

# PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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## PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE

April 26, 2023

### Regular Committee Meeting

#### MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Skurski at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Dahl, Murphy, Zebell, Milliken, Skurski, Cram-township planner, Chown-township clerk. Butler arrived at 7:10 p.m.  
**Approve Agenda Chown inserts pickleball court update after Business Item A. Murphy moved to accept the amended agenda with a second by Milliken. Approved by consensus**
4. **Brief Citizens Comments (for agenda items only)** None
5. **Conflict of Interest** None
6. **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 22, 2023
  - B. Budget Report Fund: 208 as of April 17, 2023, 3:26 p.m.
  - C. Parks Regulation Ordinance #57 of 2023
  - D. Correspondence from Dave Murphy "Pelizzari Seedling Order" – April 2, 2023
  - E. Correspondence from Becky Chown "Wait Memorial" – April 10, 2023**Murphy moved to place item D from the consent agenda for full committee discussion and became Business Item H. Milliken moved to approve the consent agenda as amended with a second by Murphy. Approved by consensus**
7. **Business**
  - A. BHP Pavilion Rental Jane Watts – Zebell  
**Jane Watts 1647 Moonrise Court:** requested use of Pavilion 1 at Bower Harbors Park for a celebration her late husband's life on September 9, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The request is for 50-60 people.  
**Murphy moved to accept the rental request by Watts with a second by Milliken. Approved by consensus**  
  
(agenda addition B1) Pickleball Court Update- Conway  
**Don Conway 14542 Mapleton Lane:** I want to update this committee regarding the construction of pickleball courts in Bowers Harbor Park. The township last fall told the pickleball group they would have to pay for the replacement of the basketball court. A solution was tentatively reached to put two half-court basketball courts inside the tennis courts due to the infrequent use of the basketball and tennis courts.

There was money available through a Sparks Grant and the township prepared an application; unfortunately, no money was awarded. The plan for the courts is 95% finished by Gosling Czuback Engineering and the only item missing is the exact dimensions of the storm water basin. Soil borings were taken last summer before the project went quiet. Permits for the storm water and soil erosion still are needed as well as a land use permit. The fundraiser last year netted \$100,000 putting us half way there. In contacting Elmers, we hope to move forward at the end of the summer.

Discussions took place regarding the layout, scheduling, an additional fundraiser on May 18, 2023, liability insurance, and obtaining a land use permit.

**Chown moved to approve their request to hold the pickleball fundraiser on May 18, 2023 with the motion pending receipt of a certificate of liability. Chown amended to include a stay of the fees for using Bowers Harbor Park pavilion with a second by Milliken. Approved by consensus**

B. Five Year Park Capital Plan-Skurski: requests several members of the committee to assist him in filling in the spending plan to go with the Five-Year Park and Recreation Plan (see packet)

**Cram:** requests the committee to change the participation fee from \$1.00 to \$5.00 going forward regarding the 3 races occurring here each summer. This could raise \$40,000 for our parks from the 8,000 people who attend the Bay Shore Marathon.

C. Haserot Beach Water Testing for 2023-Skurski: the county health department provides free water testing at Haserot Beach. If the number is high, we pay for the retest. Haserot is the fire department's access point for filling the 5,000-gallon water truck. The launch is no longer usable and has been taken off the Coast Guard map, which means there are no red or green buoys. This is water for the north end of the peninsula and will need to have sand removed from the cement pad, so fire trucks do not get stuck. We are putting up two posts with a chain and a sign for no parking.

D. Bowers Harbor Park Playground-Zebell: the committee discussed the purchasing of wood chips for the new and older playground equipment, painting of the old equipment to better match the new equipment, expanding the older playground with expanded bumpers and chips. The date of July 22, 2023 was selected for the Bowers Harbor Park celebration.

**Chown made a motion to purchase additional bumpers to enclose the old playground equipment and make a unified area and purchase the necessary chips to fill it for a cost of \$4,657 with a second by Dahl.**

**Roll call vote: Yes-Chown, Zebell, Skurski, Dahl, Butler, Murphy, Milliken Approved by consensus**

F. Request for Purchases/Services – Johncock Forestry Products, O'Leary Paint Company, and Menards April 17, 2023 – Zebell: the request for Bob Wilkinson's services has Rob Manigold's signature and needs Isiah Wunsch's signature (see packet for invoices).

F. Request for Purchases/Services – Harbor View Lavender Farm and Menards – April 17, 2023 – Zebell: (see packet for invoices).

G. Watering Trees at Bowers Harbor Park 2023: Volunteer Scheduling: the committee discussed how to water newly planted trees at Bowers Harbor Park. There is a volunteer sign up sheet for those interested in helping.

**H1.** Pelizzari Seedling Order-Murphy: from my letter of April 2, 2023, the order for seedlings for Pelizzari Naure Area has been placed. Given the new park ordinance I wanted to ask permission to continue planting trees in the north wing. This an effort at reforestation.

H. Peninsula Township Website Parks Page- **Zebell**: the parks web page needs to be updated. Requested each person to review information for each individual park and for the website in general.

**Cram**: the parks ordinance reads any alteration to a park needs to be approved by the parks committee.

**9. Citizen Comments** None

**10. Board Comments**

**Chown**: we were awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Olsen Foundation thanks to Dave (Murphy). The Sparks Grant scores came out this week and Peninsula Township did not score well in any of our grant submissions, but we scored the highest for the hemlock trail boardwalk. To keep the Olsen grant, forward momentum and progress needs to be shown. We need a concept plan illustrating our progress. Today I was given approval to hire Gosling Czback Engineering to walk the Hemlock Trail in Pelizzari and to get pricing for the construction of the boardwalk. The Sparks Grant application is to be amended and resubmitted. The score was lower because we live in an affluent township, but not an affluent township government. To keep the Olsen grant, forward momentum and progress needs to be shown. We need a concept plan illustrating our progress. I attended the Natural Resource Trust Fund board meeting last week in East Lansing. Building this relationship potentially makes it possible to submit grant applications to them.

**Murphy**: Claire Herman from the conservancy is doing the fundraising presentations for the Meeker property purchase. One of the biologists on the conservancy staff found oak wilt. I have made some calls to the organizations that can help us. Regarding Consumers Power tree trimming, I met with the forester's assistant and consumers agreed they were not happy with the trucks driving through Pelizzari. Now they are walking in, but their cutting pattern is wrong. Consumers cut down a healthy maple tree and left popular trees that could fall and land on the power lines. Steve Lagerquist put counters at the main parking lot.

**11. Adjournment** Murphy moved to adjourn with a second by Dahl.

**Motion Approved by Consensus**

**Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.**