

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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 10:05 A.M. January 19, 2022, in the Presque Isle town office large meeting room. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Eric Benn, Brian Luetzow, Liaison Cathy Weber, and John MacLean, Town Chair.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of November 17, 2021-Rich moved to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Item 3-Public Comment—None at this time

Item 4-Correspondence---Eric reported that Minal Hahm, the consulting engineer working on the Pipke Park south pond water control structure rejuvenation, talked with Eric on the phone about this project. Minal could not reach John by phone or email, and instead contacted Eric to report that a grant cycle for repairs to dam structures was nearing a deadline of March 4, 2022. Perhaps the Town could secure a grant to rebuild or replace the pond water control structure. Minal's firm, M Squared, can help in writing a grant. Minal has also talked with Forrest Van Asten, DNR water systems engineer, who plans to visit the pond for more observation. He will need some professionally determined elevation information having a bearing on the control structure. Apparently the DNR has not yet determined the status of the pond structure as an actual dam, versus just a flow control structure. If classified as a dam eventually, it may well be in the "large dam" category. Earlier this winter, Eric produced a historical document describing the Pipke Park water-way history, which he sent to the DNR, the Town Board and others. Among other items, Eric's analysis, as he summarized at the Parks and Rec meeting, suggests that there may be doubt that the south pond control structure is actually a dam. Cathy will place an item on the February 3, 2022 Town Board meeting agenda for an update on the pond water control structure.

Town Chair John MacLean entered the meeting at a later time, and so discussion returned to Eric's conversation with Minal Hahm. Eric updated John regarding Minal's report of the upcoming grant deadline. Forrest Van Asten does need to take another look at the site. John will try to arrange a ZOOM appearance by Minal at the February 3 Board meeting for an update on her firm's work to date. There followed a discussion of the pond system and elevation differences. Forrest would also need to be consulted to help to determine the scope of work that would be outlined in the grant application. John will contact Forrest and Minal.

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a-Subchapter 402---Several modest revisions were highlighted by members featuring changes to wording and headings. The changes were deemed simple enough so that the Town Board will not need to re-approve the document. Eric made note of these modifications and will make changes to the subchapter text.

Item 5b-Former bypass road---Cathy was in favor of adopting the former bypass road as a walking path with plantings. A discussion followed briefly about whether the snowmobile groomer was grooming the former bypass road or was grooming the grass path up to the restaurant. Members will take a look.

Item 5c-Pipke Park traffic signs to be used in special events—Al D. summarized the movable signs investigated which are two "DO NOT ENTER" and three "HANDICAPPED" signs including

mounting assemblies. The total estimated cost for these signs and mounts is \$600.00. Rich moved to purchase the signs, seconded by Eric. Motion passed. Al will place the orders.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a-Stain on the log pavilion---Members noticed that the log structural members on the southerly end of the log pavilion have faded and changed color in the short time since the stain was applied in spring of 2021. Brian will contact Sullivan Log Remediation to take a look at the faded components.

Item 6b-Speaker system in the log pavilion---This subject will be placed on the agenda for the February 16, 2022 meeting.

Item 6c-Maintenance Projects---Members should think about upcoming maintenance projects needed.

Item 7-Next Meeting and Adjournment---

- Next meeting is February 16, 2022
- Meeting adjourned 11:00 A.M. January 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Drum
Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Transcribed February 5, 2022

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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 10:05 A.M., February 16, 2022, in the Presque Isle town office large meeting room. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Eric Benn, Brian Luetzow and Liaison Cathy Weber.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of January 19, 2022-Eric moved to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes, seconded by Rich. Motion carried.

Item 3-Public Comment—None at this time

Item 4-Correspondence---None at this time

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a-Former Main St. Bypass into Pipke Park—The snowmobile trail groomer is not grooming this former bypass.

Item 5b-Traffic/Parking signs at Pipke Park---Al D. reported that Uline has delivered all signs and mounting components ordered from them; the only missing element is the custom handicapped parking sign (total of three) ordered from Lakeland Sign and Graphics. Al will ask for expected delivery information.

Item 5c-Stain on the log pavilion---Brian feels that the staining is okay for another season. The sun shining on the southerly end may have made the stain look more faded than it really is. Brian will talk to Sullivan about re-staining; he'll also check into end caps for the horizontal log ends for sun protection.

Item 5d-Speaker systems in the log pavilion---There is no need for speaker wiring systems. Blue tooth will provide signals by radio frequency.

Item 5e-Possible maintenance projects-

- Community center playground-Discussion followed about upgrading the existing upper campus playground. An example from Boulder Junction was discussed. Members further discussed the pursuit for grants to fund this work. The spring cleanup could focus on the playground.
- Eric committed to furthering the trail informational signs project for the upper campus trail system.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a-Fish cribs in Pipke Park south pond---The Lions would like to consider cribs near the existing fishing pier; the Lions would do the project, and would need Parks and Rec approval or support. Cathy mentioned that the DNR has exemptions for projects like this. We would need to furnish the DNR with placement information for the cribs, perhaps including anchors.

Following discussion, members leaned toward endorsing this project, and stipulating of course that installation of the cribs would follow DNR guidelines.

The group then switched to comments describing two or more trees along the Presque Isle River that, if they fell, might threaten the snowmobile bridge. The Committee should alert the Town Board to this concern. Professional tree removal contractors should do the removal work if needed. Members also speculated that temporarily, a cable and winch system could be attached to the problem trees to give them a bias toward a direction away from the river and the bridge.

Members then returned to the fish crib and fish sticks subject. Al moved to endorse the installation of cribs and sticks, seconded by Brian, whereby the project would be managed by the Lions. Motion carried. It would be wise, of course, to consult with DNR fisheries personnel.

Item 6b-Solicitation of donated dock ---Rich offered to follow through with an attempt to encourage a northwoods supplier of piers and docks to provide and install a second dock on the south pond, at no monetary charge. The supplier could then promote his company with a sign at the dock identifying that organization as the donor. It could be handicapped accessible. Members wondered whether or not the donor sign might violate our general ordinances. The Committee did not reach a conclusion on the subject.

Item 6c-Next Meeting is March 16, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Item 7-Adjournment---Meeting adjourned approximately 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Drum
Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Transcribed March 11, 2022

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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 10:05 A.M., March 16, 2022, in the Presque Isle town office large meeting room. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Eric Benn, Brian Luetzow.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of February 16, 2022-Rich moved to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Item 3-Public Comment—None at this time

Item 4-Correspondence---None at this time

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a-Pond Update---Eric presented all of his historical and technical information for the Pipke Park pond system

Item 5b-Possible dock donation signage---Rich won't ask for a sign. The Lions will mention to the Legion about the idea, allowing the Legion to decide if they want to pursue this idea.

Item 5c-Cribs/Fish Sticks---Wayne McDonald and others will pursue this idea.

Item 5d-Joint meeting April 27th at 10:00 A.M.---Think of items for this agenda.

Item 6-New Business---Next meeting is May 18, 2022. There will be no Parks and Recreation meeting in April; instead, the above-mentioned joint meeting will serve as the April meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Drum
Secretary, Presque Isle Parks And Recreation Committee
Transcribed April 9, 2022

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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 10:05 A.M., May 18, 2022, in the Presque Isle town office large meeting room. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Eric Benn, Brian Luetzow.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of March 16, 2022-Rich moved to approve the March 16, 2022 minutes, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Item 3-Public Comment—None at this time

Item 4-Correspondence

- Al reported that the parking signs, to be used as temporary signage for events, cost \$763.
- A discussion took place about constructing a road to divert traffic behind the proposed band-shell to allow audience members to sit in the existing roadway along the pavilion.
- Max reported that Team Retreat plans to donate a pier for the Highway P boat landing; the existing pier to be replaced could possibly be rebuilt for use elsewhere.
- Discussion followed speculating on what practices the DNR might allow on the North Pond.
- Discussion followed regarding the south pond water elevation.

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a-Tree cutting on the Pipke Park dam and berm system-Beavers may be helping with this effort; brushing should probably extend down the berm slopes and five feet beyond on the level area at the foot of the slope. The town crew is planning to do this.

Item 5b-Path to Pipke Park from Main Street-The EDC would like an aesthetically pleasing path, and not positioned through the restaurant parking lot; might consider the snowmobile trail next to the Yacht Club, or the open region just north of the restaurant

Item 5c-Community Center playground-Barb asked Brian about a soft matting material that can be placed on the ground under play equipment

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a-Invoice for engineering work on Pipke Park stage (band-shell)-Echelon Structures, LLC submitted an invoice of \$3500 for band-shell engineering design work. P & R has a budget item to help pay for the band-shell. At Barb's request, Rich reported that donations are coming in, with no total known yet. Members discussed "phased construction", and members also observed that status reports are needed. Eric moved to allocate the \$3500 from the P & R budget to pay this invoice, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Item 6b-Possible Maintenance Projects

- Brian observed that work is needed on the north end of the north pond dike, where undercutting is happening on the wetland side, not the pond side; in addition, trees are down on the Wilderness Trail; also, the pavilion south overhead door is losing weather stripping.
- Rich observed these items:
 - A branch needs to be removed over the Lynx Lake pier, and the left side of the pier seems to be leaning down

-At the ball fields, two wood tables need refinishing, roof shingles are lifting, the scoreboard needs attention, weeds need removal at the Gary Wallace sign, the infield needs weeding as does the playground, the tether ball area needs attention.

-At Sensenbrenner, weeding is needed, the picnic table seems to be sinking, logs have collected against the dam

- Eric reported that the Shanty Boy sign needs work, the white crosses are degrading, and, as has been mentioned before, the log pavilion horizontal logs pointing northerly and southerly, need copper caps

- Barb reported as follows:

- At the Highway P landing, dead trees are a safety hazard, the asphalt apron is buckling

- The cemetery is in good shape

- Wilderness Park has down trees, the handicapped picnic table needs replacement (perhaps Max can scrounge wood for this), the boat landing sign needs replacement (perhaps Jeanie Klingmeyer has included this sign in the EDC signage project)

Item 6c-Town Cleanup Projects-Cleanup Day is next week; Probably the cleanup projects will focus on trail brushing and the Heritage building. Discussion followed about what projects to concentrate on, and on what equipment participants will need. Cleanup day is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, with Friday, May 27 as rain day.

Item 6d-Next Meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 10:00 A.M., at the Pipke Park Pavilion.

Item 7-Adjournment-Adjourned 11:50 A.M., May 18, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Drum

Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee

Transcribed Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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 10:02 A.M., June 15, 2022, at the Pipke Park pavilion. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer and Eric Benn. Max Wallace was also present at the meeting.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of May 18, 2022-Eric moved to approve the May 18, 2022 minutes, seconded by Rich. Motion carried.

Item 3-Public Comment—Max reported that later this week, the new pier for the CTH P boat landing will be delivered. The old pier will then be removed, and perhaps can be renovated for use somewhere else. Max reported also that he will have a foot operation shortly, and may be out of circulation for one week.

Item 4-Correspondence-Eric reported that he has contacted Vilas County Mapping to discuss the mapping for the upper campus trail systems. Discussion followed about mapping details. Eric will follow up with the mapping department.

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a. Tree cutting on Pipke Park Dam-The town crew has been tasked with this project. Barb will ask Cathy to check with other board members on this.

Item 5b-Path to Pipke Park from Main Street-Barb pointed out that Economic Development Committee (EDC) members want the path to be aesthetically pleasing, and do not want to designate a path across the asphalt restaurant parking lot. Discussion followed, particularly about using the grass area immediately south of the parking lot asphalt edge. In addition, the owner of the restaurant may not want to grant an easement because of liability issues. Input from EDC is needed on this. Eric suggested that Parks and Rec might help to facilitate a solution, but that the decision is really up to the EDC and Town Board. We'll need to consult with EDC.

Item 5c-Community Center Playground-Barb suggested that we may want to remove the short dead-end granite path and replace with grass. Also, the Town plans to remove the tether ball apparatus. Eric suggested that the lower sand box could be moved adjacent to the play backhoe device. Eric moved to adopt all of the three actions listed just above, seconded by Rich. Motion carried.

Item 5d-Possible maintenance projects-Barb distributed a list that had included maintenance items listed in the May 18, 2022 minutes. Some of the items were completed on the recent clean-up day. Town Chair MacLean has suggested an additional clean-up day. Members then checked off items on the above list that have been completed, and highlighted other items that should be recommended to the Town Board.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a-New Road in Pipke Park Around Pavilion-Members observed stakes marking the approximate centerline of a route for an alternate roadway that would re-route traffic entering the pavilion area, only during events where audience members will want to set up chairs in the existing roadway immediately adjacent to the pavilion structure. The proposed "event route" bypass follows the crest of the sharp drop-off behind the original parking area and continues behind the Quonset Hut, re-emerging on the existing roadway near the beginning of the pathway around the north pond. Rich

moved to have the Parks and Rec Committee officially support this new by-pass roadway as members had just observed, seconded by Al. Motion carried.

Item 6b-Green netting in Sensenbrenner Park-Max will take care of removal.

Item 6c-Door on Womens' Vault Toilet-This has been taken care of.

Item 6d-Next Meeting-July 20, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Item 7-Adjournment-Adjourned 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Drum

Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee

Transcribed June 22, 2022

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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 10:00 A.M., July 20, 2022, at Wilderness Park. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Eric Benn and Brian Luetzow. Board Liaison Cathy Weber was present. Members of the public attending were Pat Barofsky, Town Chair John MacLean, Cathy Curtis, Sarah Sisbach and Jorja Burke.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2022-Because of the outdoor venue, the June 15, 2022 minutes were not considered for approval, and will need to be considered at the August 17, 2022 meeting.

Item 3-Public Comment—Comments from the public were entertained during subsequent Agenda items, as noted below.

Item 4-Correspondence-None

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a.-Update on Community Center Campus Trails—Eric showed members the most recent draft prepared by the Vilas County Mapping Department. Members agreed informally that the map looked good. These maps will appear at the various Presque Isle Upper Campus trail system intersection points to guide visitors walking the trails. Eric will see about having 11 inch by 14 inch samples printed on paper for members to look over for final approval.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a-Tree cutting/trimming at Wilderness Park--Reference was made to the Town cleanup day of July 11, 2022, and how that day's schedule was developed. The group decided to look over the work done in Wilderness Park, beginning at the viewing corridor to the west of the bench. Sarah Sisbach highlighted advantages of this clear view corridor, pointing out that County Conservation Specialist Quita Sheehan has indicated that much can be done easily to help control any erosion of the corridor ground surface. Questions about small trees cut in this region led to the answer that they were dead and dying. The pruning of branches on several trees was discussed, as were several other small stumps at the crest of the slope to the lake.

Barb asked for further comments. Cathy Curtis asked if cleanup schedules were discussed with the Parks and Rec Committee. Ms. Curtis was concerned that Wilderness park did not seem attractive. Sarah suggested that playground equipment perhaps would improve both Wilderness and Pipke Parks, and that the wading area in Pipke Park might benefit from enlarging it.

Jorja suggested that it would be good to have semi-formal plans when considering pruning type work.

Barb gave a wrap-up summary, pointing out that Deputy Zoning Administrator Jim Janet had no objections to the actual work completed in Wilderness Park. However, the Town did not consult with County Zoning, presenting no plan prior to the pruning and clearing activity. Town and County need to consult and work together.

Cathy Curtis felt that the vault toilets in the park need improvement, leading Barb to suggest that perhaps we need to consider a semi-formal planning program to improve or develop Wilderness Park in general.

Item 6b-Playground equipment at Wilderness Park-Rich Schmalzer suggested installing playground equipment in the Park. Discussion then followed to consider re-activating the hand pump in the Park, not so much for access to potable water, but as a playground “toy” for kids. Al Drum will contact the Vilas County Health Department for access to historic water sample test results from this pump. Returning to the play equipment subject, attendees discussed what strategy to employ to develop a potential playground program. Brian followed by suggesting that a fishing pier at the base of the in-ground stairs would be good for kids. Perhaps the old pier removed from the County Highway P boat ramp could be placed here.

During one side discussion, the need for a safety handrail on the in-ground stairs was pointed out.

Sarah Sisbach will solicit suggestion from Presque Isle Lake Association members for park improvements.

Barb concluded by agreeing that we need to develop a “vision” for Wilderness Park.

Item 6c-Next Meeting—August 17, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Item 7-Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Drum
Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Transcribed on August 1, 2022

**Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022, 10:00 A.M.**

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 10:01 A.M., August 17, 2022, in the Community Center Large Room. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Eric Benn and Brian Luetzow. Board Liaison Cathy Weber was present.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2022 and July 20, 2022-(Because of the outdoor venue, the June 15, 2022 minutes were not considered for approval, and need to be considered at the August 17, 2022 meeting.) Brian moved to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Eric; motion carried.

Item 3-Public Comment—None

Item 4-Correspondence-None

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a.-Update on Community Center Campus Trails—Eric passed around sample signs having the proposed final dimensions, and commented on several changes that he recommends. Members felt that this proposed sign design does not need Board approval. Eric suggested that he arrange for the proposed map changes with the drafter at the Vilas County Mapping Department, followed by transmitting the map files to the sign maker for final production. Brian moved that Eric follow up on this suggestion, seconded by Al. Motion carried.

Item 5b.-Pipke Park Proposed Bypass Road for Crowded events---Barb mentioned a proposed change in position to be considered for this bypass road making it shorter and more convenient.

Item 5c.-Report on Tour of Wilderness Park with Quita Sheehan, Vilas county Conservation Specialist---Al summarized Quita's visit. Cathy summarized Town Board action on three wells, two of which are in Wilderness Park, with the third in the cemetery. The Board is setting up work with well experts to determine the disposition of the wells. Cathy summarized plantings placed in wilderness Park during the last couple of weeks. It may be good to add monies to next year's budget for further plantings in Town facilities.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a.-Railing along Steps to Lake at Wilderness Park—This railing will be placed in next year's budget.

Item 6b.-Pier from Highway P Landing for Possible Use in Wilderness Park---Members discussed the size and weight of this pier and acknowledged the difficulty of placing and removing the pier each year. Different methods of handling were discussed, with no conclusions at this time.

Item 6c.-Possible Playground Equipment in Wilderness Park--Moving a sandbox from the upper campus to Wilderness was discussed. Members discussed alternative materials to be placed on the playground ground surface as cushioning materials, including wood chips, sawdust, tire material. Wilderness park should be attractive to users. Suggestions included a fishing pier, sandbox, spring horse, swings, playhouse, fort. Barb asked if members feel we should keep a sandbox in the upper

campus, and members responded yes. Rich then moved that we explore specifically to include the following entertainment elements in Wilderness park for kids: Sandbox, swings, a fishing pier located at the base of the in-ground stairs, a play fort. We should pursue research on these items and try to secure some established plans for them. Al seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Item 6d.-Disposition of Quonset Hut in Pipke Park---First thought was, if we want to be rid of the Quonset, maybe the State will help. Cathy suggested that perhaps Rettler, the Landscape Architecture firm that designed Pipke Park, could help with this decision, along with the proposed bypass road. Finally, the consensus of the members was to keep the Quonset Hut for now.

Item 6e.-Election of Committee Chair and Secretary---Both the Chair and Secretary expressed willingness to continue those roles if no one else expressed interest in assuming these positions. For the near future, incumbents in both positions will remain.

Item 6f.-Next Meeting will be **Monday, September 19, 2022, 10:00 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Drum
Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Transcribed September 16, 2022

**Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2022, 10:00 A.M.**

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 10:08 A.M., September 19, 2022, in the Community Center Log Pavilion. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Eric Benn and Brian Luetzow. Board Liaison Cathy Weber and Town Chair John MacLean were present.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of August 17, 2022. Eric moved to approve the August 17, 2022 minutes, seconded by Brian; motion carried.

Item 3-Public Comment—None

Item 4-Correspondence-Brian reported that, in a phone call, Vilas County Deputy Zoning Administrator Jim Janet stated that all public park improvements must be situated 75 feet or greater from any water-body ordinary high water mark.

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a.-Update on Community Center Campus Trails Signs—Eric reported that proofs for the trail signs have been completed and digital files have been sent to the sign producer. The Town (Parks and Rec) will supply the posts. The sign producer will drill the mounting holes.

Item 5b.-Pipke Park Proposed Bypass Road for Crowded events---Cathy reported that the Town board convened a meeting focused only upon this proposed road. Carl felt that the road must be at least 25 feet wide, and would require cutting and filling of the ground surface for leveling purposes. Curves must be slow curves, not sharp curves, requiring lots of space. Discussion followed how to manage traffic during events to make best use of any bypass. Cathy added that there need to be turn-arounds so there is no need to back up when leaving the event. Trees will need to be cut and removed. Discussion followed about the positioning of the proposed band shell, including possibly attaching the shell directly to the Pipke pavilion. This entire subject, including parking, turn-arounds and the band shell needs much more deliberation. Traffic control volunteers may be needed at events.

Item 5c.-Wilderness Park-Railing along steps and Playground Equipment---Discussion took place regarding the shoreline 75-foot setback required for playground equipment. Wilderness Park needs to be more attractive, so people are drawn to it. Discussion followed about new ground cushioning materials available.

Item 5d-Status of Band shell---See Item 5b above.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a-2023 Budget---The 2023 budget and money outlays to date were reviewed. Then, following much discussion and impromptu suggestions, the following 2023 budget plan emerged:

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation 2023 Budget Categories and Amounts

Category I-Items Listed for year 2022 and still to be Completed in 2022

I(a)-Maintenance items

1. Trail Signs	\$1000
2. Six copper log end caps-Log Pavilion	<u>\$500</u>
	\$1500

I(b)-Capital items

1. Airless sprayer	\$1500
2. Walk-behind leaf blower	<u>\$1500</u>
	\$3000

Category II-Items listed for year 2023 maintenance

1. Wilderness Trail boardwalk Stain or Paint	\$750
2. Stain Pipke Pavilion	\$500
3. Playground surface cushioning material	\$2500
4. Plantings, Park, in consultation with Beautification Committee	<u>\$1500</u>
	\$5250

Category III-Items listed for year 2023 capital

1. Railings and short fences-Wilderness Park	\$2000
2. New Mower	\$10000
3. Concession Stand toilet painting and door replacements	\$2500
4. Playground Equipment-Location to be determined	\$2500
5. New pier for Wilderness Park-Aluminum-40 feet	<u>\$10000</u>
	\$27000

Category IV-Items listed for year 2023 using funding designated forward from year 2022

1. Sensenbrenner benches-new- (2)	\$1200
2. Pipke Park band shell	\$7000
3. Electrical upgrade – Pipke Park – (band shell)	<u>\$3000</u>
	\$11200

***Note that the Town Board will decide upon the dates for 2023 budget sessions at the October 6, 2022 Town Board meeting.**

Also, note that setting budget amounts for organizing and signing Town canoe routes, perhaps still for the 2023 budget, and trees in honor of Jack Cecil, may be on future P & R meeting agendas.

Item 6b-Next meeting will be October 19, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Item 7-Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Drum

**Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
Convened at Town Large Meeting Room**

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 10:00 A.M., November 16, 2022. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer Brian Luetzow and Eric Benn. Board Liaison Cathy Weber, Town Chair John MacLean and Max Wallace were also present.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of October 12, 2022--- Secretary Al Drum cited several changes made to the minutes between meetings, pointed out by Cathy Weber. Eric moved to approve the amended 10/12/2022 minutes, seconded by Brian. Motion passed.

Item 3-Public Comment—No public comment

Item 4-Correspondence---Several items of business were raised during “correspondence” by several attendees, as follows:

Eric Benn summarized discussions at the November 3 Regular Town Board Meeting that focused on the restoration of the Pipke Park north and south ponds, including input from MSquared, the engineering consultant. Eric pointed out that MSquared was following guidelines issued to them by the Town to try to shrink the size of the ponds in an attempt to eliminate the need for the expensive dam failure analysis required when a dam structure improvement impounds fifty acre-feet of water or greater. Maintaining a size less than fifty acre-feet in each pond would force very shallow pond depth, likely insufficient to maintain a healthy fish population. Supervisor Wolter expressed a desire to restore the ponds to their original size and depth. As a result, MSquared will now pursue designs, with attendant cost analyses to restore the ponds to original conditions. Citizens appear to favor restoring the dam to original size.

Rich Schmalzer suggested that making two south ponds, each as its own entity, might make it easier to stay below the 50 acre-feet requirement and maintain greater depth in each of the two ponds. Discussion followed, including the original reason for structure failure.

Max Wallace reported that the price from the lowest dealer for the new mower was \$9000. The dealer suggested that the Town sell the old mower to get a higher price than a trade-in would allow. Brian moved to recommend to the Town Board that the Town purchase the mower for \$9000, seconded by Al. Motion carried.

Max then asked whether or not the Committee wanted him to stain the boardwalks in Pipke Park. Discussion followed with no conclusion.

Max then explained that the raising of some boardwalk sections was caused by upward heaving of logs placed under the boardwalk planks (placed there to hide the logs to keep the surroundings neater looking). This was considered a relief, offering a solution to the heaved boardwalk section problem.

Eric suggested that a good location for a new cell tower would be on town land across County B (Main Street) from the bank on the ball field edge.

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a---Community Center Campus Trails Signage-Nine steel posts for signs have been installed. For the remaining three sign locations, 4" x 4" wood posts will be used. Brian will supply the posts and a post hole digger. Cathy will contact Max for digging.

Item 5b---Frost Issue on Columns in the Log Pavilion-Much discussion followed. It appears the heaving of two pedestals is caused by water entering the soil by the pedestals. Attention will be paid to controlling pooling at the pedestal bases—perhaps rain gutters.

Item 5c---2023 Budget Update-Discussion of the budget followed with no action or recommendations.

Item 5d---Pipke Park Band Shell Update-John MacLean suggested that the band shell could be a type of gazebo at the end of a new second pier in the south pond, which could be a handicapped fishing pier as well as a band shell for Tunes Across the Water. Grants from the DNR might be secured for this type of project, helping the financing of the band shell.

Item 5e---Playground Surfacing Options-No new developments.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a-Vilas County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2023-2027-We need to respond to the Northeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, which has missed its deadline. Presque Isle needs to get our initiatives into the Vilas County plan. What should we put in? Study Barb Peck's email regarding the Plan. We need to tell the Planning Commission by our December meeting.

Suggestions: Band Shell South Pond
Rebuild Pipke Park pond system
Fix concrete planks on boat landing in Pipke Park
Fishing Pier in Wilderness Park

Item 6b-Next Meeting---December 14, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Item 7-Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Drum
Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Transcribed December 6, 2022

Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
Convened at Town Large Meeting Room

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 10:00 A.M., December 14, 2022. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer Brian Luetzow and Eric Benn. Board Liaison Cathy Weber and Max Wallace were also present.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of November 16, 2022--- Brian moved to approve the 11/16/2022 minutes, seconded by Rich. Motion passed.

Item 3-Public Comment—Cathy discussed the memory tree for Ken Reid’s mother.

Item 4-Correspondence---Eric reported that the meeting sponsored by Xcel Energy to discuss new transmission and distribution lines in the Presque Isle, Winchester and Manitowish Waters region for this evening has been canceled because of weather.

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a---Presque Isle Section of Vilas County Outdoor Recreation Plan (VCORP). Max reported that he soon will place the new mower on order that was approved by the Town Board. The price was the lowest of all other offers in the region. There followed very detailed discussion to resolve what items we want to appear in the new 2023-2027 VCORP. Eric Benn recorded notes for our response to the questionnaire guiding our requirements for the 2023-2027 Plan. This response will be forwarded to Vilas County as soon as the Presque Isle Outdoor Recreation Plan is ready as well for submittal to Vilas County in January of 2023.

Item 5b---Presque Isle 5 year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The P & R Committee will review this plan at its January, 2023 meeting. This Plan requires a public hearing. The Committee decided to ask Lorine to schedule the hearing to take place at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 18, 2023. The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee will then follow immediately upon completion of the hearing, at approximately 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a---Wisconsin Wildlife Representative Ideas for Improving Pipke Park South Pond. Discussion began considering placement of fish sticks in the south pond. The presenters themselves (at the Wildlife meeting) offered to help Presque Isle to facilitate some of the initiatives presented at the meeting. Barb will talk to group leaders about scheduling a joint meeting. Improvement ideas for Pipke ponds probably should be considered at a new joint meeting of Town committees, civic groups and other organizations. Some comments followed regarding the recent conceptual sketches and data presented by the engineering consultant MSquared. This pack of information suggests an arrangement of pond control devices that would restore the ponds to their previous surface area and depth, and at a cost that appears much more favorable than expected.

Extemporaneous Item 6b---Regarding the new Ad Hoc Committee helping the Town Board to facilitate the pond repair project, members reported a successful meeting with DNR Municipal Dam Grant Manager Wendy Soleska, helping members to understand the elements and timing of a grant application. Members then met a week later, ran through all items on the grant application that need

answers, and divided up the effort among members to find these answers.

Item 6c---Next Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023, immediately following a public hearing to be scheduled for 9:00 A.M. to consider Five Year Plan items

Item 7—Adjournment---Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Drum
Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee
Transcribed December 18, 2022