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## PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE

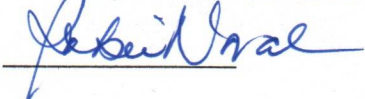
### SPECIAL MEETING

### NOTICE/AGENDA

September 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Approve Agenda
5. Brief Citizens Comments (for agenda items only)
6. Conflict of Interest
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 August 23, 2023
  - B. County Health Department Water Sampling Results August 31, September 7, 8, 9, 2023
  - C. Correspondence regarding park logo from Beth Barton and Michele Zebell
  - D. Correspondence from Michigan's Invasive Species Grant Program "Millions in grants open for invasive species prevention projects in Michigan."
  - E. Bowers Harbor Park Celebration Flyer
8. **Business**
  - A. Invasive Species Grants-Skurski/Zebell
  - B. Parks Signage and Maps-Murphy
  - C. Logo Selection-Zebell
  - D. Celebration-Zebell
9. **Citizen Comments**
10. **Committee Comments**
11. **Adjournment**

Peninsula Township has several portable hearing devices available for audience members. If you would like to use one, please ask the recording secretary.



Robin Noval, Deputy Clerk

Posted September 14, 2023 5:00 p.m.

# Consent Agenda

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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.**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 9, 2023**  
**Weekly Grand Traverse County Beach Report**  
Sample Collected September 8, Reported September 9  
**GRAND TRAVERSE BAY**

<u>Beach</u>	<u>This week's sample results</u> <u>E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
East Bay Park	136	1

<u>Water Quality Index</u>	<u>Body Contact Limits</u>	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> (Single Event)	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> (30 day geo-mean)
<b>Level 1</b>	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact.	<b>0-300</b>	<b>0-130</b>
<b>Level 2</b>	E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist not advised.	<b>301-1000</b>	<b>131-1000</b>
<b>Level 3</b>	E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards, no body contact advised.	<b>&gt;1000</b>	<b>&gt;1000</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	Health Alert. E. coli levels and/or known gross contamination of beach waters. Avoid contact with beach waters.		

**Note:** Beach samples are routinely collected once a week. Therefore E. coli levels may not meet the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) standards between sampling days. E. coli levels are more likely to increase after a storm.

**Note:** Beaches are sampled using the composite sampling method approved by EGLE. Follow-up samples after a Level 2, 3, or 4 will utilize geometric mean.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 8, 2023**  
**Weekly Grand Traverse County Beach Report**  
Sample Collected September 7, Reported September 8  
**GRAND TRAVERSE BAY**

<u>Beach</u>	<u>This week's sample results</u> <u>E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
East Bay Park	756	2

<u>Water Quality Index</u>	<u>Body Contact Limits</u>	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> (Single Event)	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> (30 day geo-mean)
<b>Level 1</b>	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact.	<b>0-300</b>	<b>0-130</b>
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For Immediate Release:  
September 7, 2023

**Weekly Grand Traverse County Beach Report**  
Samples Collected on September 6, Reported September 7  
**GRAND TRAVERSE BAY**

<u>Beach</u>	<u>This week's sample results E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
West End	0	1
Clinch Park	1	1
Bryant Park	9	1
East Bay Park	481	2
Traverse City State Park	2	1
Acme Bayside Park	17	1
Sayler Park	0	1
Sunset Park	3	1
TC Senior Center	4	1
TC Volleyball Beach	6	1
Haserot Beach	3	1

<u>Water Quality Index</u>	<u>Body Contact Limits</u>	<u>E. coli/100m (Single Event)</u>	<u>E. coli/100ml (30 day geo-mean)</u>
Level 1	E. coli levels meet EGLE swimming standards for full body contact.	0-300	0-130
Level 2	E. coli levels meet EGLE standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist not advised.	301-1000	131-1000
Level 3	E. coli levels exceed EGLE standards, no body contact advised.	>1000	>1000
Level 4	Health Alert. E. coli levels and/or known gross contamination of beach waters. Avoid contact with beach waters.		

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 31, 2023**  
**Weekly Grand Traverse County Beach Report**  
Samples Collected August 30, Reported August 31  
**GRAND TRAVERSE BAY**

<u>Beach</u>	<u>This week's sample results</u> <u>E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
West End	192	1
Clinch Park	81	1
Bryant Park	75	1
East Bay Park	291	1
Traverse City State Park	249	1
Acme Bayside Park	52	1
Sayler Park	211	1
Sunset Park	139	1
TC Senior Center	84	1
TC Volleyball Beach	129	1
Haserot Beach	4	1

<u>Water Quality Index</u>	<u>Body Contact Limits</u>	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> <u>(Single Event)</u>	<u>E.coli/100ml</u> <u>(30 day geo-mean)</u>
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From: Michele Zebell <[mzebell.parks@gmail.com](mailto:mzebell.parks@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:01 PM  
To: Becky Chown <[clerk@peninsulatownship.com](mailto:clerk@peninsulatownship.com)>; Mike Skurski <[Parksmike49686@gmail.com](mailto:Parksmike49686@gmail.com)>  
Cc: Dave Murphy <[davemurphy6943@gmail.com](mailto:davemurphy6943@gmail.com)>; Jennifer Cram <[planner@peninsulatownship.com](mailto:planner@peninsulatownship.com)>; Mary Beth Milliken <[mbmillikenonpeninsula@gmail.com](mailto:mbmillikenonpeninsula@gmail.com)>; Pete Dahl <[peterleedahl@gmail.com](mailto:peterleedahl@gmail.com)>; Ronessa Butler <[ronessa+parks@gmail.com](mailto:ronessa+parks@gmail.com)>; Elections <[elections@peninsulatownship.com](mailto:elections@peninsulatownship.com)>  
Subject: August meeting: logo discussion

Hi Mike and Becky.

I hope that I am accurately capturing the ideas we expressed by the committee regarding the logo. If not, I hope everyone will feel free to better clarify or correct my interpretation.

(The email below this correspondence is Beth's email response when asked her opinion of the logo, and what guidance would she give since she is an experienced professional.)

Committee's ideas::

-with the intention of utilizing the OMP as a brand for the township in additional applications beyond parks, the committee would like to keep it

-the third was our favorite, 3b, with the color green in the bottom portion of the background

-the peninsula should stay and perhaps be a bit less crowded

\*Keep the hiker, biker and playground images but move them further away from the peninsula.

\*Maybe have only one hiker and a smaller swing set.

\*Could the images be a made bit smaller so they can be moved away from the peninsula a bit more?

\*Just suggestions for the ultimate goal of making the peninsula a little more prominent.

We talked about the "blob," but the peninsula image is used in so many other contexts, that residents get it. Those who live outside the peninsula may not, but once they've visited, they too will "get it."

Thank you.

Michele

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Beth Barton <[2bcreativestudio@gmail.com](mailto:2bcreativestudio@gmail.com) <<mailto:2bcreativestudio@gmail.com>> >  
Date: Wed, Aug 23, 2023, 3:43 PM  
Subject: Re: checking in on logo!  
To: Michele Zebell <[mzebell.parks@gmail.com](mailto:mzebell.parks@gmail.com) <<mailto:mzebell.parks@gmail.com>> >

Hi Michelle. No problem at all giving my interpretation. I've been a Community Branding and Wayfinding Specialist for almost 30 years, so I understand this is a process. You are spot on with your statements. The OMP reference is fine if it's being used peninsula wide as an abbreviation. Please see my additions and thoughts below.

\* Look at the design as though WE OR A VISITOR were looking at it for the first time in order to gather an impression of what the OMP parks offer, what they are about.

\* What do you see or interpret from looking at the logo?

\* Is it too busy? Can you easily identify the visuals used? Does it encompass what Peninsula Township Parks stand for?

\* As a test I asked my husband who has never been to OMP. He asked what is the blob in the middle of the logo? I told him it is the silhouette of the peninsula. He asked why would they want it to be included...

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\* Where will we be using the logo and does it fit all of those uses?

\* Signage/Wayfinding

\* Brochures

\* Business Elements (letterhead, business cards, envelopes, etc)

\* Kiosks

\* T-shirts

\* Other Uses?

Best Regards,

Beth A. Barton

On Wed, Aug 23, 2023 at 12:53 PM Michele Zebell <[mzebell.parks@gmail.com](mailto:mzebell.parks@gmail.com)> <<mailto:mzebell.parks@gmail.com>> > wrote:

Hi Beth.

Thank you. I will add the logo to the agenda for this evening's meeting.

If my interpretation of your email is correct, you think this is too busy. We need to look at this as though we were looking at it for the first time in order to gather an impression of what the OMP parks offer, what they are about. What would we say or interpret from looking at the logo? Where will we be using the logo and does it fit all of those uses?

You are the experienced professional within this logo process. Are you comfortable sharing your thoughts/recommendations? I can share them with the committee (or not--your choice), but honestly, I would definitely share them with Becky. Maybe they would help me frame the conversation? If that is dangerous territory for you, I understand.

Thank you for your fine work and patience.

Michele

On Wed, Aug 23, 2023 at 11:42 AM Beth Barton <[2bcreativestudio@gmail.com](mailto:2bcreativestudio@gmail.com)> <<mailto:2bcreativestudio@gmail.com>> > wrote:

Good morning. Please see the attached revised logo comps. Please make copies at 100% to ensure readability. This is a rather complex logo. I do understand the importance of including visuals that speak to this unique area. When reviewing, please pay special attention to the elements and how the viewer will perceive this logo mark. Take into consideration the readability and clarity of the images. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Beth A. Barton

Thank u Mike for following up on this . Did u see there is a webinar in Sept 6 to understand more about it? While we are emailing about Kelly Park, I have a thought. I know the mowing has been cut way back there. I think it would look so much better if the flat land at the top of the hill was all mowed . Presently there is just an 'edging ' done there. Maybe it is to save money? There are no milkweed plants up on the top of the hill. They are down the slope of the hill. I feel that when one drives by they see the 'top of the hill' and it would look cleaner and cared for. As I go by frequently, and have heard from a few neighbors it would appear so much nicer if the top was mowed too.

Thank u for following up on this park. It really needs some help. Even the road leading to the beach is rutty and unpleasant to enter.

The pergolas also look terrible and could use paint. It detracts from this beautiful view.

Connie Sargent

Place on Agenda for September 20, 2023

Please place this in the consent agenda.

It may be a discussion item for Sept.

MIKE SKURSKI

Chair

Peninsula Township Park Committee

[parksmike49686@gmail.com](mailto:parksmike49686@gmail.com)

On Sep 2, 2023, at 1:52 PM, Connie Sargent <[tccasazo@att.net](mailto:tccasazo@att.net)> wrote:

Someone shared: Millions in grants open for invasive species prevention projects in Michigan

<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/millions-in-grants-open-for-invasive-species-prevention-projects-in-michigan>

Becky and Mike , I just saw this. Maybe u could apply to help Kelly Park and it's Purple Loosestrife. What do u think?

Connie Sargent

Sent from my iPhone

**BUSINESS**

# Millions in grants open for invasive species prevention projects in Michigan

by Katrianna Ray

Fri, September 1st 2023, 9:58 AM EDT



*invasive species.jpg*

Over \$3 million in grants are available for invasive species projects in Michigan.

Michigan's Invasive Species Grant Program is now accepting proposals for the 2023 funding cycle, with an anticipated \$3.6 million available to applicants.

The program – a joint effort of the Michigan departments of Natural Resources; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Agriculture and Rural Development – is part of a statewide initiative launched in 2014 to help prevent, detect and control invasive species in Michigan.

An invasive species is one that is not native and whose introduction causes harm, or is likely to cause harm, to Michigan's environment, economy or human health.



“Invasive species threaten Michigan’s aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, harming our environment, agricultural economy, and natural resources,” said Tim Boring, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. “The Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program is an important tool in addressing these threats – both on the local level with cooperative invasive species management areas and on a statewide scale by supporting advances in prevention and control.”

The program supports projects that will prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species by engaging the public in prevention practices and reducing the risk of moving invasive species into high-risk areas.

The program also encourages proposals for methods or studies that lead to increased public participation in invasive species prevention through actions like cleaning recreational equipment between uses or purchasing local firewood.

The Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program supports projects throughout the state that prevent, detect, manage and eradicate invasive species on the ground and in the water.

Total program funding is set by the Legislature and the governor during the annual budget cycle.

Local, state, federal and tribal units of government, nonprofit organizations and universities may apply for funding to support invasive species projects in Michigan.

Full project proposals are due November 1, and the award announcement is anticipated in March 2024.

All applications must be submitted through the MiGrants online system.

Applicants can access the system at [MiGrants.Intelligrants.com](https://MiGrants.Intelligrants.com) or follow the link at [Michigan.gov/MISGP](https://Michigan.gov/MISGP).



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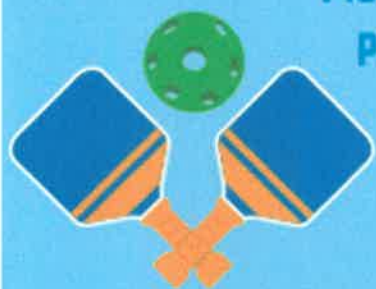
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A NEW  
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SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30  
2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

COME CELEBRATE OUR NEW PLAYGROUND,  
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PLUS OUR NEWLY POURED TENNIS COURTS!

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1



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2:00-5:00 ACTIVITY TRAIL

2:15 PLAY STRUCTURE SCAVENGER HUNT

2:30 VOLLEYBALL

3:00 PICKLEBALL

3:30 BASKETBALL

FREE THROW COMPETITION WITH PRIZES! AGES 4-ADULT  
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