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PENINSULA TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE

Regular Committee Meeting May 22, 2024

AGENDA

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 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
8. **Business**
 - A. Pavillion Rentals and Refund for Pat Weber-Skurski
 - B. Signage, Review of Study Session April 24, 2024: Next Steps-Murphy/Zebell
 - C. Ordinance Language Food Trucks and Geese Away System-Cram
 - D. Pickelball Meeting and Park Report-Butler/Skurski
 - E. Pickelball Rules-Butler/Skurski
 - F. Bowers Harbor Park Tree Watering, Additional Volunteers, Hose Purchase-Zebell
 - F. Brief Update on Goats and Youthworks-Zebell
9. **Citizen Comments**
10. **Committee Comments**
11. **Adjournment**

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CONSENT AGENDA

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Regular Committee Meeting April 24, 2024

MINUTES
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Zebell at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call** Milliken, Dahl, Zebell, Cram-director of planning and zoning. Absent: Chown, Murphy, Skurski. Butler (arrived 7:08 p.m.)
4. **Approve Agenda** Zebell added to formally approve geese away lighting expenditure as Business Item F.
Milliken moved to approve the amended agenda with a second by Dahl.

Approved by consensus
5. **Brief Citizens Comments (for agenda items only)** None
6. **Conflict of Interest** None
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 - B. Correspondence from Jennifer Cram "Use of drones and filming in Peninsula Township Parks"- March 6, 2024
 - C. Correspondence from Eric Bergsma "Opening Pickleball Courts"-March 8, 2024
 - D. Correspondence from Susan Piehl "Weber Pavillion Cancellation: No Food Trucks Allowed"- March 25, 2024
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 - G. Correspondence from Lisa Kauffmann "Tennis Courts Repaint Completion"-April 14, 2024
 - H. Correspondence from Tom Dalluge "Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society Assistance with Signage"-April 18, 2024
 - I. Correspondence from Michelle Zebell "Parshall Tree Pruning and Beech Treatment"-April 18, 2024**Dahl moved to approve the consent agenda with a second by Milliken. Approved by consensus**
Butler arrived at 7:08 p.m. Both the agenda and consent agenda were approved without a quorum present.
8. **Business**
 - A. Tennis Court Practice Board/Rebounder-Zebell
Henry Yonts Township Resident: I am going to Central High next year and hope to play tennis. I thought it would be good to have a tennis wall so I could practice over the summer. This would be an

improvement and a benefit. This could also be used by pickleball players who are waiting to play. The one at Central High is just a concrete wall with a line painted to represent the net.

Zebell: the previous back board wall was plywood attached to the fence. The back board eventually fell apart and was never replaced. If there are people playing tennis, the back board could not be used. Unfortunately, there is no money in the budget for this good suggestion right now. We will look at potential ways to fund this going forward. Thank you for coming.

B. Pickleball Parking and Meeting-Butler

Butler: There is currently no meeting scheduled with the Pickleball Alliance. I will be reaching out to them this week. Skurski and I walked the park looking for places to either put signs or physical barriers regarding where people can park.

C. PNA Naturalization Project-Zebell

Zebell: Becky (Chown) talked to Marge (Achorn) and there isn't any money in the budget to pay for even an acre. Dave (Murphy) believed he can get volunteers to mow those 3 areas to keep the project alive.

D. Little League Dog Signage-Zebell

The board discussed how best to indicate no unleashed dogs allowed in the park. The baseball field has become a surrogate dog park and needs signage.

E. Ordinance Topics for Review-All

Zebell: the topics in this months consent agenda include drones and filming in the parks (Item B), pavilion reservation cancellations and refunds (Item D).

Cram: as the pickleball courts are new, the committee needs to explore potential rules for both the tennis and pickleball courts.

F. Geese Away Lights- Zebell

Zebell: Haserot Beach and the soccer field have a problem with geese and their excrement. Mike (Skurski) found a product called geese away. These are flashing lights low to the ground which disrupts their sleep. These could be used at the soccer field in the spring and the beach in the summer. Skurski had budgeted \$2,566 in the 2023-2024 budget and wants the committee to make a motion to approve this purchase.

Cram: I will make sure these are dark sky compliant.

Milliken moved to purchase the geese away lighting pending a dark sky approval with a second by Butler.

Roll call vote: yes-Butler, Dahl, Zebell, Milliken.

Motion passed unan

9. Citizen Comments None

10. Committee Comments-Zebell: Becky (Chown) has requested a summary of the work being done by the parks committee be submitted into the packet for the next town board meeting being held on May 14, 2024. Milliken tentatively said she could attend the board meeting.

11. Adjournment: Milliken moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Butler. Approved by Consensus

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

After the regular meeting, a work session commenced to lay out park signage.

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Re: 2024 Summer Beach monitoring Haserot Park

MIKE SKURSKI

Mon, Apr 29,
11:22 AM

to Sarah, Brent, Becky, me, Isaiah, Margaret

Sarah,

Please continue the testing program for Haserot Beach for this summer.
And thanks for your continuing efforts to procure funding for the majority of costs for all participants.

MIKE SKURSKI

Chair

Peninsula Township Park Committee

parksmike49686@gmail.com

On Apr 29, 2024, at 11:12 AM, Sarah U'Ren <suren@gtbay.org> wrote:

Good morning everyone,

I wanted to see if Peninsula Township was interested in having Haserot Beach tested for bacteria again this summer as part of TWC's summer beach monitoring program. We are fortunate once again to have enough grant funding to include this beach in our program!

As the same as last year, the only cost to the township this summer would be any necessary follow-up testing that might need to occur if there are elevated levels. This would be \$150/testing event, payable to SOS Analytical. We'll take care of the rest of the costs and reporting to the state. You would also be responsible for posting the advisory signs up at the existing monitoring sign at the beach if/when necessary.

Please let me know if you are interested again this year.

Thanks,
Sarah

Sarah U'Ren

The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay

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MIKE SKURSKI

Mon, Apr 29,
1:36 PM

to Sarah, Brent, Monica, me, Pete, Margaret

Sarah,

Contacts can email as stated.

MIKE SKURSKI

Chair

Peninsula Township Park Committee

On May 6, 2024, at 2:01 PM, Rudy Rudolph <rudy.peninsulatrustee@gmail.com> wrote:

Becky and Mike;

Just wanted to let you know that Haserot Beach was well attended over the past, wonderful weekend. It was great to hear the sound of children playing on both the beach and the playground. Kundo's to the Park Committee.

And we had beach goers on the Kelly Park beach as well.

Rudy

From: Carrie Bui <BuiCa@tcaps.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 7:15 PM
To: Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com>
Subject: Bowers Harbor Park question

Hello! I am not sure who to email about this, but when can we expect the lines to be painted onto the tennis courts at Bowers Harbor park?

Thank you very much,
Carrie Bui

On Thu, May 2, 2024 at 8:04 AM Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com> wrote:

Good morning Carrie,

Thank you for your enquiry. I am forwarding your email to Ronessa Butler, ronessa+parks@gmail.com, as she is the Parks Committee member who is assigned to Bowers Harbor Park to answer your question. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Regards,
Susan Piehl

From: Carrie Bui <buica@tcapsstudent.net> **On Behalf Of** Carrie Bui
Sent: Saturday, May 4, 2024 3:26 PM
To: Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com>
Subject: Re: Bowers Harbor Park question

I still haven't heard back from Nessa, but I am sure she will be getting back to me soon.

On another note, my Brownie troop was visiting Bowers Harbor Park and arranged for an ice cream truck to stop by. Another park goer came up to them and harassed them for being here. I wanted to give someone a heads up about this. If there is any issue please let me know.

Carrie Bui

RE: Bowers Harbor Park question

Susan Piehl

May 6, 2024, 8:07 AM
(9 days ago)

to Carrie, Jennifer, me, Ronessa

Good morning Carrie,

Hopefully Ronessa will get back to you soon. I am copying Michele Zebell, another Parks Committee member, to see if she can answer your question.

Food trucks are not allow to operate in peninsula township. Please refrain from doing this in the future. If you have any further questions about this, fell free to reach out to our Director of Planning & Zoning Jenn Cram, planner@peninsulatownship.com or 213-223-7314. I have copied her in this email.

If I may be of any additional assistance, please let me know.

Regards,
Susan Piehl
Peninsula Township Office Manager

Michele Zebell <mzebell.parks@gmail.com>

May 6, 2024, 9:40 AM
(9 days ago)

to Susan, Carrie, Jennifer, Ronessa

Hi Carrie.

I'm going to jump in here because this question came up a few weeks ago and I have the official answer! The asphalt needs to warm up before paint will adhere. The contractor who is helping us with this project said that when conditions are right, the lines will go on both the tennis courts and the basketball court. An answer without a specific date, but know that completing the courts is a priority.

It will be wonderful to see the courts fully completed (and hopefully, very soon!)

Michele

Carrie Bui

May 6, 2024, 9:43 AM
(9 days ago)

to me

Thank you so much for this update. I wonder why the lines weren't painted last summer along with the pickleball court lines. We look forward to getting to use them when the weather allows!

Carrie

May 6, 2024, 10:12 AM
(9 days ago)

Michele Zebell <mzebell.parks@gmail.com>

to Carrie

Timing. Rain delayed applying the last layer of asphalt and the painting as well. I was out painting playground equipment the end of September watching the painters hustle to get the base layer of paint on the courts before it was too late.

The resurfacing of the tennis courts and construction of the new basketball court were made affordable because Elmer's graciously reduced the cost since they were already on site to build the new PB Courts. One of their contractors, Brian Peace, has given us a lot of his personal time to make these improvements a reality. He even assisted Mike Query in installing the hoops on the new court. Mike is a resident and Spalding representative who was able to get the hoops at wholesale prices for the township.

We penny pinch every way we can to try to get things accomplished which isn't always the fastest path. With such an early start to spring, I'm hoping that the lines will be applied soon.

Thanks again.

Michele

Michele Zebell <mzebell.parks@gmail.com>

May 6, 2024, 9:53 AM
(9 days ago)

to Carrie

Hi Carrie.

I would be happy to explain the parks committee's position on food trucks and would appreciate the opportunity to share our reasons and hear your thoughts.

Would it be possible for us to have a brief conversation? (Edited to remove personal information)

Michele

Elections

From: Susan Piehl
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:04 AM
To: Lighthouse Manager; Becky Chown; Dave Murphy; Jennifer Cram; Elections; Lola Jackson; Mary Beth Milliken; Michele Zebell; Mike Skurski; Pete Dahl; Ronessa Butler
Subject: No Camping Signs

Good morning,

I just had resident turn in two, new looking, no camping signs that he discovered on Phelps Road. Does anyone know where they are supposed to be? They are on tall wooden posts and appear to have been pulled out of the ground. I had the resident put them behind the township offices next to the building.

Regards,

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Elections

From: Susan Piehl
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 12:15 PM
To: Dave Murphy; 'Lighthouse Manager'; Becky Chown; Jennifer Cram; Elections; 'Lola Jackson'; 'Mary Beth Milliken'; 'Michele Zebell'; 'Mike Skurski'; 'Pete Dahl'; 'Ronessa Butler'
Subject: RE: No Camping Signs

Thanks for all of your help with this.  Ginger says they belong at the party spot out at the lighthouse. Mystery solved.

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From: Dave Murphy <davemurphy6943@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com>; 'Lighthouse Manager' <missionpointlight@gmail.com>; Becky Chown <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>; Jennifer Cram <planner@peninsulatownship.com>; Elections <elections@peninsulatownship.com>; 'Lola Jackson' <lolaink@earthlink.net>; 'Mary Beth Milliken' <mbmillikenonpeninsula@gmail.com>; 'Michele Zebell' <mzebell.parks@gmail.com>; 'Mike Skurski' <Parksmike49686@gmail.com>; 'Pete Dahl' <peterleedahl@gmail.com>; 'Ronessa Butler' <ronessa+parks@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: No Camping Signs

Thanks Susan. I guess it's process of elimination & I'll say that at PNA, we have no stand alone "no camping" signs.

Dave Murphy

From: Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com <mailto:officemanager@peninsulatownship.com> >
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:04 AM

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From: Susan Piehl
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 3:23 PM
To: Becky Chown; Dave Murphy; Jennifer Cram; Elections; Lola Jackson; Mary Beth Milliken; Michele Zebell; Mike Skurski; Pete Dahl; Ronessa Butler
Subject: Pickleball Courts

Good afternoon,

pickleball rules

I received a call from a resident today asking about the rules of using the pickleball courts at Bowers Harbor park. When I said that, to my knowledge, they were for use on a first come first serve basis. They said that there was a posted schedule at the courts. Are the courts no longer for use on a first come first serve basis? If they aren't, will someone write up something explaining the rules so I may update the website?

Thank you,

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From: Susan Piehl
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:32 AM
To: Becky Chown; Dave Murphy; Jennifer Cram; Elections; Lola Jackson; Mary Beth Milliken; Michele Zebell; Mike Skurski; Pete Dahl; Ronessa Butler
Subject: Trail Cameras at the Parks

Good morning,

A resident came in to ask if privately owned trail cameras are allowed in the parks. Does anyone know if they are allowed? If no one knows, this might be another topic that you might want to address when you are amending the parks ordinance.

Regards,

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From: Dave Murphy <davemurphy6943@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:41 AM
To: Susan Piehl; Becky Chown; Jennifer Cram; Elections; 'Lola Jackson'; 'Mary Beth Milliken'; 'Michele Zebell'; 'Mike Skurski'; 'Pete Dahl'; 'Ronessa Butler'
Subject: RE: Trail Cameras at the Parks

We discussed trail cameras as a means of tracking user numbers at PNA some years ago. Greg Meihn said absolutely not – it would be a privacy violation. That was his opinion, but he's long gone. Just sharing his conclusion at the time.

Personally, I don't think trail cameras owned by individuals belong on public land unless it's a sanctioned activity by parks. Perhaps someone has a concern about dangerous animals and wants evidence? I'm not sure of the application, but as a general rule, I'm opposed. If someone wants to make a presentation to the parks group to get an endorsement, then run it by planning & legal, that would seem to be the way to go.

I don't believe it's specifically precluded in the parks ordinance, but in general we do indicate that putting up private property in the parks is prohibited.

Thanks Susan.

Dave

From: DNR-LawEnforcement <DNR-LawEnforcement@michigan.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 11:04 AM
To: Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com>
Subject: RE: Private Trail Cameras on Public Land

Yes, they are allowed.

From: Susan Piehl <officemanager@peninsulatownship.com <mailto:officemanager@peninsulatownship.com> >
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:43 AM
To: DNR-LawEnforcement <DNR-LawEnforcement@michigan.gov <mailto:DNR-LawEnforcement@michigan.gov> >
Subject: Private Trail Cameras on Public Land

CAUTION: This is an External email. Please send suspicious emails to abuse@michigan.gov
<mailto:abuse@michigan.gov>

Good morning,

Are privately owned trail cameras allowed to be placed on public land?

Thank you for your assistance,

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From: Susan Piehl
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 3:58 PM
To: Becky Chown; Dave Murphy; Jennifer Cram; Elections; Lola Jackson; Mary Beth Milliken; Michele Zebell; Mike Skurski; Pete Dahl; Ronessa Butler
Subject: Private Trail Cameras on Public Land

Good afternoon,

An officer from DNR Law Enforcement called me and said that there are not limitations when trail cameras are allowed placed.

He is researching further if local zoning ordinances supersede DNR rules and will get back to me. I will let you know the results of this when he follows up with me.

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Cc: Becky <clerk@peninsulatownship.com>; Dave Murphy <davemurphy6943@gmail.com>; Jenn <planner@peninsulatownship.com>; Lola <elections@peninsulatownship.com>; Lola Jackson <lolaink@earthlink.net>; Mary Beth Milliken <mbmillikenonpeninsula@gmail.com>; Michele Zebell <mzebell.parks@gmail.com>; Mike Skurski <Parksmike49686@gmail.com>; Pete Dahl <peterleedahl@gmail.com>; Ronessa Butler <ronessa+parks@gmail.com>
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Good morning,

BUSINESS