

**Packet for June 8, 2021,  
Special Township  
Board Meeting**

## Rebecca Chown

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**From:** Armen Shanafelt <abshanafelt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:57 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Chown  
**Subject:** Service on the Parks Committee

Dear Becky,

Thank-you for the opportunity to submit my candidacy to serve as a member of the Peninsula Township Parks Committee.

Parks, Open Spaces, and other similar areas provide communities with unique character, and when done well can serve as central elements that help support the intrinsic culture of a given community and its varied residents. The most successful communities in which I've lived strove to create park land/open space area, shaping these spaces to meet the short term needs of its residents as well as fulfill the long term vision of the town. Clearly, Peninsula Township is moving well along this path, with a number of outstanding parks (eg, Lighthouse Park and Old Mission State Park) and natural areas (eg, Pelizzari Natural Area) that are recognized beyond Old Mission Peninsula and yet serve the community as fundamental features of the Peninsula experience. These parks are a key part of why we moved to Old Mission Peninsula, and I would like to be a part of preserving the heritage that already exists and ensuring that we best enhance these and any future parklands for our current residents and those to come.

My background is in science, and for the last decade I have primarily worked with private and public companies as a member of their board of directors, working with the board and the management teams to guide these enterprises to build their unique value to best serve their ultimate constituents. I believe these are transferable skills, that can be effectively applied in the context of local government – ultimately with the goal of making a positive difference in the community in which I live.

Please let me know if you need any other information.

Best,

Armen

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