

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2021
7:00 pm
Township Hall
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Skurski at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Karczewski, Dahl, Skurski, Zebell, Murphy, Chown (Township Clerk), Absent: Milliken.
4. **Approve Agenda** Business items C and E were removed from the agenda due to questions regarding the zoning ordinance on signage and the terms of the Kelley Park lease.
Murphy moved to approve the amended agenda with a second by Zebell **Passed Unan**
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 April 28, 2021
- B. Correspondence from Dave Murphy-RE: Cherry Festival Donation Consideration
- C. Correspondence from Dave Murphy-RE: Leash Law and Dog shooting
- D. Correspondence from Eric Dreier-RE: Tree Watering at Bowers Harbor Park
- E. Correspondence from Becky Chown-RE: Lighthouse position opening
- F. Correspondence from Becky Chown- RE: Amended Park Calculations

Karczewski moved to approve the consent agenda, second by Murphy. **Passed Unan**

8. Business

- A. Elect Vice-Chair (Skurski)
Zebell is the new Vice-Chair
- B. Park Bench Request-Price & Jane Watts
Price Watts 1647 Moonrise Court
A proposal to place a bench in Lighthouse Park was made.

Dahl moved to approve the bench installation with a second by Karczewski.

Passed Unan

- C. Kelly Park Kayak Business-Ian Ruddy-removed from agenda
- D. Park Maintenance (Wilkinson) Wilkinson was not in attendance. Skurski will obtain a list on the progress of the maintenance items identified at the last meeting. Most of Archie Park is a parking lot and there might be a different way of redesigning the park.
- E. Dog Banners (Karczewski)-removed from agenda
- F. DTE Tree Grant-Due 6/18/21 (Skurski) This grant will not be applied for due to a required money match and the limited parks budget for this fiscal year.

G. Township Newsletter Items (Skurski) Chown requested articles for the township newsletter parks section.

Karczewski-ticks and the LIAA parks project
Zebell-Garlic Mustard
Murphy-Dog related issues

H. Scheduling Work Sessions with LIAA

The first meeting with LIAA (Land Information Access Association) was set for June 9, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the township hall. The initial meeting to focus on the parks capital needs and sustainability planning (The approved Parks Funding Feasibility Study can be viewed in the township board meeting May 11, 2021 packet page 214).

I. Non-motorized Trails Update (Murphy)

Eighty percent of residents showed strong support for non-motorized transportation planning in the 2019 residential township survey. The non-motorized planning committee is meeting. Discussions include input from residents, Norte, Cherry Capital Cycling, and TART. Linking the parks with non-motorized trails is part of the township master planning process. There needs to be a mechanism in place to pay for the required park maintenance.

J. Parks Rep for next Town Board Meeting- Murphy to attend

9. Citizen Comments

Armen Shanafelt

7402 East Shore Road

Requested the newsletter tick article include a discussion on Lyme disease. There needs to be a real budget for the parks. The parks are valuable assets to this community just as the PDR program is for the township. The vision of a non-motorized trail can be accomplished. He suggested linking the parks, PDR, and non-motorized trails into a single funding source.

10. Board Comments None

11. Adjournment

Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Karczewski.

Passed Unan

Adjourned 8:17 p.m.