

**Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes – February 10, 2016**  
**Town Hall/Community Building**

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am, by Chair Bob Barofsky. Other Committee members present: Jorja Burke, Al Drum, Otto Novak. Absent: Lee Dickert, Karen Swenson/Liaison to Town Board; Others in attendance: George Nelson/Beautification and Max Wallace/Parks.

**Approval of Minutes of 12.09.15:** Motion by Al, second by Bob. Minutes approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrative:** Karen Swenson, Liaison to Town Board was not in attendance, therefore, there were no updates from the Town Board.

**Remainder of 2015 budget:** The following products were purchased prior to 12.31.15, within the 2015 budget period: Dog waste station for nature trail in Community Park; sled and accessories for hauling; chaps for safety of Max; waders. Next winter need a grooming device to pull behind a snowmobile for ice; and a snowmobile as we've been using Bob's for trail building. Otto asked about the possibility of grooming for x-country. Currently, trails would be a bit rough for that venue; will address in the future. Bob said he snowshoes on the trail. Snowmobilers using bridge are not stopping when coming west to east – they go straight onto pond and do not turn right staying on the sno-mo trail. Possible solar flashing stop sign might help to alert drivers; fence would help but would interfere with the groomer. As trail becomes more used, people need to become more aware of each other's activities. We will look at bridge crossings in MW and LOL. Consider a "Caution" sign west of bridge before the current sign which is unobserved! Snowmobile groups have their own signs but this is an extraordinary crossing and requires an attention-getter. Possible law enforcement activity for snowmobile violations? Otto will contact someone (a snomo director?) to see if we pursue this. Also need signage completed before Jillian's visit this year. (Signage included in our cost estimates)

**Bike Trail Update:** Al reported that the Wilderness Pedalers (formerly PI Pedalers) are nearing completion of a 501c3 application. Submission of papers will occur in January 2016, accountant paid by Pedlars, approximately \$2,000. Group has been told they can begin receiving donations now, certification will take several months. Still unresolved: don't know whether the group will depend entirely on Pitlik & Wik for engineering design and construction or seek a separate engineer (for cost estimate only, no design). Al described what's involved from an engineering standpoint. Discussion ensued. George suggested contacting BJ and MW bike trail people. Some discussion with other communities has already taken place – further discussion to occur.

**Other Administrative:**

**Community Park:**

**Pavilion Maintenance Update:** Passed to town board: Cost too high for P&R Committee budget. The degradation of the pavilion requires involvement of the Town Board. Jack is in the process of contacting a firm in Ironwood.

**Community garden update:** George said everything going well. Working w/LOL and Mercer clubs. Beautification Committee has donated \$1,000 toward their efforts. An electrically run motor for sifting dirt is being constructed.

**Parks and Landings**

**Pipke Park**

**Trail and Boardwalk Construction Update:** Suggestion made to write a letter to Chuck Hayes' crew "Cecil & Company of Carlin Lake." Bob suggests recognition for their work via a letter to the Town Board: Bob & Jeff Burke finished securing deck joists in January – worked well. Will continue with decking and railing when weather permits. Max remarked that the trail construction has raised a query about "Wilderness" campsites. This raises a set of issues which may be addressed in the future. Otto said it's a great area to be in with x-country skis. Discussion of various areas of boardwalk construction ensued (involving grades and approaches).

**Water testing (pond):** Chuck Hayes, Al and a woman from Vilas Cty have spoken; water testing has been ongoing and results are on file at the county.

**Skating Rink 2015, proposed survey:** Max advised use increased this year as compared to others. Slushy right now due to weather – he will keep on it and will try to have something set up for Chamber Winter Party. Scheduled skating rink will be continued as in past years at Pipke Park. Otto has worked with Lorine on a prototype survey and discussion will continue during 2016. Committee will attempt to include the survey in tax bills and it will also be posted on the town website. A draft was distributed by Otto for discussion at next meeting. George said discovery center uses area quite often for activities – include them in survey?

**Wilderness Park:**

**Orange tape installed @ dock:** Max took care of fencing off dock with orange tape. Placing stakes was tricky this year with open water near dock.

**Other:** Consider that Team Retreat may wish to put in another pier on the South Pond (similar to the first one installed). Lions are working on a stairway from warming hut, down the hill to plateau at high-water mark. Permitting may be required, both local and county. Generally, a raised stairway is considered a structure and it may need to go to the BOA – probably would be permitted, so will need to be addressed.

**Public Comment:** George asked if he could be included in the walk-through at Pipke Park with Mr. Frank Dallum in the Spring. Beatification has already planted 18 and lost 17 hemlocks to deer.

M.E. Norton, Office Assistant, received questions about canoe launching on the river in Pipke Park – Zastrow's has told people there is such a site and someone wonders where it is. The Committee is unaware of a designated site. Also, someone asked about hunting behind the ponds. M.E. was advised to direct interested individuals to the NHFL land use regulations for greater detail. It is the Committee's understanding that hunting is allowed but that there are DNR rules regarding hunting in the NHFL and it is incumbent upon the hunter to know and follow them.

**Next Meeting:** April 12: plan for annual meeting 4/19. Set up install for Gary Wallace Park. April 6, 9am.

**Adjournment:** As there was no more business to conduct, Bob adjourned the meeting at 10:40a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary

**Unapproved Minutes**

**Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes – May 11, 2016**  
**Town Hall/Community Building**

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am, by Chair Bob Barofsky. Other Committee members present: Jorja Burke, Al Drum, Otto Novak; Absent: Lee Dickert, Karen Swenson/Liaison to Town Board; Others in attendance: Cathy Weber/Community Garden/Beautification and Jack Harrison/Town Chair.

**Approval of Minutes of 04.12.16:** Minutes approval tabled to next meeting.

**Correspondence:** Bob has been corresponding w/Tony Martinez, DNR trail boss. Mr. Martinez will be at the Trail's first loop from June 6-10. Bob will be sure he addresses both hiking and x-country skiing w/him.

**Administrative:** Karen Swenson, Liaison to Town Board was not in attendance, therefore, there were no updates from the Town Board.

**2016 Budget (3.31.16 - 04.30.16):** Will receive from Lorine/Town Clerk upon request.

**Bike Trail Update:** Biking group will begin contacting people for potential donations for consideration of a 2-mile trail along W from Mud Lake to town park in Winchester. Comprehensive options are being considered. In response to a question about the painted white line at the edge of the asphalt on Crab Lake Road, Jack addressed the "bike lane" designation. Because a "bike lane" must be 5 feet wide and there is just 1-1/2 additional feet on each side of the road, it may not be designated as a "bike lane" within two painted white lines. Discussion ensued.

**Other Administrative:**

**Community Park**

**Pavilion Maintenance Update:** A quote has been received but Bob thinks the criteria stated is incomplete and does not meet the dollar value. Quote does not include bug treatment. One other person has declined to consider the job.

**Gary W. Wallace Field Sign Install:** Gary W. Wallace Field Memorial Sign location and installation date to be decided.

**Community Garden Update:** Cathy wishes to contact Quita Sheehan/Vilas Cty, for information about establishing a town compost area PI at the transfer station. Cathy will present her proposal to the town for the board's approval. There would also be a compost area next to the gardens for organic compost for community garden use only. This compost area does not require board approval per Jack. Garden signs are being prepared by Susan Casey.

**Parks and Landings**

**Pipke Park**

**Trail and Boardwalk Construction Update:**

1. A letter of thanks to Chuck Hayes' crew "Cecil & Company of Carlin Lake" to be sent from the Town on PI town stationery.
2. Chuck has contacted Tony Martinez/DNR Trail Boss. Bob will be talking with him in the near future re trail: June 6-10.
3. Bob is meeting w/Dave Kimball this afternoon to walk the trail to Bridge 5.
4. Decking and railing: Decking 5 to be finished first.
5. Jack advises rental of a digger for posts.

**Wilderness Park:**

1. Dock cables shortened or arrangements made? Still pending?
2. Discussion of Rail system tabled to the next meeting.

**Other:**

The PI Lions have volunteered to construct stairs to the water in the area of the pavilion. **Stair construction in the pavilion area will require permits from the county and the town. Permits must be secured before any construction begins.**

Trail cutting on the loop between site 4 and site 5 is to be determined. Otto Novak and friends have volunteered to help with this phase of trail clearing. We need to discuss signage as part of the grant. This is the year we need to finish up for Jillian Steffen's (DNR) visit. Completion time 12/31/16.

Cathy advises that Beautification Committee has funds set aside for bird friendly planting but do not wish to plant in an area of aggressive mowing. They are waiting for decisions to be made on future mowing w/Frank Dallum. Also, Cathy asked to be notified when the walk through with Frank Dallum/Dams occurs.

Lynx Lake dock extension to be applied. Max will handle when the water table drops.

Next meeting: An agenda item "Expanding Park & Rec Activities" requested by Otto.

**Public Comment: None**

**Next Meeting: 06.08.16**

**Adjournment:** As there was no more business to conduct, Bob adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary

**Unapproved Minutes**

**Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes – June 15, 2016, 9:00am,**  
**Town Hall/Community Building**

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am, by Chair Bob Barofsky. Other Committee members present: Jorja Burke, Al Drum, Otto Novak; Absent: Lee Dickert, Karen Swenson/Liaison to Town Board. Others in attendance: Bill Logan and Jack Harrison, Town Chair.

**Minutes** of 04.12.16 & 5.11.16 were approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrative**

**Updates from Town Board:** None, liaison not present.

**Budget 2016:** Expenditures through 04.07.16 were \$5,174.68

**Bike Trail Update:** Al told of current activities by the bicycle trail group: Preparing of new bylaws; setting up income tax forms; 501c3 set up; money left for signs; have options in trails; looking for sponsors; this is part of a multi-town trail connecting to MW trail. Various trail options were discussed.

**Community Park:**

1. Pavilion Maintenance Update: Bob has information re restoration for Jack. Bob asked Bill about a product named “Sickens” (spelling?) Bill would not use it. People have not been satisfied with this product. Need a pest control company to kill woodborers first – Bob will handle.
2. Gary W. Wallace Field: Sign Installation – ongoing.
3. Community Garden – possible recommendation to board: Multi-purpose area? Can it be used as a spot for dog-pen. Clean-up? Aggressive dogs? Create a dog place elsewhere? Motion by Otto, second by Jorja, to recommend to town board for their approval to utilize horseshoe pit also as a dog area, the P&R committee may then explore possible relocation of the horseshoe pit. Jack mentioned liability and unhealthy dogs: who would be liable? All in favor. Jorja will present to town board and then report results to community garden members.

**Expanding Park & Rec Activities (Otto).**

Expanding facilities in town: Canoe, kayak, paddle boards, rentals? Discussion ensued re Otto’s initiative. Otto will explore supporting recreational activities and needs.

**Parks and Landings**

**Pipke Park**

1. Trail and Boardwalk Update: Tony not finished as yet but will not return before end of July. Dave Kimball has been set up for stump removal. Bill Logan has offered to continue trail work and has set up a regular schedule for volunteers on Tuesdays. Workers for #5 are set up. Other area needs brush clearing; root removal. Bill requested a set of hand tools to use. They’re stored in the shed. Area for skiing discussed. A small sign at snowmobile bridge for volunteer advisement and be posted as well as in several other places. Please keep track of volunteer hours for in-kind (per Al). Contact of Wanink/Wakefield for sharpening of chainsaw was suggested. The “loop” at 5 and the area @ boardwalks has debris such as big logs, brush and green-treated to be hauled out.
2. Recognition of Tony Martinez’ efforts/DNR evaluation site: Talked about form and gave a copy to Bill Logan. Bob will contact workers to respond on Tony’s behalf.
3. Progress on signage. Signage was discussed – possibly wood with UV varnish. Constructed of cedar? Could Al surface with epoxy? Yes and then protect with several layers of varnish. Consider Catherine Wolter preserve type signs for intersections.
4. Appointment with Frank Dallum/DNR. Al will follow up.
5. Al/Jillian discussed in-kind hours. Jillian will be processing paperwork in a couple of months. We will make our deadline of 12/31/16.

**Wilderness Park**

**Railing System** is on hold until we can see the budget figures from Town. Bob Checks Wilderness Park regularly, a downed tree has been removed. FYI from Bob: the PI Lake Association shares a CB/CW inspector at VV, Big & PI Lakes. The associations share the cost of intern with assistance from a DNR grant.

**Other Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** July 11th

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned with motion by Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otto @ 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja burke, Secretary

**Unapproved Minutes**

**Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes – August 10, 2016, 9:00am**  
**Town Hall/Community Building**

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am, by Chair Bob Barofsky. Other Committee members present: Jorja Burke, Al Drum, Otto Novak; Absent: Lee Dickert. Others in attendance: Max Wallace/Parks, Marshall Reckard/Liaison, Town Board.

**Minutes** of 06.15.16 were approved by motion of Otto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al, with one correction requested by Otto:

Change item **"Expanding Park & Rec Activities (Otto)"** to bold-face type to better separate item from the Community Park/Community Garden activity. (Item C.3.)

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrative**

A. Marshall Reckard, Liaison to the Town Board, welcomed by Bob.

1. Updates from Town Board: None per Marshall.
2. Budget 2016 – Current expenditures to 07.31.16: Tabled, Jorja did not receive, Lorine on vacation.

**B. Bike Trail Update:** No new information at this time, per Al.

**C. Community Park:**

1. Pavilion Maintenance Update: Diamond Pest Control was contacted and options discussed by Jack & Bob. Waiting for quote and will contact additional vendors.
2. Gary W. Wallace Field: Sign installation completed by Max who was thanked for placement by Bob.
3. Community Garden – Results of recommendation to board were presented to the members by Jorja. The group decided not to pursue a designated dog area at this time.

**D. Expanding Park & Rec Activities (Otto).** Discussion of rentals for kayaks, canoes, etc., ensued. Is the community best served if this was a town or private enterprise? Marshall advised he will further pursue for both legal and insurance liability issues, bringing information back to the committee for discussion. Also discussed, how would this work with the new Economic Development Committee? It was noted, the term "destination site" may be used as a descriptor for a specific reason for visitors to come to PI.

**E. Other Administrative:** None

**Parks and Landings**

**A. Pipke Park**

1. Trail and Boardwalk Update: Currently work is on bumper system on either side of the boardwalk. Now on #3 which has 6 turns; next, will continue at #5 and then will be on hold for Tony Martinez' return. Bob Ruch/Volunteer and Bob B. have discussed ongoing work. Wasps are becoming a problem. Boulders are being set in place as stepping stones (use of natural materials) per Tony's suggestions.
2. Per Bob, recognition of Tony Martinez' (Supervisor/Northern Highland Forest) efforts can be recorded @ DNR evaluation site by PI volunteers who have worked directly with him on this project. Bob will advise Trail volunteers of this option. Website has one glitch: When clicking "close" there's no prompt that it has been sent. Tony and Max (and their machinery) earn volunteer in-kind credits toward our grant requirements. Committee should write a letter commending Tony for his efforts to be sent to Steve Petersen. Al will compose letter. Thanks to Bill Logan who has already put in 25 hours on trail clean-up.
3. Progress on signage: Al described the 9 or 10 signs designed with a map of the trail. Such signs will be at intersections and include directives and mileage. The trail has been modified from the Rettler original map to accommodate topography and other factors encountered.
4. Frank Dallum/DNR appointment scheduling: Al has left a message for Frank, the Dam expert, and is waiting for the call back. Frank will be accompanied at the dam site by committee members, Jack and the town crew to discuss extent of mowing and brushing to take place in the area, as well as inspecting dams.
5. Other discussions: In looking for additional resources, Otto suggested a photo and/or article in the newspaper and a call to Eric/FYI when a milestone is reached. Discussion ensued re committee appointments and that a thank you letter should be sent to the Lions for their \$500 donation for Pipke Park for the Phase II Trail System. In the past, a thank you such as this has come from the town and was sent by Lorine/Town Clerk on town stationary. It is Marshall's opinion that this letter should come from the Park Committee. Jorja will handle.

**B. Other Parks/Landings:**

Re the Concession stand @ ballpark, Max advises that wasps are nesting behind the battens and the building needs new fascia and requires painting. Amount of 2016 budget money remaining to cover costs will be determined. Max also advises handling this project would be best done after a freeze this fall.

1. **Other:** Marshall thanked by Bob for attending our meeting.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Next Meeting:** September 14, 2016
9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Otto, second by Al, at 10:02am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary

**Unapproved Minutes**

**Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes – September 14, 2016, 9:00am**  
**Town Hall/Community Building**

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am, by Chair Bob Barofsky. Other Committee members present: Jorja Burke, Al Drum, Otto Novak; Absent: Lee Dickert, Marshall Reckard/Liaison, Town Board. Others in attendance: Max Wallace/Parks; Jack Harrison, Town Chair, stopped in briefly.

**Approval of Minutes of 08.10.16:** Motion by Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otto. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** On behalf of the P&R committee, a thank you letter to the PI Lions for a \$500 donation was constructed by Jorja. These funds were presented at a town board meeting and designated for use on the Pipke Park Trail Phase 2 by the PI Lions. Lorine advised that, previously, this type of letter would come from the Town of PI and be printed on town stationary by Lorine. The letter was modified by Lorine to reflect same and mailed 09.13.16.

**Administrative**

**A. Updates from Town Board - Liaison:** None, absent.

**B. Budget 2016:** Current expenditures to 08.31.16 were received from Lorine.

**C. Community Park:**

**1. Pavilion Maintenance Update:** Bob and Jack Harrison, town chair, have discussed this project. The structure must first be decontaminated prior to staining (debugging and cleaning blackened areas). The Diamond Co. has not shown up as scheduled. Bob called company again & is waiting for reply.

**2. Concession stand repairs:** This item is included in 2016 budget and supplies must be purchased before year-end 2016. Max will tend to this winter.

**3. Dog debris station for dog-walkers use,** installation still pending at the entrance to the Community grounds Nature Trail. Item purchased in 2015.

**D. Expanding Park & Rec Activities (Otto):** Otto has some ideas for going forward with this project which could involve contacting Coontail or Chequamegon Outfitters. The Committee is waiting for Marshall's input before further discussion. As Marshall is not in attendance, tabled to next meeting.

**E. New Budget for 2017:** Discussion ensued. There is a need for a snowmobile for winter grooming of trail along w/small ski sled. Per Max, the town crew may be able to build/Park Committee would pay for supplies. Ask Jack what he thinks. Discussed value of grooming for trail which is used by skiers, snowshoers and hikers in winter. Bob's snowmobile has been in service on this project for 3 years and has taken a beating. Park needs to have their own in order to maintain area for the winters and can get a decent used one, workhorse-type, not speedster. Wider tracks (established path & stability), lower gears, air cooled (liquid cooled best for speed (not for idling), reverse. Approx \$4,000 for a utility-type, entered under "capital outlay" in 2017 budget. Discussed handrail @ Wilderness and will request a budget amount of \$500 for supplies only. Jorja reported Cemetery Director, Joan McDonald advised that one cemetery plot was sold in 2016 @ \$200. Joan is projecting the sale of 2 lots (\$400) in 2017. Budget completed. Jorja will compile and get it back to Committee for review prior to the first Town 2017 budget meeting.

**F. Other Administrative:** None

**Parks and Landings**

**A. Pipke Park**

**1. Trail and Boardwalk Update:** Jack says Dave Kimball will be in the Pipke Park Trail Phase 2 area this weekend to do trail work. There are 30+/- stumps to grind between areas 4 & 5. Trail must be groomed to meet specs/conditions of grant.. Max will be available to answer questions as Bob will be out of town. Also, Tony M will be contacted to see if his machinery is repaired and ready to go in October. In-kind charges (hours) must be submitted and Al asks that Max keep track of clock time of hours and machinery at the trail for the project. Otto suggested a community work day as well (such as that accomplished by Beautification in the orchards a few years back). Bob advised construction of 1,2,3, and 4 completed. Currently, construction of rail system on 5 is continuing.

**2. Recognition of Tony Martinez' efforts/DNR evaluation site.....ongoing** (last time here: 1<sup>st</sup> week in June).

**3. Progress on signage:** Al checked signage @ Wolter and WinMan Trails. He is inclined to think the easy to mount method @ 30-degree angle like WinMan and that aluminum may be the most durable and the quickest to secure. Maybe laser guy in Woodruff can print...need to decide how to mount so Max can get posts in before freezing (4x4 or 6x6 TBD?). Need Tony to punch through final 2 loops so invasive species lady can get in with her GPS.

**4. Frank Dallum/DNR appointment:** Al called Frank who advised he doesn't make these visits. Al then contacted Frank's referral, Kay Lutze. She was not available prior to this meeting. The purpose is to establish required height and depth of grass cutting down to shoreline.

**B. Other Parks/Landings:** Pier @ Wilderness per Max (by Bob) was installed by Team Retreat. They will continue to handle maintenance and upgrade to bumpers and request Park Committee's approval. All moves to do so, Otto 2nd, Motion passed. Also, Bob will contact Bill Logan re trail signs.

**Other:** None

**Public Comment** – included above.

**Next Meeting:** October 12 , 2016

**Adjournment** @ 10:55 by Bob, as there was no more business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes - November 9, 2016, 9:00am**  
**Town Hall/Community Building**

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am, by Co-Chair Bob Barofsky. Other Committee members present: Jorja Burke and Al Drum, Absent: Lee Dickert, Otto Novak. Marshall Reckard/Liaison, Town Board was also in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes of 10.12.16** Passed with a motion by Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob and containing these corrections: At “Meeting called to order” Bob is Co-chair, not Chair of this committee and at “Public comment” add: Sarah questioned this committee’s budget amount of \$4,000 for a used snowmobile and mentioned that the Discovery Center’s search for a like machine was in the area of \$7,000-\$9,000.

**Correspondence:** Jorja read an email received from Merrill Horswill, Terrestrial Invasive Species Committee, referring to the invasive, Japanese knotweed. The plant is included as a noxious weed in town ordinances. During an inspection with Lee Shambeau of For Control (the company spraying for garlic mustard), it was noted the invasive is spreading into Pipke Park, into the apple orchard in Community Park and is also on adjacent private properties. Merrill advises TIS has completed garlic mustard spraying for 2016 and would like to use the balance of their 2016 funds this fall on the Japanese knotweed. She asked that the Park & Rec Committee follow through with the eradication. However, as private property is involved, the committee will forward the information to Lorine for inclusion in an agenda for the town board to address.

Al received and read an email from Dale Mayo/Vilas County Snowmobile Trails addressing these points: There are no funding restrictions for snowmobile and foot traffic tied to the snowmobile grant that paid for the bridge and installation; Town will name Vilas County as “additional insured” on its policy; Signage addressing safety concerns has been agreed upon; Usage agreement with hold harmless clause will be signed by the Town. Discussion ensued.

**Administrative**

A. Updates from Town Board – Marshall Reckard/Liaison presented the following information: 2017 Budget: Final will be presented on November 17 at annual meeting; Marshall asked for committee members “feelings” on stocking the ponds with pan-fish. Al responded that if an expert in the area of stocking fish says it’s beneficial to the pond, it’s okay with him; Bob says people are fishing and catching fish off pier right now. Marshall said “people have told him” they are already dumping pan-fish caught elsewhere into the South pond. Bob responded that expert opinion must be sought and the stocking properly administrated, preferably not by the Park and Rec Committee. Discussion ensued re control of what gets thrown into the ponds and included that unregulated/indiscriminate dumping could introduce invasive species, plant and/or animal and also undesirable types of fish.

B. Budget 2016 – Current expenditures to date were received from Lorine. Marshall stated his figures reflect an approximate \$3,000 balance.

C. Community Park

1. Pavilion Maintenance Update: Budgeted by town @ \$10,000 for 2017.

2. Concession stand repairs: Bob & Max inspected concession stand. New battens to seal against wasps, fascia replacements and paint will be purchased. Materials list by Bob/Max and estimate from Pukall’s to determine cost will be secured. Max has already begun working on the building. Marshall agrees to this procedure.

D. Expanding Park & Rec Activities (Otto). Marshall advised that the town insurance company said “no” they would not insure the town as the renter of boating and bicycling equipment, although a private enterprise may be able to do this. He further stated this is an area for the Economic Development Committee to pursue.

E. Budget for 2017 –final from Town Board can be seen at the annual meeting on November 17.

F. Info from Merrill Horswill re TIS funds/Garlic Mustard and Japanese Knotweed abatement (see Correspondence above). Jorja will send Merrill’s letter to Lorine for the Town Board to address.

**Parks and Landings**

A. Pipke Park

1. Trail and Boardwalk Update: Bob spoke with “Lucas”/DNR who was here to walk and digitize the trail. Site #5 needs a half-dozen vertical screws to complete the handrail. Jillian Steffes/DNR recently inspected the trail and it’s been declared successfully completed. Not one negative comment. She was complimentary about the work....we qualify for grant monies.

2. Maintenance & Equipment: Purchased a used snowmobile for Pipke Park Phase 2 trail maintenance.

3. Bob has asked again for all to help in the recognition of Tony Martinez’efforts through the DNR evaluation site.

4. Progress on signage: Al showed 2 samples – aluminum, green color, digitized, one reflective and one from a firm in the west, one from Minocqua. We talked about the following: wet crossing designation at Site #6 will be discussed further w/Tony Martinez - we may choose to construct an additional boardwalk at that site. The materials are on hand and Tony suggested a visit to Newbold Park to see what they’ve done and then build the same structure. Al advised on sign locations and “you are here” signs; we will include compass directions and insert a digitized town logo, removing the county logo. We agreed to the concept of “buy locally” and will order the signs from the Minocqua company. Al will contact Adam Grassl/VC Mapping to relay info.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** December 14, 2016, 9:00am.

**Adjournment:** As there was no more business to conduct, Bob adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary

Unapproved Minutes

**Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes – December 14, 2016**  
**Town Hall/Community Building**

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00am, by Co-Chair Bob Barofsky. Other Committee members present: Jorja Burke and Al Drum, Otto Novak, Marshall Reckard/Liaison. Absent: Lee Dickert. No others attended.

**Approval of Minutes of 10.12.16** Passed with a motion by Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob.

**Correspondence:** To Al: Adam Grassl/VC Maps, Steve Peterson/DNR. Sarah Johnson/PICC; To Jorja: Sarah Johnson, request for trail map copy suitable for Chamber website and brochures; Al forwarded map copy to her.

**Administrative**

**Updates from Town Board:** Marshall Reckard/Liaison

Japanese Knotweed Abatement Update: Information was to be given to Constable/Weed Control Howie Meyer by Adam Johnson. This invasive is included in the PI noxious weed containment ordinance. No new information has been received by the Board to date.

**Budget 2016 – Current expenditures to date:** The Parks Report, detailing expenditures, was received from Lorine; Committee remains within the 2016 budget.

**Community Park**

Pavilion Maintenance Update: A 2017 budget item has been designated @ \$10,000 for this repair and maintenance project.

Concession Stand Repairs/Materials: Max has purchased necessary materials including lumber and stain. Work has begun.

**Other Administrative:** None

**Parks and Landings**

**Pipke Park**

Trail and Boardwalk Update: Max is packing the X-country ski trail using the track setter on loan from the Discovery Center. He reported that the “new” snowmobile works great!

Maintenance & Equipment: All is okay.

Progress on signage/action re latest version: Discussion ensued re input from Adam Grassl/VC Maps and from Steve Petersen/DNR. Mr. Grassl removed the town logo and inserted Mr. Petersen’s request **“The trail is a facility operated and maintained by the Town of Presque Isle through an agreement with the Wisconsin DNR and is open to the public”** in order to comply with the DNR land use agreement. He also mentioned again the fact that logging is planned for that area. Jorja remembers a prior meeting (2-3 years ago when Phase 2 began) during which Steve advised that the DNR logging team would cut with care near the trails on this leased land in order to preserve their “primitive” character (as defined in our grant application to the DNR). Also, it was said by Steve, at a subsequent meeting, that they would not be driving DNR equipment on our new trails. Jorja will search for those minutes. Discussion then turned to color coding “you are here” signage to trails. It was decided that the trails are short, clearly marked and this step would be unnecessary at this time; we will revisit item next year. Max has a temporary sign he can use until the new signs are printed. Al will order the aluminum map signs, with epoxy core, from a Minocqua company.

Panfish Stocking: Minutes of 03.05.14 and 06.11.14 when fish stocking at Pipke Pond was previously discussed were given to Otto by Jorja prior to the meeting. It was asked how this request came to Marshall’s attention. Marshall advised that Adam Johnson/Town Board Liaison to the newly formed Economic Development Committee brought it to him. As Pipke Park is under the supervision of the Park Committee, the request to look into pan-fish stocking was brought to this committee. It has been reported that there is a pan-fish population in the pond and fish were being caught last summer. Several factors need to be addressed. The Park Committee has agreed to look into pan-fish stocking and Otto has volunteered to manage this project.

Other: Max has been awaiting the right conditions for preparing the skating area and will do so soon.

**Other Parks/Landings**

Max advises that Dave Kimball did a stellar job of tree removal in the Cemetery!

**Other:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** To be determined

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:30am with a motion by Otto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jorja Burke, Secretary

Unapproved Minutes