

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023
Convened at Presque Isle Community Center

Item 1-Call to order—The regular meeting of the Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair, Barb Peck, at 9:03 A.M., May 17, 2023. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Brian Luetzow, Eric Benn, and Liaison Cathy Weber.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of February 15, 2023--- Rich moved to approve the February 15 minutes, seconded by Brian. Motion passed.

Item 3-Public Comment--None

Item 4-Correspondence---Rich re-introduced the subject of purchasing a pier for Wilderness Park, as listed in this year's Park and Rec budget. Discussion followed directed toward design details for the pier (length, tee or no tee, possible material, railing or no railing). Rich will look further for quotes for the pier. Barb inquired, what is the objective of the pier? Perhaps we can look at some price quotes at the June meeting.

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a---Pipke Park Dam Project Update---Eric discussed yesterday's ZOOM meeting with MSquared. The dam failure analysis (DFA) is underway. MSquared will answer our request for an estimate for the likely grand total professional billings that Presque Isle will receive from MSquared for all of their engineering and consulting work for the pond dam reclamation project. Members made clear to MSquared that we want the entire design package ready for bidding and all information compiled to submit a completed grant application along with the technical documentation by December first, 2023. Discussion then followed about how to lower the south pond water level as required by the DNR. We will first try to open the old gate valve leading to the north pond, located near the northeast corner of the south pond; secondly, we will install a siphon, probably six inches diameter, to drain to the wetlands along the bank of the South Branch Presque Isle River. Members discussed also with MSquared the need for Presque Isle and MSquared to put in place a formal agreement document so that we all understand how we are conducting business together.

Item 5b---Band Shell/Pier/Pontoon Boat Update---The pontoon boat is being re-constructed at a vendor shop, with completion expected by late June or early July. Discussion followed, including the location of the boat/pier assembly on the pond, the means by which the pier and boat will be accessed by people on foot, and possible short term and long term arrangements of the boat/pier assembly.

Item 5c---Path to Pipke Park from Main Street---A plan is being formed to convert the bypass road built for temporary access through town during the 2021 road construction into a walking path to Pipke Park from downtown. Members had questions about this, including possibly using the grassy area to the north of the Outpost, which is mostly land owned by the Town and is ready for immediate use. Cathy will consult with Carl Wolter about this.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a---Benches for Sensenbrenner Park---Members recognized that this year's budget includes \$1200 for two benches. Eric moved to purchase two benches for Sensenbrenner Park, seconded by Brian. Motion carried. Brian then mentioned that Nellie Hemming may want to donate a bench for placement on the South Pond walking trail in Pipke Park. Brian will discuss this with Mrs. Hemming.

Item 6b---Next meeting is June 21, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Prior to adjournment, Barb thanked all who worked on cleanup day.

Item 7. Adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Drum, Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
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