

Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(UnApproved)

A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.

- I. Call to order-The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, President, @ 4:30p.m. Committee members present: Brenda Dyre, Mark Billhymer, Chris Wolter & Jeanne Klingenmeyer. Gary Owens and Kim Prott, Chamber Liaison were absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Board, Liaison
- III. Agenda: Motion made by Brenda and seconded by Jeanne to approve the agenda. All ayes.
- IV. Approval of February 8, 2023 minutes made by Mark and seconded by Jeanne. All ayes.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie remarked that in the Chamber Forum held on February 7, 2023 for 2023 Town Board candidates, the EDC was mentioned a few times as being a worthy committee for the town. Carl and John were recognized for their unwavering support of town events.
- VI. Finance Report: Brenda reported that our 2023 budget is \$1500.00 and we continue to have Pipke Park Pond Fish restocking monies available when the Pond gets refilled. Brenda will check with Lorine Walters, Town Clerk, whether the \$500.00 from 2022 budget was donated to the Lighting Project as requested.
- VII. New Business:
 - A . Election of officers: Chris made a motion to elect Jeanne Klinenmeyer as EDC Secretary. Seconded by Bonnie. All Ayes. Chris volunteered to be the EDC President. Bonnie nominated Chris. Mark Seconded. All ayes. Brenda volunteered to remain as Treasurer. Brenda nominated by Chris and seconded by Jeanne. All ayes.
 - B. Discussion of Historical Kiosks and buildings around Presque Isle. Brenda expressed an interest in continuing to f/u on this project for the town now that the Main Street work is mostly completed. She will talk to Peggy Johnson-Wiessner

about this important project.

C. Affordable-attainable Housing: Mark gave a comprehensive update on the research he's been doing with the Vilas County Department of Administration. Cathy Schmidt of Vilas County referred him to appropriate people involved with Wisconsin's Attainable housing. Resources include HUD funds, Block grants, Development of Low to Moderate Income Department, WHEDA Loans, Rural Affordable Housing Initiative, Municipal Bonds, and(US Rural Developments). The group thanked Mark for his in-depth research and detailed reporting. We will continue to research the available funding for this very worthy project.

D. Discussion of process to receive funding from Room Tax Committee. This issue was brought forth by Barb Peck president of the Room Tax committee. Jeanne had brought the bids for Town Signage to the Town Board at a meeting prior to ordering the new road way-finding signs. Apparently, the Town board didn't request funding from the Room Tax committee after Jeanne's request. Barb wanted to remind us there is a process for requesting monies from the Room Tax committee and that committee has to "approve" the funding of requesting project prior to releasing the funds.

VIII. Old Business

A. Broadband Updates-Gary has resigned from the Broadband committee. Chris reported that the memorandum of understanding between Charter-Spectrum Presque Isle is being worked on and the project completion date is still November 2024. Chris reminded us that the Town Website has a link to the Broad- band website and people should go online to sign up for e-mails regarding broadband project progress. Dave Bogan continues to keep this website updated. The Broadband committee continues to meet monthly on Zoom on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m. and anyone is invited to attend.

B. Signage Update-Jeanne reported that per Troy Schaleske, Vilas County Road Commissioner, there are no ordinances regarding size of signage & placement, for the new Entrance signs to Presque Isle-Phase 2 of Signage project. She and John are working with various vendors who are making the signs and don't have an idea of the cost till the vendors get back with them. She will report to the Town Board upon receiving those estimates.

C. Main Street Overview and Lighting-.The town board is handling the Main Street lighting project. Carl Wolter reported that the Walking Path on Main street (begins on private land) and will be completed sometime summer of 2023.

IX. Public Comment-Winterfest at Lynx Lake Lodge-Brenda reported that Winterfest on Lynx Lake was a success and plans for changes for 2024 were discussed.

- X. Adjournment- Next meeting is on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. was made by Mark and seconded by Brenda. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Wolter, Secretary