

# PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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## Township Board Special Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Township Hall

1. **Call to Order** by Supervisor Manigold at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call:** Chown, Achorn, Sanger, and Manigold  
**Absent:** Wunsch, Wahl, and Bickle.
4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only):** none
5. **Approve Agenda**

**Moved by Chown to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sanger.**

Passed Unan

6. **Conflict of Interest:** none
7. **Consent Agenda:** none
8. **Business:**

1. Interview Armen Shanafelt in regard to his interest in filling the vacant seat on the Peninsula Township Parks Committee

**Armen Shanafelt, 7402 East Shore Rd.:** grew up and went to school in Washington state and graduated from Berkley. Gave a history of his background, studies, and jobs. Has served on public boards in the past and moved to the peninsula approximately two years ago. Enjoys the area and finds it nicer than Seattle. Enjoys hiking, boating, and the parks. Having them available is fantastic. Trying to do things to make a difference and would like to participate in making the parks better.

**Chown:** asked if Shanafelt was officially retired.

**Shanafelt:** not entirely but can do almost all his work at any time; took into consideration whether he had the time to dedicate to serving on this board.

**Chown:** asked if Shanafelt would stay in the area during the winter months.

**Shanafelt:** yes; lives on the peninsula year round as he and his wife sold their home last fall and made this their permanent address.

**Sanger:** asked Shanafelt if he had spoken to Dave Murphy regarding this position.

**Shanafelt:** explained how he met Dave Murphy and spoke to him about the parks and getting involved, which is how he was led to apply for this opening.

**Manigold:** wanted to know if Shanafelt had any questions for the board.

**Shanafelt:** asked how the township board interfaces with the parks committee if the meetings are run by parks committee members.

**Manigold:** we meet during budget time. [Manigold] attended a recent meeting, and Becky has begun attending meetings regularly.

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**Achorn:** if there is a special project happening, as was the case with Mission Point Lighthouse, we would meet on a weekly basis with various people from the committee and one or more township board member would also be present. We can do that with parks too if needed.

**Shanafelt:** asked if each committee had a liaison to report back to the township board.

**Manigold:** Wunsch is the representative for the planning commission.

**Chown:** [Chown] has become the parks committee liaison. Communication is vital and the township board wants to ensure strong communication between these boards. Minutes are taken and posted, and this is a method by which residents and various committee and board members can stay informed. This is a system and process that works when people use the tools that are available.

**Achorn:** our offices are always open, and officers are available to communicate with the members of the public all the time.

**Moved by Sanger to approve Armen Shanafelt to the parks committee, seconded by Chown.**

**Roll call:**

**Passed Unan**

Chown invited Shanafelt to walk over to the township offices to be sworn in.

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**9. Citizen Comments:** none

**10. Board Comments:** none

**11. Adjournment**

**Moved by Achorn to adjourn, seconded by Sanger.**

**Passed Unan**

Final adjournment: 6:30 p.m.