

**PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Township Hall**  
**June 12, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Amended AGENDA Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** Swift called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Swift (acting chair), Karczewski, Atkinson, Dahl, Dreier, Murphy, Skurski (absent) Mielnik, Planner
4. **Approve Agenda** Murphy requested item 7. b be moved to Business as item I. Karczewski moves the Agenda be approved with a second by Atkinson. **Passed Unam**
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 the May 8, 2019 meeting.
    - a. Reports/Correspondence
    - b. Letter from Tim & Julie Peace

**Action-Motion** Karczewski moved the Consent Agenda be approved. Atkinson seconds.

**Passed Unam**

**8. Business**

A. Signage and Wayfinding for Parks and Township (Mielnik)

Mielnik gave a PowerPoint presentation on the power of signage and community branding. This can be done with consistent signage to reinforce the brand of the park system and the peninsula. The idea is to create a sense of place and the uniqueness of the area.

**Karczewski:** What would be the next steps going forward?

**Mielnik:** A good place to start would be with bringing the town board into this discussion. It makes sense to have the township and park signage linked to aid with consistency.

**Dreier:** The Land Conservancy signs are relatively uniform and we should talk to them.

**Action Motion:** Swift moves to have Karczewski and Mielnik contact the Peninsula Township Supervisor Manigold to get this issue placed on the township meeting agenda for discussion. Dreier seconded.

**Passed Unam**

B. Buildings and Grounds Director (Wilkinson)

**Wilkinson:** The existing Haserot Beach boat launch is under water due to the high water level and the stakes in the ground several weeks ago are now just floating on rocks. We need to move the rocks to have places to put longer legs, but moving the rocks is illegal.

**Atkinson:** Could we extend the dock? I am suggesting we make the dock longer.

**Wilkinson:** Yes, that might work to a point. If we extend the dock out too far, the center portion tends to sag and become unstable. We need to come up with a solution for the dock. Every year I repair 10 picnic tables and I am waiting for the parts to repair the next set of 10. The irrigation system controller at Bowers Harbor failed and was fixed under the warranty of the part. The drinking fountain at Bowers

Harbor is not working and the part is on order. Graffiti was painted over at the trail head bathroom. One of the bathrooms at Bowers has a hole on the side and this may have been caused by a car hitch backing into the structure. Repair entails getting wood trim up the entire panel. The 24 new garbage cans with lids are a big improvement.

C. Lighthouse

- a. Report to SHPO (can be read in packet)
- b. Turnout issue

**Atkinson:** Regarding the turnout issue, you can drive on a fire road from Center Road to the west bay and also to the east bay.

**Dahl:** If there was some policing of this area and education, this might discourage this activity.

**Karczewski:** There is no beach due to the high water level and this may have caused the partying activity to move back into this area.

**Atkinson:** There is no signage stating there is no camping or fires. There is a gate at the end of this two track at the west bay entrance and could be locked.

**Swift:** We could lock this for a while, especially during the summer. The fire department needs a key and the fire chief consulted.

**Karczewski:** Sanger reported that the ordinance for this issue is weak.

**Wilkinson:** I caution no one go out there alone without the deputy present.

The committee discussed potential solutions including signage, cameras, monitoring more often with the sheriff present, rewriting the ordinance, and locking the gate. Swift will write a report to Manigold about the potential solutions.

D. Erin Banton Memorial Bench placement at Lighthouse Park

Skurski met with a member of the Underwood family and selected a place east of the lighthouse for the bench placement. The bench is paid for by the family.

**Action-Motion:** Atkinson moves this request be approved with a second by Dahl.

**Passed Unam**

E. Bowers Harbor Park Special Event Permit Request

- a. Music in the Park

**Swift:** We are asked to change ownership of this event from Anne Griffith to Carter Oosterhouse. There is an amended application showing 100 potential attendees and the use of amplified music. When the Parks Committee initially approved this request, there was only acoustic music.

Carter Oosterhouse 2118 Island View Drive  
Heather Vanstreet 6699 Franklin Wood Drive

There has been confusion around this entire issue. When I submitted the original request back in September, 2018 the request included the use of amplified music. The initial idea for this event was for Peninsula residents to come together and meet their neighbors. I was born and raised here in Old Mission and now with the changes occurring, I do not know all of my neighbors. This is being promoted as a meet your neighbors event. This is modeled after the Northport free music event, which uses amplified music. For the first night we have a student from Interlochen and the last night the staff from Interlochen will perform. We have a singer and guitar player and needs to be amplified. We need to be respectful to neighbors, we know we are stepping into uncharted waters, and we do not want to overstep our boundaries. Donations will go to the Old Mission School after expenses. There are no direct solicitations or vendors. This would be promoted on Facebook, Next Door, and

the Jolly Pumpkin said they would promote it on their social media platform. The target is to inform the residents of Old Mission Peninsula, but I cannot stop people coming from other communities.

**Atkinson:** I think this is a great idea. We are a little concerned as this is something new, but we should go ahead and try the concept. If the music is too loud, we are going to ask you to lower the volume. After the first event if an issue arises such as 1,000 people show up or if the music is too loud, we need to have a conversation about going forward. I think we should approve the application.

**Dreier:** I like the idea and I recommend that the neighbors around the park be notified of the event.

**Swift:** The application is different than the one we passed in that the event is going to be advertised, have amplified music, and donations are solicited by passing buckets around. I would like to see some restrictions placed on the event and that a conversation occurs after the first event to see if we want the event to continue.

Oosterhouse: This is a problem as the musicians are booked in advance over the five weeks.

**Swift:** My concern is that we have booked two events for one of the nights and I want the wedding party to be informed and the event be evaluated after the first one.

**Action-Motion:** Atkinson moved to accept the proposal for five concerts at Bowers Harbor for the benefit of the residents of this community and there be a conversation between Oosterhouse and Manigold, the supervisor of the township after the first concert and if there are concerns, those concerns be rectified and Dreier seconded.

**Passed Unam**

b. Vines & Wines

Karczewski stated the application is in order and there is proof of insurance.

**Action-Motion:** Karczewski moved to approve the event and Dreier seconded. **Passed Unam**

F. Pelizzari Natural Area-Consumers

Murphy gave some history on the creation of Pelizzari Natural Area.

**Murphy:** There is an ongoing problem with Consumers driving repair trucks onto the northeast section of Pelizzari when there are power outages in a utility corridor above East Shore Road.

**Dahl:** Does Consumers have an easement?

**Murphy:** Yes, but the question is do they have the right to drive over remediated property areas and destroy vegetation in the process?

**Swift:** We need to have the plat maps to see where Consumers' easements are located and then we can discuss this further.

G. Haserot Park – Drinking & Fireworks Isle

This was Skurski's agenda item and Skurski is not in attendance.

**Swift:** This issue is tabled.

H. Park Ordinances

**Karczewski:** Sanger wrote a memo talking about the weakness of Ordinance No. 5.

**Swift:** We will continue to educate ourselves on this issue and potentially make recommendations in the future.

I. Letter from Tim & Julie Peace

**Atkinson:** Tim and Julie Peace are asking for a fence to be installed after the demolition of the building on Swaney Road. The building acted as a buffer zone providing privacy for many years.

**Karczewski:** This letter was part of the consent agenda for the town board meeting last night, June 11, 2019.

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**Swift:** I will send an email that the town board needs to take specific action on this issue and note the concerns of setting of a precedent regarding barriers between neighbors and the issue of cost sharing.

**9. Citizen Comments** None

**10. Board Comments**

**Atkinson:** Elmers has offered to remove the old playground equipment at Haserot.

**Swift:** Atkinson will call Jenni Glysson and accept her offer of \$5,000 to go toward a play structure at Haserot Beach. Atkinson will make a recommendation to the Parks Committee to place this issue before the town board.

**Karczewski:** Atkinson will make the recommendation directly to the town board.

**11. Adjournment** Murphy moves to adjourn. Dahl seconded. Adjournment at 9:12 p.m.