

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 Earlier this winter, Eric produced a historical document describing the Pipke Park water-way history, which he sent to the DNR, the Town Board and others.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