PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Township Board Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Township Hall

1. **Call to Order:** by Supervisor Manigold at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call:** Manigold, Bickle, Chown, Wunsch, Sanger
   Absent: Achorn, Wahl
4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only):** none
5. **Approve Agenda**
   Moved by Wunsch to approve as presented, seconded by Bickle.
   Passed unan

6. **Conflict of Interest**
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
   1. Invoices (recommend approval)
   2. Reports
      A. Peninsula Township Fire Department for October 2020
      B. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Daily Officer Summary for September 2020 and Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office Citation, Accident, & Arrest Statistics for October 2020
      C. Peninsula Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer for October 2020
      E. Mission Point Lighthouse Report for October 2020
      F. Treasurer for October 2020
   3. Minutes from October 12, 2020, election commission meeting; October 13, 2020, township board regular meeting; October 28, 2020, township board special meeting; and October 28, 2020, election commission meeting (recommend approval)
   4. Correspondence
      A. Dave Murphy
      B. Fire Chief Fred Gilstorff – two letters
      C. Sarah Dell-Acqua-Kime
      D. Jill Byron
      E. Rick Wilson
      F. Principal Danielle Clayton, Old Mission Peninsula School
      G. David D. Taft

Amended packet: correspondence from Eric Dreier (Parks Committee), Matt Anderson, and Chief Gilstorff plus the DNR's proposed lease for Kelley Park.

Bickle: the Hessler Budget fund needs to be corrected to 231.000.930; the number listed is wrong.
Chown: corrected the October 28, 2020, minutes to add the year to the header. Corrected the election committee meeting minutes from the same day to reflect the change from "precinct I" to "precinct 1."

Moved by Bickle to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Wunsch.
Roll call: **Passed unan**

Manigold: we need clarification on a previous vote regarding paying for the playground equipment at Haserot Beach. The previous vote was taken by consensus and should have been done by roll call and a motion.

Moved by Bickle to pay the bill for the playground equipment for Haserot in the amount of $39,614.00, seconded by Chown.
Roll call: **Passed unan**

8. Business:
1. Peninsula Township Parks Committee update (Murphy)
Dave Murphy: covered the topic of non-motorized transportation. Noted that he and Mary Beth Milliken are on both the master plan steering committee and parks committee. The parks committee invited representatives from TART and received background information on non-motorized trails and how TART works with municipalities. TART would need the township to take the lead on such a trail, either through the parks committee or planning commission; more typically it's parks. TART has 900+ members who reside in Peninsula Township who could be a tremendous resource in working towards a plan. Dave received a forwarded letter from Cherry Capital Cycling about problems experienced by out-of-area cyclists, encouraging discussions about cycling on the peninsula. A rep from Cherry Capital Cycling also spoke at the parks meeting, offering assistance on planning. Archie Park has become a staging place for cycling. Township Planner Randy Mielnik also spoke at the parks meeting, reviewing the results of last year's township-wide survey and 80% resident support of non-motorized access. Bang the Table can facilitate more citizen input. The parks group is evaluating non-motorized transportation from both a recreational and public safety standpoint.

The parks committee has received positive feedback on the new playground equipment at Haserot Beach as well as tree planting and paving repairs to the walking trail at Bowers Harbor Park.

Peninsula Township Parks Committee Chairman Mike Skurski created a survey with ten questions for committee members regarding how the parks committee is functioning since the transition from elected to appointed status.

The committee discussed partial financing of the parks through donations and noted that the

township might need to consider a millage to ensure a steady cash flow.

The committee is also discussing possible expansion to Pelizzari Natural Area using the remaining millage funds and grant sources that Randy identified as favorable for land acquisition.

Manigold: the playground equipment is getting a lot of use. The DNR presented the opportunity to go back to the table with Kelley Park.

Meihn: mentioned a parcel that had a fire and for more than a year has been in a position that creates a nuisance. Received an injunctive order issued by the court and hired an aggressive process server. The resident has agreed to take action immediately. Regarding the lease of Kelley Park, the DNR-proposed lease originally removed motor boat functionality but now states we can have that function. This information is outlined within the lease agreement included in the packet.

2. State of Michigan Statutory Presentation on Airbnbs and Short-Term Rentals (Miehn)
Meihn: gave a PowerPoint presentation; this presentation can be viewed on Streamspot. **Board followed up with questions. Discussion of local zoning laws versus state laws ensued.**

3. Possible closed session per MCL 15.268(e) to discuss litigation referred to as "The Winery Lawsuit"
Moved by Bickle to go into closed session, seconded by Sanger.
Roll call: **Passed unan**

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

Moved by Sanger to come out of closed session, seconded by Bickle.
Roll call: **Passed unan**

Moved by Sanger to reconvene, seconded by Wunsch.
Roll call: **Passed unan**

Moved by Bickle to approve authorization for Greg Meihn to be council on lawsuit with the wineries for up to $30,000.00, seconded by Wunsch.
Roll call: **Passed unan**

9. Citizen Comments:
Dave Murphy: regarding short-term rentals, 25 years ago, short-term rentals were considered a commercial use of properties; the proposed legislation creates a level of disruption that is stunning. What is considered residential anymore? What is the point of having residential districts? Shoreline owners will be hammered, and this is troubling.

The millage for the road commission passed; [Murphy] feels the township needs more

control over the roads.

10. Board Comments:

Manigold: contacted Nate Alger, county administrator, and took him around to show him the issues with the roads, specifically Smokey Hollow, Neahtawanta Road, and Center Road. Nate has already seen the issues on Bluff Road. A portion of Neahtawanta Road has disappeared. The road commission has been responsive and is working to fix the issues. Manigold thanked Alger for getting involved.

Chown: thanked the four dozen residents who worked the November 3, 2020, General Election. Thanked the Kindness Kids Club for donating snacks for the workers at Precinct 1. Thanked the Peninsula Township Fire Department for setting up and tearing down the election equipment in the various precincts. Thanked Robin Noval, Lola Jackson, Marilyn Elliott, and Beth Chan for their hard work in the clerk's office.

11. Adjournment:

Moved by Sanger to adjourn, seconded by Bickle.

Roll call: **Passed unan**

Final adjournment: 8:26 p.m.