

Packet
November 17, 2025
Parks Committee
Special Meeting

Consent

**Email Correspondence
from Bowers Harbor
Pickleball Group**



Torey Caviston <tcaviston.parks@gmail.com>

COURTS CLOSING THURSDAY, 11/6 @ NOON

1 message

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Reply-To: Bowers Harbor Pickleball <bhpickleballclub@yahoo.com>
To: Bowers Harbor Pickleball <bhpickleballclub@yahoo.com>

Tue, Nov 4, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Good Afternoon Bowers Harbor Picklers!

Just a heads up that the **Bowers Harbor Pickleball Courts will be closed for the season** this Thursday, 11/6 at noon. The nets will be taken down and the gates will be locked. A big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who will be working to remove the nets, blow the courts clean, take down signs, racks, the AED, etc. You are appreciated!!

The two auxiliary courts with nets located on the tennis courts will remain open and you are more than welcome to continue playing there.

It's been a great pickleball season! Stay well, stay safe, stay warm, and we'll see you in the spring! Stay tuned for updates as needed!

Your Bowers Harbor Pickleball Team,
Don and Jane Conway
Brian and Carol Kaplan
Kent and Peg Rabish

Budget as of October 31

FY26 Approved Budget and FY26 Actuals By Month

Acct Number	Description	Footnote	Historical		Current Year		FY26 Actuals												
			2024-2025 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Activity through 3/31/25	FY26 Total Budget	FY26 Remaining Budget	Total FY26 YTD	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Dept 000																			
208-0000-580.000	County Funding	A		25,000	25,000	25,000	0												
208-0000-580.EVT	Parks Lg. Event Fee	B	2,000	30,650	28,000	(5,005)	33,005				31,270		1,735						
208-0000-664.000	Interest Income	C	900	2,427	1,700	1,493	207	64	129	14									
208-0000-667.000	Rental Income	D	500	700	700	200	500	300		100	100								
208-0000-675.000	Donations	E				0	0												
208-0000-675.ARP	ARPA APPROPRIATION	F	50,000			0	0												
208-0000-675.CAP	Donations / Grants Capital Fund-Kel	G	15,000	12,500		(315)	315			300	15								
208-0000-675.DNR	GRANT-DNR KELLEY BOAT LAUNCH	H	67,250	31,444		0	0												
208-0000-675.EVT	LARGE EVENT - PARKS DONATIONS	I				0	0												
208-0000-675.GNT	Park Grants Received	J		66,000	8,000	5,928	2,072			2,072									
208-0000-675.NMT	GRANT: NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL	K				0	0												
208-0000-675.PLK	Donations-Pickleball Court	L				0	0												
208-0000-676.000	Miscellaneous	M	25,000			0	0												
208-0000-710.WRK	Workers Comp	N				0	0												
NET OF REVENUE/APPROPRIATIONS-000 -			1	160,650	168,721	63,400	27,301	36,099	364	129	33,756	115	1,735	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dept 751 - PARKS																			
208-751-703.000	Per Diem	O	7,490	1,800	7,490	5,860	1,630	240	160		240	490						500	
208-751-710.LIB	Liability Insurance	P	2,250	3,001	3,240	(229)	3,469	3,461	9										
208-751-710.WRK	Workers Comp	Q	750	85	775	673	103	103	14										(15)
208-751-715.000	Employer Social Security	R	775	270	775	562	213	45	12		34	68	15						39
208-751-726.000	Supplies	S	7,000	1,086	10,000	7,571	2,429			160	50								2,219
208-751-726.PRK	Park Signs	T	2,500	453	2,500	2,247	253												253
208-751-783.000	Seeding and Planting Services	U	2,000		5,000	5,000	0												
208-751-801.000	Legal Fees	V	1,000		1,000	340	660	398	261										1
208-751-807.000	Audit Fees	W	500	420	525	14	511					245							266
208-751-818.000	Contractual Services-R Wilkinson	X	65,000	417	81,000	38,945	42,055	6,008	6,008	6,008	6,009		12,016	6,007					
208-751-818.010	Recording Secretary	Y	2,625	74,418	2,625	1,475	1,150	350			200	400		200					
208-751-818.200	Contract Services	Z	20,000	1,730	27,000	20,099	6,901	7,948	3,863	14,198	13,943	9,876	(42,925)						
208-751-818.PLQ	Plowing	AA	3,000	19,028	3,100	(2,110)	5,210			5,210									
208-751-855.DEQ	Noncom. Public Wat. Sup. Fee	BB	1,500	2,510	1,500	985	515	215			200								100
208-751-881.000	Community Activities	CC	1,000	1,075	1,500	1,500	0												
208-751-900.000	Legal Notices	DD	500			0	0												
208-751-900.PNP	Printing	EE	500			0	0												
208-751-921.000	Electricity	FF	2,600	2,554	2,675	667	2,008	89	90	133	495	320	470	410					
208-751-926.000	Street Lighting	GG	1,500	1,573	1,550	718	832	141	127	126	123	116	97	102					
208-751-930.000	Repairs and Maintenance	HH	12,500	6,828	15,000	9,447	5,553	266	3,848	188	188			376	688				
208-751-958.000	Memberships and Dues	II	700	647	700	(12)	712			712									
208-751-965.000	Meetings	JJ				0	0												
208-751-966.KEL	Grant Coat - Kelley Park	KK		97,418		(57,087)	57,087	24,540		13,588	4,319	1,822	9,193	3,644					
208-751-967.BHP	Grants - BHNA	LL				0	0												
208-751-967.DTE	Grant Costs - DTE	MM	2,000			0	0												
208-751-970.000	Capital Outlay/Misc Expenditures	NN	152,500	5,495	75,000	(18,111)	93,111	56,080		26,000	6,480	4,551							
208-751-970.PKL	Capital Outlay - Pickleball Court	OO	2,200	3,291		0	0												
208-751-818.NMT	Grants Non Motorized Transpo		0	0	0	(59,589)	59,589			1,976		323	48,285	9,005					
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 751 - PARKS			2	(292,390)	(223,899)	(242,955)	41,035	(283,990)	(105,093)	(14,392)	(63,068)	(32,526)	(17,965)	(27,727)	(23,219)	0	0	0	0
Dept 753 - PARKS - PELIZZARI NATURAL AREA																			
208-753-710.LIB	Liability - Insurance	PP	300	373	405	12	393	384	9										
208-753-807.000	Audit Fees	QQ	150	104	150	22	128				61			67					
208-753-818.000	Contractual Services	RR				0	0	5,240	2,500	8,500	9,120		(25,360)						
208-753-818.PLO	Plowing	SS	500		520	80	440	440											
208-753-921.000	Electricity	TT	400	342	415	209	206	31	31	31	31	19	32	31					
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 930 - APPROPRIATIONS			3	(1,350)	(819)	(1,490)	(323)	(1,167)	(6,095)	(2,540)	(8,531)	(9,212)	(19)	25,328	(98)	0	0	0	0
Dept 930 - APPROPRIATIONS-TRANSFERS IN																			
208-930-699.000	Appropriated Transfers In	UU	150,000	75,000	110,000	0	110,000				110,000								
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - 930 - APPROPRIATIONS			4	150,000	75,000	110,000	0	110,000	0	0	0	110,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED REVENUES - FUND 208			Sum of 1,4	310,650	243,721	173,400	27,301	146,099	364	129	33,756	110,115	1,735	0	0	0	0	0	0
APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 208			Sum of 2,3	293,740	244,445	244,445	(40,712)	285,157	111,188	16,932	71,599	41,738	17,984	2,399	23,317	0	0	0	0
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 208			Sum of 1,2,3,4	16,910	19,003	(71,045)	68,013	(139,058)	(110,825)	(16,803)	(37,843)	68,377	(16,249)	(2,399)	(23,317)	0	0	0	0
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE				89,041	89,041	89,041													
ENDING FUND BALANCE				105,951	108,044	34,906													

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*Items in yellow under investigation for reclassification out of the Parks Budget due to funding elsewhere of approx. \$104K

**Items in green were resolved and reclassified appropriately out of the Parks Budget (approx -\$68K)

Business

Friends of the Peninsula Parks Conversation

Parks Donations Discussion



Quote

1505 Premier St.
Traverse City, MI 49686

Date	Quote #
8/4/2025	124585

Sold To
Jane Conway

Quote valid until	P.O. No.
8/4/2025	

Description	Amount
Fabricate And Powder Coat Donation Tube For Pickle Ball Court On Bowers Harbor	
4" SCHEDULE 40 STEEL PIPE	99.19T
1/4" STEEL SHEET	15.98T
Powder Coating	48.75T
Steel Fab Labor-NO TAX	360.00
For Us To Install This As Well Were Looking At An Additional \$512.31	
Sales Tax	9.84

We Ask For Half Down As A Deposit Before Work Begins, This Quote Is To Act As A Contract And To Be Signed And Returned With The Deposit

SIGN HERE _____

Total \$533.76



Torey Caviston <tcaviston.parks@gmail.com>

FW: quick question on OMPHS' two donation boxes at Mission Point Lighthouse Park

1 message

Becky Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>

Wed, Nov 5, 2025 at 1:23 PM

To: Torey Caviston <tcaviston.parks@gmail.com>

Cc: Maura Sanders <supervisor@peninsulatownship.com>, Katie Clark <treasurer@peninsulatownship.com>

Please see the email below from Tom Dalluge. Torey, this should go in the next parks packet with the donation box discussion materials/item.

Thank you,

Becky

From: Tom Dalluge <twdalluge@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:12 PM**To:** Becky Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>**Subject:** Re: quick question on OMPHS' two donation boxes at Mission Point Lighthouse Park

First off, I need to get a check to you for the past six months. I took over as treasurer in June and Dean Francis did transmittals every time he emptied the boxes. I began collecting monthly on the 1st of each month in August to measure results but I'm only going to write checks twice a year around the first of November and first of May. This will roughly coincide with my departure date in the fall and my return date in the spring.

Without digging into the past records, we have boxes at the Replica Church and two at Hessler.

I wanted to see how monthly seasonality affects donations and I want to understand whether events like Log Cabin Day affect contributions. I wasn't smart enough to apply that this year.

The two boxes at Hessler brought in an average of \$8.64 per day from May 3 to Sept. 30. Interestingly the back box nearest the cabin brought in more in the period that included Log Cabin Day but in subsequent periods it has been the box on the main walkway leading to the beach and lighthouse that has produced more. My thinking is this is the result of greater foot traffic and perhaps the renovated fence.

The Replica Church box produces significantly less revenue. I doubt it covers the cost of Steve Cavender's opening and closing stipend. From May to the end of August the revenue generated was about \$2.29 per day. In September it plummeted to \$1.34 per day.

In total we garnered \$1565.56 from different collection days in May to the end of September. As of this writing, I calculate owing Peninsula Township \$1174.17 based on our 75/25 revenue share arrangement. My plan is to collect the boxes Friday night, deposit the totals and write the six month check early next week.

A couple of things to keep in mind when considering donation boxes. First is the upfront costs. They aren't cheap to obtain if one wants sturdy secure boxes. Second is a cash handling chain of custody protocol with two sets of eyes on collections. Your auditors will want this. Third, we have had attempts at pilferage that have been unsuccessful but that necessitated lighting of the back box at Hessler. I'm not sure we would put that box in that location were we to do it again. Fourth, counting the donations is tedious and time consuming if one follows a monthly sweeping schedule such as ours. The bills are folded and crumpled and take time to be straightened and smoothed for counting. Wiseacres put pamphlets, brochures and other items in the box and we get the occasional foreign currency which I've brokered at current exchange rates for European and Canadian currency but will be at a loss for on more obscure denominations. If the sweep is done more frequently, you will have to weigh the cost/benefit to employees.

Beyond the internal control aspects, placement of the boxes is critical. In my opinion they should be placed near a trailhead for a hiking park but perhaps not right at the trailhead to discourage thieves in cars. Fifty or a hundred yards in with a light to encourage visitors coming or going to contribute to the preservation and upkeep of the park. Alternately, they can be placed at a major congregating site in a park that draws large numbers of participants and spectators with signage that draws attention to the use of donations toward a goal or to maintain a common good. Our signs are actually a bit disingenuous since they tell donors the gifts go to the OMPHS and we don't mention the revenue share. Perhaps there is a "Parks Friends" group that could be enlisted as the front organization to participate in a sharing arrangement. It might make people more willing to donate if they don't think it's going directly into the coffers of Peninsula Township exclusively.

More than you asked for but maybe some pearls you can use.

I need to check with Ann Swaney but I believe our Document Preservation Program has completed its work. They met and worked with the Minneapolis based expert in June. We purchased equipment to remediate the mold and repackaged clean documents in Gaylord boxes and paper. The materials that were beyond hope were scanned and digitized.

Ann was a force multiplier as she included two women from TADL who now have the expertise to share with others within the wider library system. I believe they have already done so.

This brings me to two items I'd like to cross off my list from my OMPHS presidency. First, for the records that we can assert are mold free can we act on your pledge to return these to safe keeping in the basement of the township building? Second, can we follow on with a request for reimbursement for \$2500 for a share of the remediation costs? We spent over \$4400 on the expert, her travel expenses (Dean and Nora Francis generously housed her during her OM stay) and specialty mold removal equipment. I can provide an itemized breakdown of the expenses if required to substantiate the investment.

I realize the township was not facing an onerous judgement when this pledge was made however it did weigh in our calculation to move forward with the program this year.

Thank you again for your kind words today and your support of all our efforts over the past few years of my involvement.

Sincerely,

Tom

On Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 4:36 PM Becky Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com> wrote:

| Hi, Tom,

Ginger mentioned that OMPHS has two donation boxes outside at Mission Point Lighthouse Park. Would you be able to tell me how much money you collect from them?

Thanks a bunch. We are considering donation boxes at the parks and I was tasked with finding out how successful the boxes that are already up are.

Becky

Rebecca Chown

Peninsula Township Clerk

13235 Center Road

Traverse City MI 49686

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Becky Chown

From: Christopher Rieser <crieser99@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 9:44 AM
To: Becky Chown
Subject: Re: Questions on donation box/tube at PDH

Becky,

The one box we have is located on the kiosk near the pavilion. We receive roughly \$50 a year. Either I or Alice, our head docent collect the funds on a non-scheduled basis, perhaps once a month. We have been thinking about moving it to a more visible location.

Chris
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 21, 2025, at 10:54 AM, Becky Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com> wrote:

Hi, Chris!

I have a few questions about your donation box/tube at the Peter D. H.

How much money do you collect from on a weekly/monthly/annual basis?

How many boxes/tubes do you have?

How often do you collect the money from them?

Does anyone besides you collect the money?

Thank you!

The parks committee is thinking about placing donation boxes or tubes at the parks.

Becky

Rebecca Chown
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Donation Log from Mission Point Lighthouse Park

1,770

SALES

\$17.88

AVG. GROSS SALE

\$31,640.70

GROSS SALES

\$31,480.30

TOTAL COLLECTED

Category sales

Category	Items Sold	Gross Sales
Uncategorized	1	\$12.00
Category 1	1	\$6.00
DONATIONS	25	\$580.60
KIDS	45	\$675.00
MAGNETS	322	\$2,253.60
MEMORABILIA	480	\$4,975.50
PRINTED PRODUCTS	584	\$3,400.00
TOURS/MUSEUM/TOWER CLIMB	2,049	\$15,189.00
WEARABLES	139	\$3,857.00
WEARABLES - Ladies	14	\$672.00
Total	3,660	\$31,620.70

Payment methods

Payment Method	Payments	Refunds	Payment Amount	Refund Amount	Total Collected	Fees
Card	965	1	\$20,838.65	(\$16.00)	\$20,822.65	(\$691.68)
Card Dipped (Chip)	83	0	\$2,217.00	\$0.00	\$2,217.00	(\$70.18)
Card Tapped (Contactless)	874	1	\$18,127.65	(\$16.00)	\$18,111.65	(\$603.36)
Card Swiped	2	0	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$32.00	(\$1.14)
Card Keyed	6	0	\$462.00	\$0.00	\$462.00	(\$17.00)
Other	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash	803	2	\$10,440.65	(\$24.00)	\$10,416.65	\$0.00
Total	1,770	3	\$31,520.30	(\$40.00)	\$31,480.30	(\$691.68)

Donation Log from Mission Point Lighthouse Park

2,882

SALES

\$18.56

AVG. GROSS SALE

\$53,494.25

GROSS SALES

\$53,195.45

TOTAL COLLECTED

Category sales

Category	Items Sold	Gross Sales
Category 1	31	\$85.00
DONATIONS	35	\$903.00
KIDS	111	\$1,648.00
MAGNETS	415	\$2,905.00
MEMORABILIA	734	\$8,230.00
MISC - gift	2	\$107.00
PRINTED PRODUCTS	843	\$4,954.25
TOURS/MUSEUM/TOWER CLIMB	3,760	\$26,213.00
WEARABLES	290	\$7,911.00
WEARABLES - Ladies	15	\$530.00
Total	6,236	\$53,486.25

\$200+ on National LH Day

Payment methods

Payment Method	Payments	Refunds	Payment Amount	Refund Amount	Total Collected	Fees
Card	1,714	1	\$37,467.30	(\$8.00)	\$37,459.30	(\$1,233.84)
Card Dipped (Chip)	187	0	\$4,972.00	\$0.00	\$4,972.00	(\$157.49)
Card Tapped (Contactless)	1,518	1	\$32,214.30	(\$8.00)	\$32,206.30	(\$1,066.57)
Card Swiped	7	0	\$161.00	\$0.00	\$161.00	(\$5.25)
Card Keyed	2	0	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	(\$4.53)
Other	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash	1,168	4	\$15,818.15	(\$82.00)	\$15,736.15	\$0.00
Total	2,882	5	\$53,285.45	(\$90.00)	\$53,195.45	(\$1,233.84)

Donation Log from Mission Point Lighthouse Park

2,967

SALES

\$20.30

AVG. GROSS SALE

\$60,243.71

GROSS SALES

\$60,017.45

TOTAL COLLECTED

Category sales

Category	Items Sold	Gross Sales
Uncategorized	26	\$78.50
DONATIONS	28	\$3,684.30
KIDS	142	\$2,081.00
MAGNETS	400	\$2,800.00
MEMORABILIA	764	\$7,844.66
MISC - gift	1	\$12.00
PRINTED PRODUCTS	860	\$5,450.25
TOURS/MUSEUM/TOWER CLIMB	4,334	\$29,245.00
WEARABLES	321	\$8,890.00
WEARABLES - Ladies	13	\$150.00
Total	6,889	\$60,235.71

Payment methods

Payment Method	Payments	Refunds	Payment Amount	Refund Amount	Total Collected	Fees
Card	1,857	1	\$41,246.90	(\$16.00)	\$41,230.90	(\$1,354.14)
Card Dipped (Chip)	206	0	\$4,542.00	\$0.00	\$4,542.00	(\$149.14)
Card Tapped (Contactless)	1,647	1	\$36,480.90	(\$16.00)	\$36,464.90	(\$1,196.98)
Card Swiped	2	0	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	(\$1.73)
Card Keyed	2	0	\$169.00	\$0.00	\$169.00	(\$6.29)
Other	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash	1,107	1	\$15,658.55	(\$12.00)	\$15,646.55	\$0.00
Total	2,967	2	\$60,045.45	(\$28.00)	\$60,017.45	(\$1,354.14)

Donation Log from Mission Point Lighthouse Park

2,159

SALES

\$19.15

AVG. GROSS SALE

\$41,340.00

GROSS SALES

\$40,996.14

TOTAL COLLECTED

Category sales

Category	Items Sold	Gross Sales
Uncategorized	207	\$447.75
DONATIONS	24	\$454.75
KIDS	87	\$1,227.00
MAGNETS	340	\$2,380.00
MEMORABILIA	616	\$6,618.50
PRINTED PRODUCTS	519	\$3,717.00
TOURS/MUSEUM/TOWER CLIMB	2,862	\$19,971.00
WEARABLES	233	\$6,404.00
WEARABLES - Ladies	3	\$88.00
Total	4,891	\$41,308.00

Payment methods

Payment Method	Payments	Refunds	Payment Amount	Refund Amount	Total Collected	Fees
Card	1,312	3	\$29,418.27	(\$41.00)	\$29,377.27	(\$963.89)
Card Dipped (Chip)	183	0	\$4,144.20	\$0.00	\$4,144.20	(\$135.39)
Card Tapped (Contactless)	1,122	2	\$25,155.07	(\$31.00)	\$25,124.07	(\$823.29)
Card Swiped	1	0	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$6.00	(\$0.31)
Card Keyed	5	1	\$100.00	(\$10.00)	\$90.00	(\$4.22)
Card on File	1	0	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	(\$0.68)
Other	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash	846	3	\$11,627.57	(\$32.70)	\$11,594.87	\$0.00
Total	2,159	6	\$41,069.84	(\$73.70)	\$40,996.14	(\$964.66)

Donation Log from Mission Point Lighthouse Park

1,374

SALES

\$19.29

AVG. GROSS SALE

\$26,506.25

GROSS SALES

\$26,263.85

TOTAL COLLECTED

Category sales

Category	Items Sold	Gross Sales
Uncategorized	112	\$223.50
DONATIONS	24	\$420.50
KIDS	50	\$691.00
MAGNETS	179	\$1,253.00
MEMORABILIA	343	\$3,884.50
PRINTED PRODUCTS	297	\$2,303.75
TOURS/MUSEUM/TOWER CLIMB	1,771	\$12,640.00
WEARABLES	174	\$5,044.00
WEARABLES - Ladies	1	\$14.00
Total	2,951	\$26,474.25

Payment methods

Payment Method	Payments	Refunds	Payment Amount	Refund Amount	Total Collected	Fees
Card	839	1	\$18,710.15	(\$15.00)	\$18,695.15	(\$616.05)
Card Dipped (Chip)	112	0	\$2,514.00	\$0.00	\$2,514.00	(\$82.29)
Card Tapped (Contactless)	720	1	\$15,845.15	(\$15.00)	\$15,830.15	(\$520.72)
Card Swiped	1	0	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00	(\$0.57)
Card Keyed	6	0	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$335.00	(\$12.47)
Other	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash	535	2	\$7,474.70	(\$51.00)	\$7,423.70	\$0.00
Gift Card	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	1,375	3	\$26,329.85	(\$66.00)	\$26,263.85	(\$616.05)

Old Mission State Park Management Plan Update

**Bowers Harbor
Natural Area 2%
Update**

In-Kind Donations to the GTB 2% Allocation Grant, Peninsula Township Parks 2025

July 7 - 8	Project set-up	9 hours	\$35 per hour	\$ 315
July 9 – 31, Monday – Thursday		42 hours	\$35 per hour	\$1,470
	Daily set-up, Water & food preparation, delivery, and clean-up for goats and crew			
	Spotted Knapweed and Autumn Olive removal	11 hours	\$35 per hour	\$ 385
	Sign Design Work & Printing	6 hours	\$35 per hour	\$ 140
	Sign Construction	2 hours	\$35 per hour	\$ 70
	Sign Installation & Removal	5 hours	\$35 per hour	\$ 175
	Community Outreach: Planning, Publicity design and materials, Set-up, Tear-down, Activity itself			
	Gordie the Goat Event	20 hours	\$35 per hour	\$ 700
	Goat Tea	19 hours	\$35 per hour	\$ 665
	In-Kind Labor Totals:	75 hours		\$2,625

Community Donations (Thank you!)

				\$1,815
	Cash donations		\$ 15	
	Lola Jackson donation		\$ 300	
	Anonymous donation		\$1,500	

Additionally, over \$500 in materials and services were purchased and/or donated by parks committee members in support of the project and the community outreach activities.

CFS Invoice for project		\$27,092.05	
GTB Allocation Grant	\$19,600		7,492.05
Donations from the community	\$ 1,850		5,642.05
Peninsula Parks funding	\$ 5,642.05		----
Adjusted Grant Application Amount			\$29,600.00
PAID CFS Invoice for project	\$27,092.05		\$ 2,507.95
Materials for community outreach	\$ 379.52		\$ 2,128.43
Peninsula Parks In-Kind contribution (labor)	\$ 2,625.00		---

ATTACHMENT A

Agency: **Peninsula Townshp**
 Recipient: **Michelle Zabell**
 Title: **Peninsula Townshp GoatWork**
 Agreement #:
 Period: **Summer 2025**

INSTRUCTIONS: Only change the highlighted cells. First complete the cells highlighted in yellow followed by the cells highlighted in green. Completing the green cells involves breaking down the total project budget into the NPS and recipient funded items. The "Total Check" at the bottom of the worksheet will be 0 once all Total Project Budget dollars have been properly allocated to either NPS or the Recipient. The indirect cost rate used must be either 1) the negotiated rate with the cognizant agency or 2) certified in writing by the recipient's independent auditor and applied to the NPS funded costs only (also note - indirect costs are not cost share eligible). If the recipient is not able to obtain an indirect cost rate as detailed, all costs must be detailed as direct.

Personnel		Unit of Time	Qty	Cost Per Unit of Time	Total Project Budget	COMMENTS:
Qty of Position	Position Description	(hour, day, week, month, % of salary, etc)	(of hours, days, weeks, months, % of salary, etc)			
1	Team Leader	Hour	150.00	23.75	3,562.50	Caroline hourly* 1.25
1	Program Coordinator	Hour	50.00	31.25	1,562.50	David & Eva
1	Program Director	Hour	85.00	39.00	3,315.00	Ashley hourly* 1.3
2	YouthWork Members	Hour	150.00	21.25	6,375.00	Tenzin & Annastasia
1	Herbicide Specialist	Hour	20.00	27.50	550.00	Erin
Subtotal Salaries					15,365.00	
Goat Herd						
14	GOATS	Week	3.50	75.00	3,675.00	Goats
			Qty	Cost Per		
Equipment (over \$5k & useful life of more than 1 yr)						
	Goat Trailer		1.00	450.00	450.00	Monthly cost for Goat Trailer
	Collapsible Shelter		-	-	-	2- 10x10 shade tents
	Electric Fencing & Solar Panel		1.00	473.25	473.25	
Subtotal Equipment					923.25	
Supplies						
	Bug Dope/1st Aid/Sun Screen		2.00	35.00	70.00	
	Herbicide		1.00	100.00	100.00	Has been requested to remove Autumn Olive
	Supply 4 Description				-	
Subtotal Supplies					170.00	
Travel						
	Vehicle Transportation Lease	week	4.00	821.00	3,284.00	
	Transportation Fuel Stipend	week	4.00	60.00	240.00	
Subtotal Travel					3,524.00	
Other						
	Tool Rental		3.00	75.00	225.00	
	Uniforms		3.00	100.00	300.00	
	PPE/Eye/Ear/Head/Hand		3.00	75.00	225.00	
	Other 5 Description				-	
	Other 6 Description				-	
	Other 7 Description				-	
	Other 8 Description				-	
	Other 9 Description				-	
	Other 10 Description				-	
Subtotal Other					750.00	
Contractual						
	Subcontract/Subaward 1 Descrip				-	
	Subcontract/Subaward 2 Descrip				-	
	Subcontract/Subaward 3 Descrip				-	
Total Subcontract					-	
Total Direct Costs					24,407.25	
Indirect Costs					2,684.80	
Total Costs					27,092.05	
Complete these cells as appropriate						
Once yellow cells are completed, manually account for total project budget in NPS and recipient columns as well as In-Kind Cost Share below						

Signage Updates

Archie Signage Design Draft

ARCHIE PARK KIOSK PLAQUES

1. **Welcome**

Archie Park (mimic formatting and style from the PNA signage but use different colors except for the Recreation Nearby map...How do we make this work and look good?)

2. **A Little History of Archie Park**

Archie Park stands as a lasting reminder of the Archie community, a once vibrant settlement that flourished here in the late 1800s to mid 1900s. Now listed as one of ten ghost towns in Grand Traverse County, Archie was the southernmost of five historic population centers on Old Mission Peninsula. Extending from Island View Road south to the Traverse City city limits, with the communities of Mapleton, Neahtawanta, Ogdensburg, and Old Mission to the north, a bustling south-end neighborhood took shape among the farms and homes of Archie.

Archie School, located on Gray Road on land donated by A. P. Gray around 1883, was a place to learn. The log school burned down in 1893 and was replaced by two new school districts, McKinley (at the intersection of Center and McKinley Roads) and Stoney Beach (at the intersection of Center and Montague Roads). These were two of the seven school districts eventually established on the peninsula.

Archie Post Office, located up the hill on the west side of the park, was a place to connect community members with family and friends living elsewhere or sons and daughters sent to war. When Mr. Warren, Archie's first postmaster, was asked what he wanted to name the post office, he chose Archie in memory of his son, who had died shortly after birth. The post office opened in 1885 and operated until September 1900, reopened in December 1900, and closed for good in 1902. Twice a week, the stage route would start in Traverse City at 6:00 a.m. and head to the Old Mission Post Office to drop off and pick up mail. The route would continue to established stops at Neahtawanta, Mapleton, Ogdensburg, and Archie before making its way back to Traverse City by 6:00 p.m.

A **Methodist church** located at the site of Archie Park was a place to find hope and community. In the early 1900s, according to local lore, the church consolidated with the Ogdensburg United Methodist Church built in 1893. That church was later torn down and a new church, now called the Old Mission Peninsula United Methodist Church, was built in 1957 near the corner of Center and Ladd Roads.

Archie Hall, built at the park site in 1908, was a place to bring people together to socialize. In addition to using this gathering place for dances, picnics, women's club meetings, and indoor sporting events such as basketball, the community also held a regular women's farm market.

(INCLUDE A PICTURE OR TWO WITH CAPTIONS IF WE CAN FIND THEM – I'M ASKING JANE BOURSAW IF SHE HAS ANY.)

On April 12, 1957, 72 years after Archie Post Office was established, Bruce Lyon, president, and Monica Seaberg, secretary of the Archie Improvement Company, deeded this 1.7-acre piece of property to Peninsula Township for \$1.

Today, Archie Park is one of the few places on Old Mission Peninsula where the public can access East Grand Traverse Bay to swim, paddleboard, and learn the sport of scuba diving. It's a gathering spot for cyclists and a gem of a roadside park where visitors can picnic or relax. Some might even be able to close their eyes and imagine the bustling, bygone community that once thrived here.

3. WHAT CAN I DO HERE? placard

Picnic
Swim
Paddleboard
Scuba dive
Gather for a bike ride on Old Mission Peninsula
Use the bike repair station
Fill your water bottle with safe drinking water
Enjoy a pit stop

4. CONTACT (use same info as PNA signage)

5. BEWARE: HIGH-SPEED TRAFFIC

Archie Park sits alongside M-37, known locally as Center Road. High-speed traffic is common going both ways on this state transportation highway and popular scenic byway, so be very careful when near or crossing the road, and take extra care to keep children and pets safe.

BEWARE: POISON IVY (use same info as on PNA signage)

6. ALL PETS MUST BE ON LEASH (use same info as on PNA signage)

7. RULES & REMINDERS

Please, when visiting this special area...

- Remain within the property boundaries
- Use the grills that are provided but do not light fireworks or start other fires in the park or on the beach
- Respect the park and neighborhood by not littering, dumping waste, or storing equipment
- Leave vegetation, woody debris, and other natural features, including rocks from the beach, where you find them

- Help us keep this special place safe and enjoyable for everyone who visits, now and long into the future

8. ABOUT (use same info on Peninsula Township as in PNA signage but do not include the GTRLC info)

9. RECREATION NEARBY (use same info as on PNA signage)

Common Sign Language



Torey Caviston <tcaviston.parks@gmail.com>

Fwd: Signage Charts for Common Sign Language across parks and Determination of their Applicability according to park usage

3 messages

Michele Zebell <mzebell.parks@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 30, 2025 at 11:53 AM

To: Becky Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>, Christine Murphy <cmurphy.parks@gmail.com>, Dave Murphy <davemurphy6943@gmail.com>, eringartland.parks@gmail.com, Liz Bruning <lizbruning.parks@gmail.com>, Torey Caviston <tcaviston.parks@gmail.com>

Cc: Maura Sanders <supervisor@peninsulatownship.com>

This attachments are the work of a previous committee, but I thought they might serve as a starting point.

Warning, personal opinion follows:

While each park is unique, I strongly believe that common signs are needed for rules, maps, the header identifying each park and any partners, the welcome language from the township and parks committee... Consistency and a common brand/look seem important. When we started this process, we discovered that park hours were listed differently and in different ways depending upon which park you were in. Confusion and an excuse in the making.

While each of us needs to address sign tile content unique to our parks--interpretive, historic, did you know?...I think we ALL should come to an agreement on the content of shared signs and it should align with our ordinances. If a rule does not and will never apply to a particular park, then we could/should omit it. Otherwise, if compliance and stewardship are our hope, a consistent set of messages across all parks seems essential to me.

A discussion for our November meeting and a task to complete at the December meeting?

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Michele

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

From: **Michele Zebell** <mzebell.parks@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 19, 2025, 7:01 PM

Subject: Signage for OM State Park, Archie, and BHNA

To: Christine Murphy <cmurphy.parks@gmail.com>, Mary Beth Milliken <mbmillikenonpeninsula@gmail.com>

Cc: Rebecca Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>, Dave Murphy <davemurphy6943@gmail.com>

Hello Christine and Mary Beth.

With our three parks ear-marked as the next to receive signs, I wondered if we could meet as a separate subcommittee to map out tentative sign plans.

In our work sessions last year, we utilized the PNA signage plan and GTRLC content to compile a list of sign panels needed for and unique to each park, as well as content edits appropriate to OMP parks. My hope would be to meet in June with the goal of sharing our ideas with the committee at the June parks meeting to gather their input.

If you are interested, could you respond with days of the week and time frames that would best fit your schedule?

Thank you for your consideration.

Michele
231-342-6418

	Archie	BHP	BHP Exp.	<u>Haserot</u>	Kelley	Murray	OM State	Ridgewood	# needed	Cost per	Total cost
Wooden Sign Structure	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		
Top: Park Name w/ OMP parks logo & those of partners	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		
Welcome to township parks message	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		
Peninsula Map w/park locations & amenities	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		
Rules & Reminders	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		
Hunting Y or N			★			★	★	★	4		
Pets on leash	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		
Trail map			★			★	★	★	4		
Contact for parks EMERGENCIES?	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		
Beware of Ticks			★			★	★	★	4		
Beware of Poison ivy			★			★	★	★	4		
Historic/interpretive	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8		

Suggested edits to panel language to better fit OMP Parks as compared to Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy content.

<p>Park Name Across Top of Signage w/ OMP parks symbol & partners (state, DNR, conservancy)</p> <p>-All parks -Exception: Murray & Ridgewood would be written below the heading of Old Mission State Park</p>	<p>Welcome: Yes</p> <p>-group felt a park list with amenities was an unnecessary duplication (see map description)</p>	<p>Peninsula Map with Symbols</p> <p>-one LARGE map -include all parks & historic sites -place a key on the map -place symbols beside each park's name on the map -state, DNR, conservancy</p>	<p>Rules & Reminders</p> <p>Add: No fireworks No overnight parking Do not alter, cut or remove any vegetation... Question inclusion of foraging, hunting, fishing Re: Trash Use ordinance language: "No littering, dumping or storage of equipment" Re: Motorized vehicles at OMSP: bikes/ebikes Re: drones, no ordinance for drones, state rules apply?</p>
<p>Hunting</p> <p><u>Pelizzari & maybe the BHP expansion:</u> NO HUNTING signs</p> <p><u>OM State Park:</u> Caution Seasonal Hunting Allowed (State of Michigan Rules and Regulations in effect)</p>	<p>Pets on leash</p> <p>Yes for all parks</p>	<p>We Love Dogs</p> <p>-Group felt it was not necessary with the pets on leash sign</p>	<p>Trail Map</p> <p>-Need strategy to address this aspect of the signage</p>
<p>Contact</p> <p>Yes for all parks</p> <p>-adjust list to reflect the partnerships such as DNR where it applies similar to the conservancy at Pelizzari -Kelley: DNR, State of MI</p>	<p>Beware of Ticks</p> <p>Expansion Old Mission State Park Murray Ridgewood Pelizzari</p>	<p>Beware of Poison Ivy</p> <p>Archie BHP expansion OM State Park Ridgewood Murray? Pelizzari</p>	<p>What can I do here?</p> <p>Yes, include symbols that reflect each park's activities (see below)</p>
<p>Historic/Interesting Info</p> <p>Yes for all parks Would like to work with the historic society</p>	<p>Interpretive</p>	<p>?No access signs? ?Steep hill?</p> <p>Are there any locations in need of this signage (besides Pelizzari?)</p>	<p>Other</p>

WELCOME

PELIZZARI NATURAL AREA

OWNED & CO-MANAGED BY



1"

TRAIL MAP & FACILITY LAYOUT

Map showing trails and facilities. Includes a legend for trail types and facility locations.

1"

NATURAL FEATURES

Text describing the natural features of the area, including the forest and its ecological significance.

1"

PROTECTION HISTORY

Text detailing the history of the area's protection and the role of local residents.

1"

WHAT CAN I DO HERE?

Text explaining the rules and regulations for visitors to the natural area.



1"

TRAIL MAP & FACILITY LAYOUT

Text providing additional information about the trails and facilities.

1"

WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Text explaining the measures taken to protect the area's wildlife.

1"

4000 POND

Text describing the 4000 Pond and its importance to the ecosystem.

1"

Map showing the location of the natural area and its proximity to nearby roads and towns.

1"

HUNTING

Text explaining the rules regarding hunting in the natural area.

1"

WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Text providing information about wildlife protection and conservation efforts.

1"

WATER PROTECTION

Text explaining the measures taken to protect the area's water resources.

1"

ALL PETS MUST BE ON LEASH

Text explaining the rules regarding pets in the natural area.

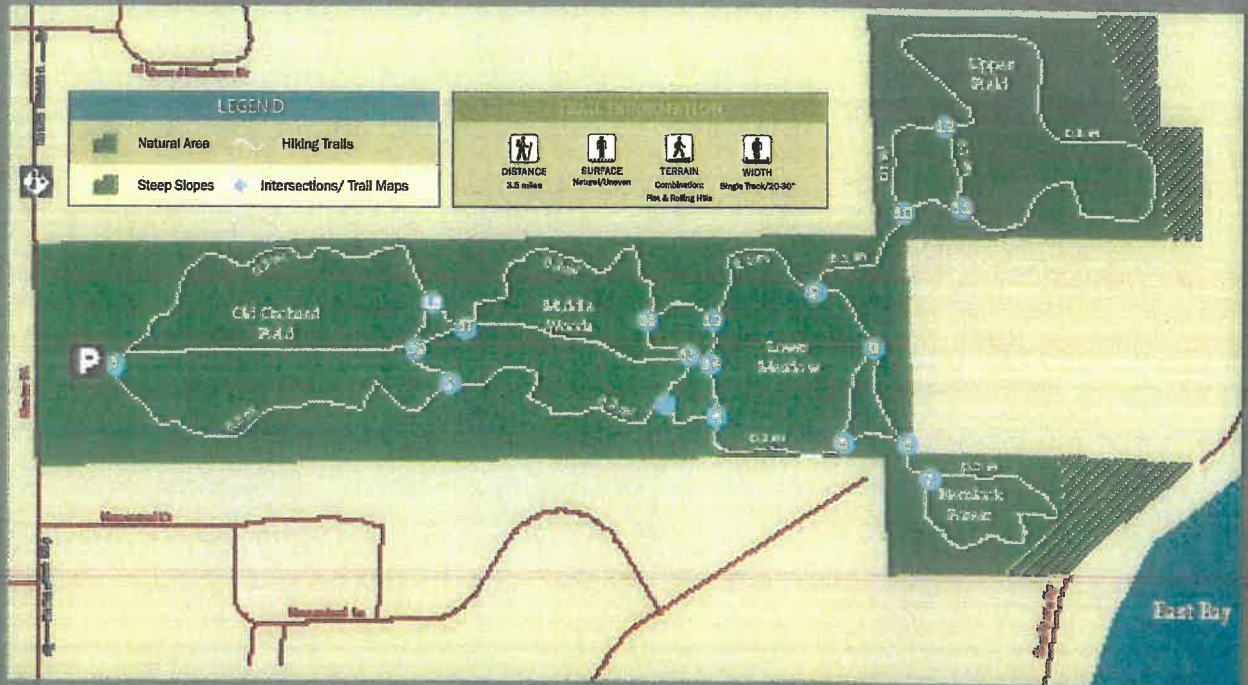
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CONTACT US

Text providing contact information for the land conservancy.

18"
trim excess post
if necessary

TRAIL MAP & PROPERTY INFO



Pelizzari Natural Area's diversity and beauty endear it to everyone who comes here. Its location, just north of Traverse City amidst relatively dense development, makes it a backyard park for many in addition to a destination worth traveling to. While Pelizzari Natural Area was once farmed (and remnants of that heritage are evident), there are also glimpses of what Old Mission Peninsula looked like before farmers and subdivisions took up residence on this 18-mile-long peninsula.

More than three miles of trail meander through wide open fields and former orchards, quiet upland forests, and cool lowlands with giant hemlocks. Visitors are

likely to encounter several bird species and may even catch a glimpse of a resident fox.

GTRLO, in partnership with Peninsula Township, is working to enhance the property's recreational opportunities while improving and maintaining its overall health and environmental integrity. This effort involves designing, building, and maintaining trails and strategically planting native trees and shrubs as well as removing invasive species.

Adding more land and trails to Pelizzari Natural Area are exciting ongoing efforts, with a first addition in 2024. Please check with GTRLO or Peninsula Township about how you might help.

CONTACT

EMERGENCIES & URGENT SAFETY – CALL 911

NON-EMERGENCY & SAFETY –

Grand Traverse County Sheriff: (231) 223.4525

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL –

(231) 995.6080

GENERAL PARK & TOWNSHIP –

Peninsula Township: (231) 223.7322

For more information, visit www.peninsulatownship.com.

NATURAL FEATURES



A grove of hemlock trees can be found in the southeast corner of the natural area.

Many animals call this natural area home. Some are easy to find, like black-capped chickadees and gray squirrels. Some are more elusive, like the red fox, indigo bunting, and barred owl.

The former agricultural portions of the natural area are slowly re-naturalizing, as seen by the variety of native plants colonizing the open field areas like little bluestem grass, white pine, and red oak trees along with pioneering plants like quaking aspen and staghorn sumac that help establish a new forest.

The middle wooded area is a mix of mesic northern forest species such as sugar maple, American beech, white pine, and Eastern hemlock. It also contains a reasonable variety of groundcover species like Canada mayflower, false Solomon's seal, mapleleaf viburnum, and bluestem

goldenrod, indicating that the forest is also achieving a more natural state after some disturbances.

The soils of the natural area are mostly well-drained sands and gravels with the exception of the Hemlock Wing, where underlying clay soils bring water to the surface, producing seeps and damp soils that create ideal conditions for the hemlock trees that grow so well there.

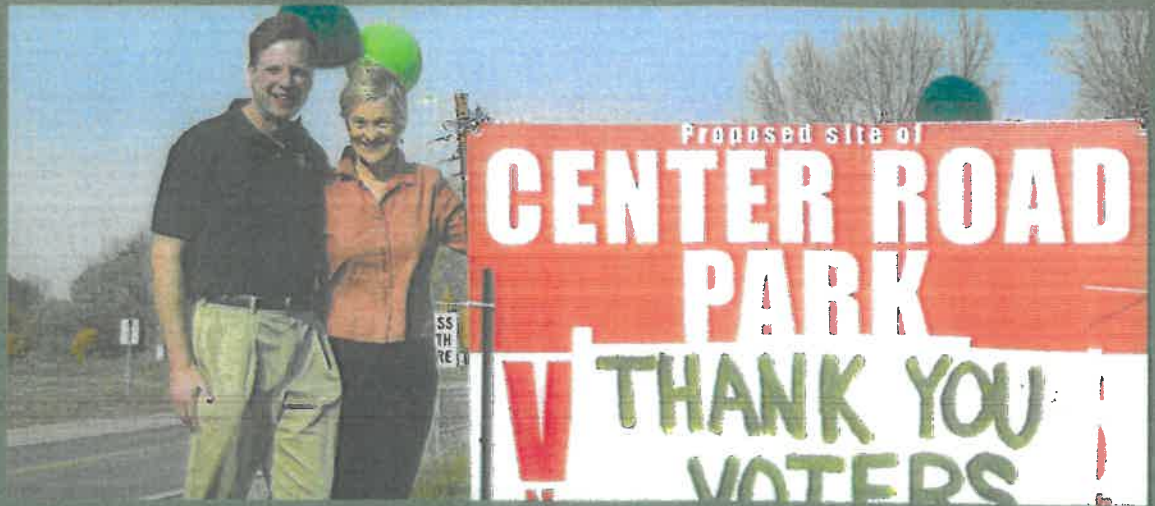


A young hooded merganser is often seen in the Hemlock Wing area. Photo by Tom Johnson.

WHAT CAN I DO HERE?

The conservancy works hard to balance public use with the protection of natural resources. We welcome educational and recreational use as long as guests are mindful that they are visiting the homes of the plants and animals whose lives depend on these protected lands. Listed below are a few recommended activities that may be enjoyed here.

For a full list of rules, go to GTRLC.ORG



GT240 Executive Director Glen Crown and instrumental volunteer Mary Van Vleet celebrate the passage of Peninsula Township's millage to support the protection of Pelizzari Natural Area (formerly Center Road Park).

Like all of Old Mission Peninsula, the land comprising Pelizzari Natural Area was formed by the last ice age. The Anishinaabek occupied this peninsula for hundreds of years before European settlers arrived in the mid 1800s, first to log the forests and then to farm the rich soils.

Maxine and Gene Pelizzari were the second generation of their family to farm the land, securing it from Gene's parents in 1954. During their ownership, they graciously permitted neighbors to hike the property. After retiring and selling the land in 1991, neighbors and other residents petitioned the township to create this natural area.

The process of acquiring the land took more than a decade of work by dedicated volunteers in collaboration with the invaluable assistance of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. A township millage election

secured most of the funding for the land in 2008.

Many thousands of volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars raised by the conservancy covered work and expenses to open the parkland.

In recognition of the Pelizzaris' kindness in permitting residents to hike the land, the natural area was named in their honor.



Pelizzari during farm operation circa 1955.

RULES & REMINDERS

Please, when visiting this natural area...

- Visit between dawn and dusk
- Remain on established trails
- Remain within the property boundaries
- No motorized vehicles (including snowmobiles)
- No fires, camping, fireworks, or overnight parking
- No littering, dumping, or storage of equipment
- Do not remove any vegetation, woody debris, animal, or other natural feature
- For the enjoyment of all visitors and the protection of wildlife, please keep your pets on leash and pick up after them

...Remember, you are a visitor to a place that is home to many unique plants and animals. Let's keep it that way!

Please visit peninsulatownship.com for more information.

HUNTING RULES

PLEASE NOTE:

HUNTING IS NOT ALLOWED ON THIS PROPERTY



Due to the proximity of adjacent neighborhoods,
no hunting is allowed at this natural area.

RECREATION NEARBY



ABOUT PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

Welcome to Peninsula Township and our many recreational and historical properties.

Within the boundaries of this historically and environmentally significant body of land, you'll find wooded natural areas, wetland preserves, an island for exploring, boat launches, beaches, playgrounds and courts, and preserved historical sites and structures.

The accompanying map points to preservation efforts made by this township, citizen-led volunteer groups, Grand Traverse County, the State of Michigan, and the township's special partner, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.



CONTACT PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

1312335 - Central Region
 Traverse City, MI 49615
 Phone: (231) 226-1222
peninsulatwp.michigan.gov

GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY

Since 1991, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy has permanently protected outstanding places in our region—the natural, scenic and farm lands that define our northwest Michigan experience. Working in Antrim, Benzie, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse and Manistee counties, we use a targeted selection of land protection tools that guarantee the permanent safeguarding of significant land and other natural resources. Our work reflects the needs of local communities and is made possible by the participation of willing landowners. As of 2024, GTRLC has protected more than 47,300 acres of irreplaceable northwest Michigan land and nearly 155 miles of shoreline along our rivers, lakes and streams.

TOGETHER, we can do even more! Please join us in the effort to keep northwest Michigan a spectacular place to live, work, and play. Great things happen because people like YOU take action. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to our land protection work today. Future generations will thank you!

CONTACT THE CONSERVANCY

Grand Traverse Regional
 Land Conservancy
 28435 Willow Road NW
 Traverse City, MI 49616
 (231) 925-1011
info@gtrlc.org



Mini Kiosk - by hemlocks/ cul de sac

48" x 30"

Support structure and
Screw placement

2" wood screws →

← treated 2x4s

6'



WELCOME
PELIZZARI
NATURAL AREA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



PROTECTED & MAINTAINED BY



PELIZZARI NATURAL AREA
The Pelizzari Natural Area is a 1,200-acre area of natural beauty located in the heart of the Pelizzari community. It is a great place to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature. The area is home to a variety of plants and animals, and it is a great place to enjoy a walk or a run. The area is also a great place to enjoy a picnic or a barbecue. The area is a great place to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature.

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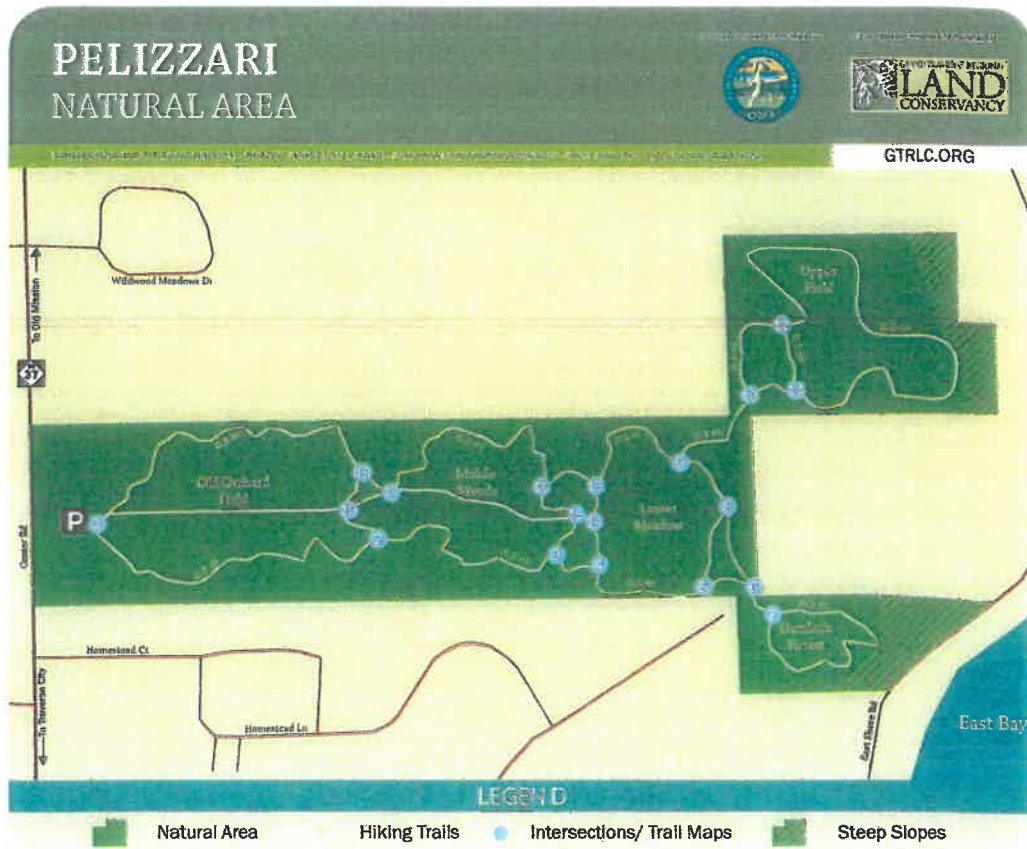
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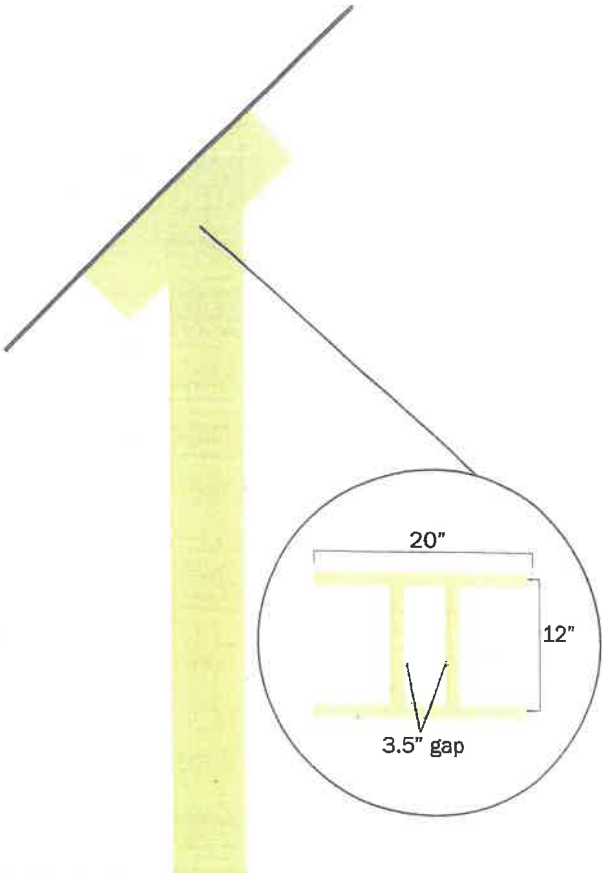
WHAT CAN I DO HERE?
Hiking
Bicycling
Picnicking
Fishing
Hunting
Swimming
Camping
Horseback Riding
Snowshoeing
Cross-Country Skiing
Ice Skating
Winter Hiking
Winter Bicycling
Winter Picnicking
Winter Fishing
Winter Hunting
Winter Swimming
Winter Camping
Winter Horseback Riding
Winter Snowshoeing
Winter Cross-Country Skiing
Winter Ice Skating
Winter Hiking
Winter Bicycling
Winter Picnicking
Winter Fishing
Winter Hunting
Winter Swimming
Winter Camping
Winter Horseback Riding
Winter Snowshoeing
Winter Cross-Country Skiing
Winter Ice Skating

wayfinding posts

19 intersections



interpretive signs



HEMLOCKS: ANCIENT RESIDENTS

The Eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) is a long-lived species that can live more than 500 years and grow to heights of more than 100 feet. It can grow in a variety of soil types from thin soils in the wet, well-drained soils featured here.

Hemlocks absorb much of the sunlight with their cone canopies and create acidic soils, which limits the growth of other plants and creates the open forest floor you see around you. A few of the understory species that successfully associate with hemlocks can be found here: Canada yew, starflower, and helleborus along with clubmoss and other mosses.

Young hemlocks grow well in very little sunlight and rich soils, making those areas (real opportunities for self-sustaining stands of hemlocks). Eastern hemlocks produce the smallest (but the largest number of) cones of all Eastern conifers.

In 2005, the Olsson Foundation made a grant toward the establishment of the Michigan Natural Area in honor of Dr. John Spencer. During his years as executive director of the Olsson Foundation, Dave Spencer enthusiastically supported the formation and establishment of the Grand Traverse Biological Land Commission. He also served on the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission, providing strong support for the development of our county parks system and its embrace of treasured places such as Power Island, the Grand Traverse Nature Education Escape, and the Grand Traverse County Civic Center. Dave Spencer was an avid outdoorsman his entire life. Having worked on the Michigan Champion Tree project for decades, his love of "big trees" such as the Eastern hemlock is legendary.

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Hemlocks, widely regarded as an understory species, are being targeted by the rapid spread of invasive species, which are outcompeting them for light and space. Invasive species such as starflower, helleborus, and other mosses are also outcompeting hemlocks for light and space. Invasive species such as starflower, helleborus, and other mosses are also outcompeting hemlocks for light and space.

Some of the most common invasive species are starflower, helleborus, and other mosses. These are the most common invasive species in the area.

The Grand Traverse Biological Land Commission is working to protect the area from invasive species. We are currently working on a project to remove invasive species from the area. We are currently working on a project to remove invasive species from the area.

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ALL PETS MUST BE ON LEASH



For the enjoyment of all visitors and the protection of wildlife, please keep your pets on leash and pick up after them.



Local laws require that pet owners keep their pets on leashes and under their direct control and not running or being wild on the property.

You are subject to training and fines if you are in violation of these laws. Please be considerate of others and help to insure the safety of everyone using this public park.

Revised by: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 401 NE Hill and Parkway, Portland, Oregon 97232, 503-948-2600

WELCOME

THE HEMLOCK FOREST'S
**DR. JOHN
SPENCER TRAIL**



NO ACCESS

FOOT TRAFFIC ON THIS
STEEP SLOPE IS CAUSING
UNSUSTAINABLE EROSION.

PLEASE ACCESS PELIZZARI NATURAL AREA
AT THE CENTER ROAD TRAILHEAD
AND REMAIN ON ESTABLISHED TRAILS



STEEP HILL

PLEASE STAY ON
ESTABLISHED TRAILS
TO CONTROL EROSION



Budget Requests

On Sep 4, 2025, at 3:10 PM, Robin Noval <deputy.clerk@peninsulatownship.com> wrote:

Hello Christine,

We have received a merchandise rebate in the amount of \$345.58 for Parks materials/supplies that were purchased in July 2025. I have the certificate, and I do not see an expiration date. Becky asked that I pass this information on to you for use on future Parks needs. I will hold onto the rebate check until a purchase has been approved. It is only valid on purchases IN-STORE, not for use online.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Robin Noval

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