

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