

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

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