

Town of Presque Isle
Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Tues. 8.28.18 2:30PM
Location: Town Board Room

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonnie Byrnes at 2:30pm. All committee members and liasons were present. Steve and Debbie Smith were there as interested citizens. A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Chuck Hayes, second by Chris Wolter. All aye. A motion was made to approve the July minutes by Chris Wolter, second by Sarah Johnson. All aye.

Chair Remarks: Bonnie noted that the ad hoc committee working with Ayres will meet following this meeting to work on concerted feedback to Ayres. There is also a link on the Town and Chamber's website for people to provide input.

Finance Report (Balance = \$1063.31): Collected \$106.50 in bake sale donations. \$200 more committed for \$1263.31 total. Remainder due Ayres = \$74.69 (need to collect this amount still). Bonnie noted that an anonymous donor will cover the remainder due; Bonnie will let the donor know to submit to Lorine with memo: EDC downtown planning.

New Business: None.

Old Business

A. Downtown Planning

A. Highway B Update. The earliest date for Main Street appears to be 2020 and it could be later depending on federal funds (24ft) versus county/state funds (22ft). The highway committee expects to hear back on grant in December which will provide more concrete information on timeline.

B. Ayres Timeline/Review. The committee is providing feedback in early September and expect Ayres to come back for final presentation end of September/early October.

B. Remainder Funding (\$1338): See finance report. All taken care of.

B. Broadband

A. Broadband Forward Community. This was previously reported as a no go from the town but recent information suggests the zoning committee may still be considering this and/or are making a recommendation to the town in favor of the designation. It is not necessary for a grant, but would likely be helpful. Cathy noted that there are still people in town in the midst of upgrades. It was noted that the grant will not be pursued unless there are enough citizens that can be served that are underserved and/or are interested in a new provider. This would be determined by SonicNet.

B. Survey Print-Tabulate Results. Brenda, Bonnie and Beth will work on the tabulating the results and will work on over the coming month(s).

C. Panfish Project Update

A. Community Fishing Establishment: Sarah will write up information on the designation to share with Parks 'N Rec. EDC would like to make recommendation to town in favor of this following P 'N R sharing, the requirements would follow standard DNR limits and seasons. Cathy noted that the Beautification committee has money to assist with pond planings, wildlife and fish habitat, that can be a part of future pond plans.

B. Stocking Updates: Steve Smith reported that the Watersmeet hatchery has stocked Wisconsin waters before and so is likely acceptable for stocking. The estimated costs as presented were ~\$3,000 but you can do any amount you want as there is no minimum. Brenda offered to pick up money jars (12) and Bonnie will do signs for donation collection for "Stock the Community Fishing Pond" fund. Will try and get out by this coming Labor Day weekend.

D. Bike Trails

A. S. Crab Lake: tabled until interested committee members can make a site visit this fall.

B. Heart of Vilas Connection: The Wilderness Pedalers have feasibility studies for Hwy W to P, Hwy P to school, and Hwy W to WinMan. The prelim costs of Town to School are \$7.3 million; from Town to WinMan \$9.3 million. The group has the necessary town, county permissions to perform studies and are working on major donor outreach as well as landowner permissions -- both of which are essential for the project to move forward.

Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 25 2:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.