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**PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**August 23, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order** by Zebell at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Dahl, Zebell, Butler, Milliken, Murphy, Cram-Director of Planning and Zoning. Excused Chown, Skurski
4. **Approve Agenda** Zebell added water testing and reviewing logo designs to come before Business Item A. **Dah moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Milliken.**  
**Approved by Consensus**
5. **Brief Citizens Comments (for agenda items only)** None
6. **Conflict of Interest** None
7. **Consent Agenda:** any member of the committee, 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 July 26, 2023
  - B. Updated BHP Pavilion Reservation and Special Event Applications
  - C. County Health Department Water Sampling Results August 3, August 4, August 10, August 17, 2023
  - D. Correspondence from David Shambaugh “New Basketball Court”- July 30, 2023
  - E. Correspondence from Susan Piehl and Dave Murphy “Northern Michigan Story, Wall Street Journal” July 24, 2023
  - F. Northern Michigan Invasive Species Network “Recommended Planting Guidelines for Municipalities”
  - G. Woody Invasives.org “Cut-Stump Herbicide”
  - H. US Geologic Survey “American and Oriental Bittersweet Identification”**Milliken moved to approve the consent agenda with a second by Murphy.**  
**Approved by Consensus**
8. **Business**

Haserot Beach Health Water Reading-Zebell led the discussion on the high e-coli reading at Haserot Beach. There could have been an error in testing, or a holding tank from a boat was dumped near the beach. Skurski went out to investigate and found a large inflatable boat hung up on the old board ramp. The mud and rock bottom may have been stirred up if people tried to free the inflatable. The reading appears to be an anomaly. Skurski recommended chaining off the area and was going to talk to the fire chief. There are certain dimensions required for the fire trucks to have access to the water. The beach may have to be dredged in the spring.

**Cram**-in looking at the parks ordinance, it reads no one shall place private signs at Haserot Beach other than the township. The township board needs to be informed and the signs might need to be purchased.

**Dahl**- who actually posts the signs?

No one was clear as to who put the signs up and Cram will call the Grand Traverse Health Department.

**Murphy**-there was a neighbor who was alarmed at the number of swans and the debris they left behind at Haserot. Haserot is on the nautical maps and is listed as an escape route in heavy storms. Kelly is not ready for boats.

**Cram**-we are looking to note that Haserot is not open for public launching, but we need to allow fire department access for the water pump truck.

**Nancy R. Heller** (from the audience)-I suggest you all read the lease between the township and Kelly Park.

The committee reviewed and discussed the potential logo designs.

A. Bowers Harbor Celebration Plan-Zebell

Zebell led an in-depth discussion on the Bowers Harbor Park Celebration. The celebration is focused on the new pickleball, tennis, basketball, and playground equipment. Methods for publicity for the event on September 30, 2023 were discussed. The call has gone out for volunteers to help with the event (see event details in the packet).

**Zebell**-the splintered boards on the old playground equipment need replacing.

**Milliken made a motion to spend part of the \$500 donation to replace the boards with a second by Butler.**

**Roll Call Vote-Yes-Butler, Milliken, Dahl, Zebell, Murphy Approved by Consensus**

The committee decided to change the next meeting date to September 20, 2023 at p.m.

9. **Citizen Comments-Nancy R. Heller 3091 Bluewater Road** (from the audience)-the police officers make their own schedules so you want to make sure they are in attendance during the celebration as enforcement.

10. **Committee Comments-Murphy**-are we going to send someone to the next town board meeting?

Zebell and Butler will attend the next town board meeting.

**Murphy**- an informal information session on the pros and cons of charter versus general law forms of government will be held on September 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. If we want to raise the budget for the parks, we can either vote in a parks millage or potentially become a charter township. There are many more reasons to consider this form of government

11. **Adjournment Milliken moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Murphy.**

**Approved by Consensus**

**Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.**