

**Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15, 2023**  
**Convened at Town Large Meeting Room**

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 10:02 A.M., February 15, 2023. Also present were committee members Al Drum, Rich Schmalzer, Brian Luetzow and Eric Benn.

Item 2-Approval of the minutes of January 24, 2023 and also the Public Information Session of January 24, 2023--- Eric moved to approve the two sets of minutes dated 1/24/2023, seconded by Rich. Motion passed.

Item 3-Public Comment---None

Item 4-Correspondence---None

Item 5-Old Business

Item 5a---Pipke Park Dam Project Update---Eric summarized dialog and sketches between MSquared (engineering consultants) and the DNR (principally Forrest Van Asten, Water Systems Engineer). Eric's discussion included descriptions of the new water flow and control components proposed by MSquared. Of importance is the feature to be included that allows controlled emptying of the south pond whenever needed for maintenance or other objective. Al followed, listing several questions the PPR Committee is following up on that need answers for the dam grant application. Al will forward five questions to the grant coordinator, Wendy Soleska, and to Forrest Van Asten.

Item 5b---Band Shell Update---Brian reported that the Lions have agreed to purchase a pontoon boat that can be tied up to a pier in the south pond, with the pier to serve as a fishing platform with handicapped friendly features, and with the pontoon craft serving as a water-borne bandshell for musical concerts. The pontoon craft will be refurbished, including a roof. Eric moved to forward an endorsement of this pontoon boat bandshell concept to the Town Board, seconded by Rich. Rich then amended the first motion to include the installation of an accompanying new pier, and Al seconded the amended motion. The amendment was first voted on, followed by a vote on the original motion. Both motions carried.

Item 5c---Approval-Presque Isle 5 Year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Al moved to approve the completed plan, and to forward the plan, with the Committee's approval, to the Town Board, seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Item 6-New Business

Item 6a---No March, 2023 meeting, due to Committee members traveling. An April, 2023 meeting will be scheduled with date to be determined.

Prior to adjournment, Rich mentioned Town Cleanup Day. Discussion followed on a different note concerning difficulty in getting the word out to Community members about upcoming events. Presque Isle civic organizations can be a big help in publicizing future happenings in town.

Item 7. Adjourned at 10:48 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Drum, Secretary, Presque Isle Parks and Recreation Committee  
Transcribed February 20, 2023

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