

**Town of Presque Isle**  
**Pipke Park Restoration Committee**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 10 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order by liaison Cathy Logan Weber at 10 am.

In attendance: Eric Benn, Al Drum, Brian Luetzow, Cathy Logan Weber, Max Wallace, Lorine Walters

Eric Benn approved the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting. Second by Brian Luetzow

The PPRC Committee worked with the town clerk to get copies of engineering bills/proposals for the PPRC files to use for future reimbursement in the DNR Municipal Grant Application (MGA). The committee also asked for records of pond inspections done previously by the town crew, also for the DNR MGA.

We discussed lowering the water level in the South pond as suggested by a DNR Administrative order. Brian stated the jet ski is ready to start working on lowering the water level of the south pond. We will wait until the snow stops falling. The jet ski will be hooked up to hose to direct the water through the culvert into the north pond.

Also discussed was the possibility of building a siphon to drain the pond slowly, using no pump or gas. This method would be slow, but less expensive and less labor intensive. Brian will talk to the town crew about supplies that may be available for use. Cathy will bring up a motion at the next town board meeting for funds to be made available for both the gas for the jet ski and materials for a siphon. It was decided to start with the jet ski, while we gathered materials, and built a siphon. The siphon would take the water to the wetlands that empty into the Presque Isle River. The jet ski will take the water into the north pond. The outlet for the north pond may have to be adjusted to accommodate the water level.

Cathy will contact MSquared to set up a virtual meeting with PPRC to assess progress on the dam concept and ask related questions.

Brian made a motion to adjourn at 11:21, Al seconded.