

Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 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, Jeanne Klingemeyer, Mark Billhymer, Brenda Dyre, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Beth Marohn was absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Jorja Burke, and Cathy Logan-Weber, Town Supervisor were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Brenda seconded by Mark. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed., March, 23, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Mark. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: Will be addressed in Agenda.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported, now new expenses the EDC balance remains at \$3998.49.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. WI Main Street Programs-PI township is not eligible for this program as the requirement is that the working group, must have a minimal budget of \$40,000.00 annually (in communities under 5,000) to carry out activities.
 - B. WI Connect Communities program-We would qualify for this membership, which focuses primarily on town revitalization as there is no working budget requirement. Membership includes educational meetings, annual reporting and possible funding for qualified projects. Chris has been in touch with Errin Welty, Downtown Development Program Manager/WI-EDC. More clarification is needed and forms need to be filled out to qualify for this program. This will be on Agenda for June 2, 2021 meeting.
- VIII. Old Business:
 - A. Possible access trails to Pipke Park from Main Street-Options and surveys were discussed, but, no action taken at this time.
 - B. Update on Main Street Overview. Black topping will take place toward latter part of August 2021. No other updates at this time.
 - C. Update on S. Crab Lake Bike Trail. Chris was in contact with Joe Fieweger from Vilas Co DNR in Boulder Junction. Joe is aware we wish to move ahead on the

- Bike trail on NHAL land. Joe will contact the appropriate person to get the LUA moving forward.
- D. Broad Band Update: The RDOF grants have been awarded recently and Charter and LTD have been awarded the federal monies to provide Broad band expansion in the Presque Isle area. The PI BB committee is meeting soon with the Vilas County EDC on Zoom to get acquainted with representatives from these two entities and what their expectations and timelines, etc. will be for this important project. A new survey will also be sent to the PI homes soon. EDC members will assist with stuffing envelopes and mailings.
 - E. Town Signage Committee Updates-Jeanne reported and shared an indepth outline of the "Overall Plan for Phase 1" for the town signage. Jeanne recommends this large project be handled in stages for ease & orderliness. Discussion ensued and Jeanne will set up a date, so interested committee members can do a tour of current PI signage and discern future needs.
 - F. Bike Trail Update-Highway K to Crab Lake Road-) Update: The project was approved by the PI Town Board to move forward with this self-funded project. The Town will be the financial back-up in case funding is deficient. The Wilderness Pedalers are spearheading this project.
 - G. Restocking Pipke Park-Chris spoke with Eric Wegleitner, a Fisheries Biologist in Woodruff (DNR). Eric was part of the initial project which Steven Smith spear headed. The "Rural Community Fishing Pond" designation is underway and has several more steps before the WI Governor eventually signs it. Eric expects it to be completed by Spring 2022. Eric reported the Fisheries Dept. will do a fish count in Spring 2022 and will determine at that time if re-stocking Pipke Pond is appropriate.
 - IX. Public Comment-Chris reminded everyone that the PI Lions club will plant trees in memory of Steven Smith and Kathy Vought on Thursday, May 6th At 3:00 p.m. in the proximity of the Community Center. Chris also reported that John Maclean, Town Chairman is looking for an EDC member to attend a meeting with Xcel Energy and Coleman Engineering on Friday, May 7th at 9:00 to discuss underground electric lines on the Main Street. Bonnie & Chris will attend.
 - X. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The EDC meetings will be moved to Wednesdays for business owner's requests. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Brenda and seconded by Mark. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Wolter, Secretary