

**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  
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