

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Township Hall
July 1, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Skurski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Atkinson, Milliken, Murphy, Dreier, Skurski, Dahl, Karczewski
4. **Approve Agenda**
Drier moved to approve the agenda with a second by Milliken. **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 March 4, 2020
 - B. Lighthouse Litter Report
 - C. Buoy Permit Info
 - D. Park Projects Timeline
 - E. Park Budget 2020-21
 - F. Consumers Energy Tree Grant

Murphy moved to approve the consent agenda with two corrections to the March 4, 2020 minutes with a second by Atkinson. **Passed Unam**

8. Business

A. Public Hearing on Haserot Beach Playground Recommendation
Karczewski gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Haserot Beach playground equipment replacement. After meeting with 3 contractors, a recommendation was made to select Sinclair Recreational. The cost is \$57,000, which includes installation. The parks committee budget has \$53,000 for capital outlay and a resident is donating \$5,000. Installation would occur 4-5 weeks after town board approval.

Nancy Heller 3091 Bluewater Rd.
I recommend a second ramp for ingress and egress points.

Linda Keeley 19535 Brinkman Road
I commend the park committee for their professional presentation and their service to the community. Thank you for not giving up.

Fred Woodruff via email
Raised the following questions (1) how will the new playground equipment be a part of the overall redevelopment of Haserot Beach and Kelley Park with the relocation of the boat launch (2)

If funds need to be raised to pay for part of the cost of the playground equipment, will this be part of a larger effort for Haserot Beach after the boat launch is moved to Kelley Park (3) will there be a formal "fundraising campaign" (and any other funds that are needed) and, if so, I think the committee needs to answer the four key questions that are part of any such campaign: Who is going to do what by when and how? A long time ago I was part of the group that raised the funds for the Dougherty House project and there are good lessons to be learned from that. The folks at the Land Conservancy are well versed in fundraising campaigns and would also be a good resource.

Dreier moved to approve the \$57,000 Sinclair Recreational proposal, which includes equipment, freight, and installation with a second by Karczewski.

Roll call:

Passed Unam

B. Bowers Harbor Pavilion Request

Shotwell requested use of the pavilion on July 10, 2020 for a memorial luncheon for Thomas Littlefield. The number of guests was listed as 150.

Milliken moved to approve the request and the number of people in attendance needed to follow Governor Whitman's executive order on how many people can gather with a second by Atkinson.

Passed Unam

C. Memorial Bench Request

Atkinson moved that the bench request be approved as written and he will discuss the length of the engraving with Hilt with a second by Dahl.

Passed Unam

D. Bowers Harbor Park Trail Maintenance

There is a .7 mile section in need of repair. A discussion of water pooling on the trail occurred.

E. Pelizzari Funding/Spending Structure

Trust fund money cannot be going to pay for operations.

Murphy moved that funds collected from the millage cannot be used for routine maintenance at Pelizzari with a second by Milliken.

Passed Unam

Murphy moved to encourage the township board to authorize use of funds from the Pelizzari Natural Area (PNA) budget for an appraisal of the property to link to the current PNA of up to \$3,000, with the understanding that additional appraisal fees may be necessary if more parcels are added. Dreier seconded.

Murphy amended the motion to state that these funds are available for immediate use.

Dreier seconded.

Passed Unam

F. Lighthouse Park Parking location

Jennifer Hodges of Gordie-Fraser gave two potential options to create more parking at the lighthouse. No decision by the lighthouse committee yet.

G. Maintenance Report (Wilkinson)

The company cutting down trees at Bowers Harbor Park did not remove the stumps. High lake water levels have been a problem in multiple locations on the peninsula. A property owner removed trees and eroded the hillside above Archie Park. Recommended having Sanger and Deeren investigate.

H. Parks Rep for next Town Board Meeting

Skurski will request placement on the town board agenda for the July 14, 2020 meeting to present the playground recommendation. Skurski, Dreier, and Karczewski will attend.

9. Citizen Comments

Nancy Heller 3091 Bluewater Rd.

Amend the township parks bench policy to read park committee and not park commission. In granting the use the Bowers Harbor Park pavilions, stipulate tables must be returned to their original location if moved.

10. Board Comments

Murphy: During power outages, Consumers Energy can no longer go through Pelizzari. Meihn is working to gain a settlement on past destruction of Pelizzari property. In the master plan survey, creating trails for non-motorized activities ranked number one with 70%-80% of the residents. This engages the two entities of parks and planning.

Dahl: Recommended having one of the new fireman act as a park ranger.

Skurski: Wants to have a discussion at a future meeting on ways to effectively manage the parks.

11. Adjournment

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

Passed Unam

Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.