

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Parks Committee May 22, 2024 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Skurski at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Dahl, Zebell, Skurski, Milliken, Murphy, Cram-Director of Planning and Zoning.
Excused: Chown. Skurski announced Ronessa Butler resigned from the committee.
4. **Approve Agenda Milliken moved to approve the agenda with a second by Dahl.**

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 April 24, 2024 Meeting
 - B. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda from April 24, 2024
 - C. Correspondence from Sarah U'Ren "2024 Summer Beach Monitoring Haserot Beach"-April 29, 2024
 - D. Correspondence from Carrie Bui "Painting of Tennis Court Lines"-May 1, 2024
 - E. Correspondence from Rudy Rudolph "Haserot Beach Attendance"-May 6, 2024
 - F. Correspondence from Susan Piehl "No Camping Signs"-May 13, 2024
 - G. Correspondence from Suan Piehl "Re: No Camping Signs" May 13, 2024
 - H. Correspondence from Susan Piehl "Pickleball Rules" May 13, 2024
 - I. Correspondence from Susan Piehl "Trail Cameras at the Parks" May 15, 2024
 - J. Correspondence from Dave Murphy "Re: Trail Cameras at the Parks" May 15, 2024
 - K. Correspondence from DNR Law Enforcement "Private Cameras on Public Land" May 15, 2024
 - L. Correspondence from Susan Piehl "Private Trail Cameras on Public Land" May 16, 2024

Murphy moved to approve the consent agenda with a second by Milliken.

Approved by consensus

8. **Business**

- A. Pavilion Rentals and Refund for Pat Weber-Skurski

Weber made an application to use the pavilion, but when she learned no food trucks would be allowed, she quickly cancelled her request, and wanted a refund. Milliken could not find the specific language in the parks ordinance banning food trucks. There was only a reference to no commercial activity in the parks.

Cram: the Peninsula Township Zoning Ordinance is a permissive zoning ordinance.

Uses allowed are specifically listed, so if an activity is not listed, it is not allowed. Food

trucks are not listed, and currently not allowed. **Milliken moved to give Weber a refund with a second by Dahl.** **Approved by consensus**

B. Signage, Review of Study Session April 24, 2024: Next Steps-Murphy/Zebell

Murphy has a meeting with Steve Lagerquist of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy on May 23, 2024 to go over a few issues with signage. The committee is close to finalizing the signage after the study session on April 24, 2024 (See worksheet in Packet Addition pg. 20-21). There will be maps and collaboration with the historical society. Power Island needed to be included. Trail markers at the state park make no sense and need to be corrected for clarity.

C. Ordinance Language Food Trucks and Geese Away System-Cram

Cram covered the food truck issue in Business Item A. The Geese Away lighting shines up and does not technically meet the zoning ordinance 7.14, which requires lights to be shielded. However, geese feces have caused E.Coli in the water at Haserot Beach. This can affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The beach was closed several times last year due to high E. coli readings from the health department. As these lights are being installed on a temporary basis, they can be allowed. The committee voted to approve the expenditure, which was from last year's budget at the April 24, 2024 meeting.

D. Pickleball Meeting and Park Report-Butler/Skurski- this issue is going before the town board.

E. Pickleball Rules-Butler/Skurski- this issue is going before the town board

F. Bowers Harbor Park Tree Watering, Additional Volunteers, Hose Purchase-Zebell

Individuals who volunteered to water the trees are participating again. However, the beginning of the summer needs more volunteers. Milliken will give Zebell the list of volunteers she has collected for potential participants. A new hose needs to be purchased.

Murphy moved to spend \$75 to purchase a new hose with a second by Dahl.

Roll call vote: Yes-Dahl, Skurski, Zebell, Milliken, Murphy **Passed Unan**

G. Brief Update on Goats and Youthworks-Zebell

Zebell: the dates are fluid and have changed several times. It looks like the Youthworks group might come in June and the goats in the fall. I will get something into the newsletter about this project.

9. Citizen Comments None

10. Committee Comments

Milliken requested members get her a list of opportunities available in each member's park, and she will post the listing on Next Door. Cram shared a zoning administrator has been hired and her name is Tori Westmoreland. She begins July 1, 2024. With the departure of Butler, the town board will be tasked with appointing a new committee member. The committee wants the person to take over Bowers Harbor Park and to understand the scope of the work involved.

Murphy: people are entering Pelizzari Natural Area from the lake side. Steve Lagerquist from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy believes this issue can be handled primarily with signage. I will be reviewing the park usage patterns with him tomorrow. There is probably about 1,000 feet of minimally used shoreline in that area with owls, eagles, muskrats, and the occasional beaver.

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

Approved by consensus

Adjourned 8:15 p.m.