

Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 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 @ 4:33 p.m.
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Jeanne Klingenmeyer, Mark Billhymer, Beth Marohn, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Brenda Dyre was absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Eric Benn, Cathy Logan-Weber, Jorja Burke, John Maclean, & Rebecca Nelson from the Northwoods Review, were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Chris, seconded by Jeanne. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed., Feb. 23, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Bonnie. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie commented that the Joint Town committee meeting went well. Reminded us of the PI Chamber forum being held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. The two town chairman candidates, Marshall Reckard, incumbent and John Maclean will answer previously submitted questions.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda was absent and Chris reported that the EDC balance remains at \$3998.49.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Town Lamp Post-Lighting Updates: John Maclean spoke about using Solar Lamp posts, instead of hard wiring lights on Main Street. The pros and cons of using Solar vs. hard-wired lighting on Main Street has to be discussed by the committee.
 - B. Final Lighting Walk- The Walk will be held in conjunction with the Lions, Chamber, and interested parties to discuss location of various recommended town amenities on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. Interested parties should meet at the Community Center.
 - C. Results of Joint meeting with Park and Rec, PI Chamber, PI Lions, PI Pedalers, Zoning, Ordinance, EDC, etc. meeting. Meeting went well and the various town groups/committees were updated on various and upcoming activities, as well as some groups have decided to work jointly on some projects. There's a very busy calendar of events scheduled for the town during the Spring-Fall of 2021.
 - D. Candidate Form-See V. "Chair Remarks".
 - E. Main Street Goals-Jeanne would like to see the EDC move ahead with various additional goals. Jeanne knows that the Main Street Project has taken the most time in the past several years, and she looks forward to working concurrently on other projects as the Main Street project continues to be the EDC "main" focus for now. Chris reported that she will bring information to the 4/23/21 meeting

from 2-3 years ago, regarding the National “Main Street & Connect Communities” programs that may be available to our town. Several years ago, we didn’t qualify for these grant monies.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Access trails to Pipke Park from Main Street: Eric Benn felt perhaps the town needs to have a survey to find out where a foot path can be placed (to Pipke Park) from the Main Street? It will be discussed on the 3/30/21 walk through town. Currently, it looks like South of the Outpost may work the best (a survey would be needed).
- B. Update on Main Street Overview. No official timeline for blacktopping the road, but, Marshall has reported that he’s requested to being blacktopping be moved to August, 2021, to keep summer traffic running smoother.
- C. Broad Band Update: Paul Spect, Zoning Committee, has kept abreast of Broad band issues and attended a Zoom meeting on 3/18/21 with the VCEDC and Charter Communications (in light of CC getting federal grant monites) to expand BB to this area. The BB work group will be meeting soon to discuss the CC meeting results.
- D. Set meeting time for Town Signage Committee. Bonnie has received information from Sarah Johnson regarding the new town signage. Bonnie, Jeanne, and Mark will meet on Friday, March 26 @ 11:00 a.m. @ Headwaters Real Estate office to review this information and make a plan for signage.
- 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. The PI Chamber has a Paddle Trail map and this will be updated as able. EDC will get an update this summer. (for now take off of EDC Agenda-per Eric B.).
- F. Bike Trail(s) Update:
 1. Chris will get in touch with DNR personnel, Joe F., to find out status of the LUA for the South Crab Lake Bike Trail. Chris will review minutes from last year regarding how the EDC decided to commemorate Steve Smith @ the trailhead of S. Crab Lake Road Bike Trail. She will report on 4/27/21 meeting.
 2. Al Drum, Presque Isle Pedalers spokesperson, presented the latest information on the Hwy K to Crab Lake Trail to the Town Board on 3/4/21. The Board approved 2-1 to proceed with the paved bike trail.

IX. Public Comment- None

- X. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next EDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Beth and seconded by Mark. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Wolter, Secretary