

Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2018 @ 2:30 p.m.

Location: Town Board Room

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Johnson, presiding for Bonnie Byrnes, Chairperson, @ 2:35 p.m. Committee member present are Chuck Hayes, Sarah Johnson, Mary Watkins, Brenda Dyre, and Chris Wolter. Beth Marohn and Bonnie Byrnes were absent with prior notice. Guests present: Steven Smith, Chris Stark from Vilas Co. Extension, and Scott McPherson from the PI chamber.

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Chuck and seconded by Mary Watkins.

A motion to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2018 and June 26, 2018 was made by Chuck and seconded by Mary. Also, a motion to accept the minutes from the July 12, 2018 ad hoc meeting with Ayers and Associates was made by Chuck and seconded by Mary

Chair Remarks: That Bonnie was absent with prior notice and Sarah would be filling in for her.

Finance Report: Sarah noted that after the Broad Band survey was mailed out recently, the EDC account balance is \$956.81 and there was no recent activity.

New Business: none

Old Business:

1. Downtown Planning;

- A. Ayres and Associates Timeline-The first ad hoc meeting was July 12, 2018.

All of the appointed committee members attended with community appointed members Steve Smith and John McLean, also present. Scott McPherson represented the PI Chamber and Carl Wolter represented the PI Town Board.

- B. The next meeting with Ayers and associates is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. @ the PI Board room with interested community members invited. Ayers will be presenting their tentative plan after considering the input of the ad hoc board. The Appointed ad hoc board will meet afterwards at 5:00 p.m. Discussion was held about what the best means of communicating the upcoming meeting would be. All members and Scott from the Chamber will assist with disseminating the information.

- C. Remainder of the funding for the Ayers consultation is ~\$400.00 of which Steve Smith reported he and Debbie will donate \$200.00 to the cause. The money is needed by the end of August 2018. Baked items will be available with a donation jar at the August 14th meeting. Brenda said her niece and Sarah's daughter would have lemonade "stand" at the meeting also.
- 2. Broadband
 - A. Broadband Forward Community: Cathy Weber shared in prior communications that the PI Zoning committee had table this issue and it will be dropped for now as the Broadband designation is not necessary to move forward with grant applications.
 - B. Survey Print-Tabulate Results: Sarah recommended the work group be tabled till the September meeting. A work group will be appointed to tabulate the results and have them available for Sonic Net by November 2018. Sonic Net needs these results for writing broadband grant for PI.
- 3. Panfish Project Update
 - A. Community fishing establishment: the DNR would assist with establishing Pipke Park pond as a Community Fishing pond as it meets the requirement of less than 25 acres. The town and the Legion have to be in agreement before it can move forward. This would entitle us to get free signage and establish program goals. Several options for operations are available to include the recommendation about how many fish can be caught in a day, who can fish, how long the season runs, etc. Discussion about whether a fishing license would be necessary was held. The comm fishing designation will be shared with the Parks and Rec. committee.
 - B. Stocking updates: Steve Smith reported he discussed stocking panfish with the people from Watersmeet, MI and the stocking should occur in the fall (after the loons have left).
 - a. Discussion of the cost of stocking the pond and where the \$ will come from ensued. Among ideas was for local PI groups to donate funding for this project. Chuck suggested speaking with Carl Watras who is a local (retired) DNR person about water quality of the pond if more info is needed after communications with current DNR fisheries biologist.
 - C. Bike Trails: Steve Smith reported that he's been in contact with Sara Pearson from WI DNR and the Master Plan would need to include a parking lot and would need to designate mountain bike trails if we wanted to pursue this. Currently, they are multi-use logging roads for motorized and non-motorized, and are utilized for hunting. Further information is

needed, specifically regarding the nature of the trails as well as assuring hunting access remains during spring/fall. A fall field-trip with interested group members (before grouse hunting) will be planned.

4. Canoes/Kayaks at Sensenbrenner Park: The town board approved 3 pc of equipment be available at Pipke Park, for public use. The town also recommended getting a person to be in charge and manage those pieces of equipment. For now, Sensenbrenner Park equipment will be on hold.

II Pubic comment

1. Chris Stark from Vilas Co. Extension reported he was pleased with the direction the PI EDC committee is taking.
2. Steve Smith reported that he attended a Crab Lake Association meeting and there is concern among that group about the viability of PI township. Steve recommended the EDC committee present at other PI Lakes Association meetings to bring awareness of issues and answer questions.

III. The next meeting will be held August 28, 2018 @ 2:30 p.m.

IV. Motion to adjourn made by Brenda and seconded by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Wolter