

Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February, 23, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(Approved)

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, Chairperson @ 4:35 p.m.
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Brenda Dyre, Jeanne Klingenmeyer, Mark Billhymmer, Beth Marohn, & Chris Wolter, for quorum.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Eric Benn, & Rebecca Nelson from the Northwoods Review, were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Beth, seconded by Brenda. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed., Feb. 23, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Beth.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie reported that the PI Chamber is working on setting up a Forum to include the candidates running for the upcoming April 6, 2021 election. The date may be February 23, 2021, but to be determined.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported that currently, per the town's 2021 Budget, EDC has a total of \$3998.49 in the budget. With \$2498.49 being carried over (donations) from 2020 and \$1500.00 line item in the 20201 Budget.
- VII. (donations) from 2020 and \$1500.00 line item in the 20201 Budget.
- VIII. New Business:
 - A. Town Lamp Post-Lighting Updates: Bonnie reported that she had spoken with Dennis Reuss, Boulder Junction, and a representative from Mercer regarding the process they undertook for their lighting. Mercer was different, as they were totally funded by the state of WI. Boulder Junction reported that they installed their lighting (lamp posts) coinciding with the installation of the new town road by Vilas County. EDC will talk to Marshall Reckard, town chairman, regarding communicating with Vilas County about Presque Isle wanting to install lamp posts when the new road goes in (and what the process would be to accomplish that). Bonnie will continue working on the communication. Chris will request for EDC (Bonnie) to be on the March 4, 2021, PI Town Board meeting agenda.
 - B. Potential Joint meeting with Parks an Rec. committee to discuss projects (overlapping and in conjunction). We continue to work on dates for this meeting and will try to set up something before our next EDC meeting.
 - C. Siding Grant: Bonnie reported on grant monies available to improve appearances of home owners or small businesses. This may be something Presque Isle may check into for our Main Street project.
- IX. Old Business:
 - A. Access trails to Pipke Park from Main Street: Carl Wolter reported that he spoke with Phil Harris from the Outpost and there may be a possibility of a foot trail from

the Main Street down to the Pipke Park on the “South” side of his business. Bonnie will check on lot lines as to where this path could possibly be installed.

- B. Update on Main Street Overview. No new updates.
 - C. Broad Band Update: Paul Spect continues to schedule Zoom meeting to discuss the possibility of updating Presque Isles Broad Band, esp. to the underserved “living units”. The rural development opportunity funds have been bid on by Communication companies and Centurylink is interested in assisting with the project. Starlink which is an updated satellite company is another viable option people are inquiring about. Starlink would not require all of the cabling, fiber, etc, to get to homes.
 - D. Set meeting time for Town Signage Committee. Bonnie will contact Sarah Johnson to update the Signage committee on the Signage project.
 - E. Presque Isle Paddle Trails-Eric Benn, John Maclean, and Rich Schmalzer will lead the endeavor to mark PI water trails this spring when weather permits.
 - F. Bike Trail(s) Update: 1. Northern Highlands bike trail project is waiting for the Land Use agreement; 2. Presque Isle Pedalers will present at the next PI Town Board meeting on Thurs., March 4, 2021 regarding updates on the Crab Lake Bike Trail project.
- X. Public Comment-None
- XI. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next EDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bonnie and seconded by Chris. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary