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PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Committee Meeting April 24, 2024

MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Zebell at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Milliken, Dahl, Zebell, Cram-director of planning and zoning. Absent: Chown, Murphy, Skurski. Butler (arrived 7:08 p.m.)
4. **Approve Agenda** Zebell added to formally approve geese away lighting expenditure as Business Item F.
Milliken moved to approve the amended agenda with a second by Dahl.

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 March 27, 2024 Meeting
 - B. Correspondence from Jennifer Cram "Use of drones and filming in Peninsula Township Parks"- March 6, 2024
 - C. Correspondence from Eric Bergsma "Opening Pickleball Courts"-March 8, 2024
 - D. Correspondence from Susan Piehl "Weber Pavillion Cancellation: No Food Trucks Allowed"- March 25, 2024
 - E. Correspondence from Michele Zebell "Bowers Harbor Park Suggestion"-April 8, 2024
 - F. Correspondence from Michele Zebell "Dog Sign"-April 13, 2024
 - G. Correspondence from Lisa Kauffmann "Tennis Courts Repaint Completion"-April 14, 2024
 - H. Correspondence from Tom Dalluge "Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society Assistance with Signage"-April 18, 2024
 - I. Correspondence from Michelle Zebell "Parshall Tree Pruning and Beech Treatment"-April 18, 2024**Dahl moved to approve the consent agenda with a second by Milliken.** Approved by consensus
Butler arrived at 7:08 p.m. Both the agenda and consent agenda were approved without a quorum present.
8. **Business**
 - A. Tennis Court Practice Board/Rebounder-Zebell
Henry Yonts Township Resident: I am going to Central High next year and hope to play tennis. I thought it would be good to have a tennis wall so I could practice over the summer. This would be an

improvement and a benefit. This could also be used by pickleball players who are waiting to play. The one at Central High is just a concrete wall with a line painted to represent the net.

Zebell: the previous back board wall was plywood attached to the fence. The back board eventually fell apart and was never replaced. If there are people playing tennis, the back board could not be used. Unfortunately, there is no money in the budget for this good suggestion right now. We will look at potential ways to fund this going forward. Thank you for coming.

B. Pickleball Parking and Meeting-Butler

Butler: There is currently no meeting scheduled with the Pickleball Alliance. I will be reaching out to them this week. Skurski and I walked the park looking for places to either put signs or physical barriers regarding where people can park.

C. PNA Naturalization Project-Zebell

Zebell: Becky (Chown) talked to Marge (Achorn) and there isn't any money in the budget to pay for even an acre. Dave (Murphy) believed he can get volunteers to mow those 3 areas to keep the project alive.

D. Little League Dog Signage-Zebell

The board discussed how best to indicate no unleashed dogs allowed in the park. The baseball field has become a surrogate dog park and needs signage.

E. Ordinance Topics for Review-All

Zebell: the topics in this months consent agenda include drones and filming in the parks (Item B), pavilion reservation cancellations and refunds (Item D).

Cram: as the pickleball courts are new, the committee needs to explore potential rules for both the tennis and pickleball courts.

F. Geese Away Lights- Zebell

Zebell: Haserot Beach and the soccer field have a problem with geese and their excrement. Mike (Skurski) found a product called geese away. These are flashing lights low to the ground which disrupts their sleep. These could be used at the soccer field in the spring and the beach in the summer. Skurski had budgeted \$2,566 in the 2023-2024 budget and wants the committee to make a motion to approve this purchase.

Cram: I will make sure these are dark sky compliant.

Milliken moved to purchase the geese away lighting pending a dark sky approval with a second by Butler.

Roll call vote: yes-Butler, Dahl, Zebell, Milliken.

Motion passed unan

9. **Citizen Comments** None

10. **Committee Comments-Zebell:** Becky (Chown) has requested a summary of the work being done by the parks committee be submitted into the packet for the next town board meeting being held on May 14, 2024. Milliken tentatively said she could attend the board meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

After the regular meeting, a work session commenced to lay out park signage.