

Presque Isle Park & Recreation Committee
Minutes – May 9, 2018 9:00am, Town Hall/Community Building

Meeting called to order at 9:08am by Co-Chair Al Drum. Other committee members in attendance: Jorja Burke and Otto Novak. Absent: Bob Barofsky and Barb Peck. Also, in attendance: Cathy Logan Weber/Liaison to Town Board and Max Wallace/Park Maintenance (briefly). PI residents attending this meeting: Peggy Johnson Weissner and Ken Middleton. Bob will take a leave of absence due to family issues. Al will assume the role of chair for Park & Rec during the interim. Al thanked Jorja for her 15 years of service in the Park Committee.

Approval of Minutes of 03.14.18; motion by Al Drum, 2nd by Jorja. Approved.

Correspondence - None

Administrative

A. Updates from Town Board - Cathy Logan Weber/Liaison

1. Log Pavilion: Cathy has spoken with PI resident Al Eschenbach who is willing to discuss this project with Al Drum. Also needed is an estimate for demolition of current pavilion.
2. Terrestrial Invasive Species Grant: Merrill Horswill/TIS brought a DNR grant designed for use within land open for hunting to Cathy's attention. As we have 2 areas open to hunters (Nature Trail behind Community Center and DNR leased lands in Pipke Park) this grant may have application for PI Parks in 2019. Merrill will follow. Cathy and Jeff Burke/TIS walked the area from CC to Sensenbrenner Park yesterday. A few honeysuckle plants were found and Lee Shambeau of 4 control will address when he is here to spray for garlic mustard. No new growth of Japanese knotweed was seen, however, Ken Middleton pointed out this invasive is not up at this time of year. Also, Ken advised there is honeysuckle on the north pond. Cathy will look for it. Wilderness Trail honeysuckle has been cut; painting of stubs to occur in fall.
3. Lynx Lake Pier: Brought up at town board meeting. Marshall is following-up; Al will contact him.
4. Vault Toilet @ Fire Barn: Cathy has contacted local contractors and will continue researching. Issues include: ventilation, replacing roof (in budget), screens on west side of structure need repair/replacement, installation of cross-ventilation and exterior painting.
5. Epoxy Paint on Pipke Park Pavilion Floor: Future agenda item.
6. Recreational Immunity Statute: Jorja gave a copy to Al. Otto will take the public availability item of kayaks, canoes, etc. to the Economic Development Committee (EDC).
7. Signage @ Shanty Boy: Chamber of Commerce may have GPS co-ordinates from a couple years ago when Cathy was employed by the COC. Al suggests asking Rod Sharka to create new GPS coordinates for posting with Vilas County. Signage such as that within Pipke Park may be of value in Shanty Boy area. Otto suggested the "branding" or "rebranding" of town amenities. For instance, changing the name of "Pipke Park" (named thusly to honor Caroline Pipke's service in creating/administrating for Presque Isle's Parks/Cemetery areas) to "Presque Isle Park" thereby creating a "brand" for the town. Peggy agreed that creating a brand is important. Jorja asked if we would then consider renaming Sensenbrenner Park and Gary Wallace Ball Field. Otto noted that the town had previously changed the name of the Library from Irma Stein to Presque Isle Community Library. Peggy also suggested PI needs a town logo, (in place of the one in use or in addition to was not discussed). Al asked for this item to be included in the June 13 agenda; the Pipke Park name change should be thought about and scheduled for future discussion per Otto.
8. Regional Planning Commission Survey: Survey forms and posters for 2019-2024 plan were given to Al by Cathy. Jorja will send the current VC (2014-2019) 5-year plan info to Al. Return of survey forms requested no later than July 27, 2018.
9. Other Updates: A. Garbage bins at Sensenbrenner are overflowing and roof on Kiosk is in poor shape. B. The EDC has asked if a Park Committee member would like to work with them on the Main Street rejuvenation project. Future agenda item, per Al.

B. Budget Expenditures through 05.02.18: No issues.

C. Other Administrative

1. Preliminary Community Needs/Wants Report: As Barb is absent, no new report. Discussed list from March. Al says Committee members need to know what our Charter is with the town. He has obtained a copy which states the need to continually advise and recommend projects within the parks to the town board.

As Otto needed to leave the meeting at this point and as there was no longer a quorum, there was no longer a meeting and minutes could no longer be recorded. The remaining items on the agenda are to be transferred to the June 13, 2018 agenda, per Al:

2. Activities management in town parks
3. Application for funding for Pipke Park
4. PI Comprehensive Open Space Plan 2019-2024. Copy is in Library.
5. **June 13 agenda item addition: Branding of the township**

Parks and Landings

A. Pipke Park

1. Trail Update
2. PI Lions Proposals (specifically: enlarge parking area to 140'x60', flood lights and addition to pavilion)
3. EDC Proposals (specifically: improved fire pit, flooding/maintenance of ice rink, hockey club)

- 4. Other
- B. Community Park
- C. Other Parks/Landings

Other - None

Public Comment – Contained within text above. No additional comments.

Next Meeting - June 13, 20189.

Adjournment: As there was no longer a quorum of Park Committee members, the meeting was adjourned by AI at 10:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jorja Burke, Secretary

UNAPPROVED MINUTES