possible. We also would like to have 4 real-estate type signs (one at each garden) indicating the Garden Walk stop. In addition, if possible we would like to have directional signs indicating traffic flow.

We are planning on putting up directional signs the morning of the walk, and they will be taken down immediately after the walk ends at 6:00 pm.

We are anticipating 200 to 245 attending, however the amount of tickets sold varies. During our past Garden Walks, we usually did not have more than 35-40 people at a garden at any one time.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Sandi Clark, President, The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City 231-409-9262
Jean Spagnuolo, Garden Walk Chair, The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City

Correspondence

Robin Noval

From: Rob Manigold <supervisor@peninsulatownship.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Robin Noval
Subject: FW: Public photography

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From: Good Citizen [mailto:wipublicservantrecords@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 9:37 AM
To: Sean Mugerian
Cc: officemanager@peninsulatownship.com; assessor@peninsulatownship.com; clerk@peninsulatownship.com; supervisor@peninsulatownship.com; deputy.clerk@peninsulatownship.com; planner@peninsulatownship.com; treasurer@peninsulatownship.com; deputytreasurer@peninsulatownship.com; zoning@peninsulatownship.com; marge.peninsulatrustee@gmail.com; enforcement.peninsulazoning@gmail.com; vfrance@gtsheriff.org; dave.peninsulatrustee@gmail.com; warren.peninsulatrustee@gmail.com; Wunschis23@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Public photography

Thank you for your reply.

So just so I'm crystal clear:

1. The public servants are now educated about the First Amendment correct?

2. As long as the public does not ENTER a restricted area video recording can occur correct? Because if there is private information SEEN from a public area that a member of the public than that is up to the public servants to keep that information private. They need to put up barriers, etc. to block that information from being seen.

Thank you.

On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 6:16 PM Sean Mugerian <smugerian@gtsheriff.org> wrote:

> Hello,
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> As one of the responding officers to the linked video, I feel that I can answer these questions on behalf of Peninsula Township.
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> To answer your first question, citizens are allowed to film at any public building in the state of Michigan. Areas that can be filmed include all common areas, as well as certain offices that are accessible to the general public. However, certain areas of public buildings may not be accessible to the general public, and filming would not be permitted. These prohibited areas can include specific offices and/or areas that contain sensitive information.
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> As for your second question, the short answer is no. Please understand that Peninsula Township is a small community. It is my understanding that this is the first time employees had interactions with citizens filming on the property. As previously mentioned, this activity is NOT illegal, but was seen as highly unusual due to the fact that it had never occurred previously.
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> Please also know that Deputy France and I share an office inside the Peninsula Township Office. So law enforcement being in and around the building is not uncommon.

Peninsula Township and the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office encourage the public to exercise their Constitutional Rights. If your plan is to visit the township and film, we simply ask that it be done in a respectful manner. Please also be considerate of township staff as they are simply trying to work.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Deputy France directly at 231-313-4525.

Thank You

- Deputy Sean Mugerian

Peninsula Township CPO

On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 5:54 PM Good Citizen <wipublicservantrecords@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello everyone:
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> Hopefully one of you public servants can answer my questions:
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> 1. Is it ILLEGAL to video record inside the township hall or anywhere public in your township?
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> 2. If I video record inside your township hall next week when I'm on vacation, will one of you public servants call the police on me for not committing a crime?
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> Thank you in advance.
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> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_AQDBrDFTk