

L. Crouch

**Meeting of the  
Presque Isle Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Held September 28, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Committee Chair, N. Crouch.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** In attendance were; N. Crouch, J. Matuszak, J. Wiczorkowski, B. Moran, N. Kinney, and R. Kauffman.

**Audience Present:** 2 guests.

**Comments from the Audience:** No comments.

**Agenda Approval:** N. Kinney motioned to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by J. Wiczorkowski. All Ayes; motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes (November 25, 2019):** J. Wiczorkowski moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by B. Moran. All ayes; motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Groups are still visiting Presque Isle Lighthouses and getting their booklets stamped at the Township Offices. Visitors continue to enjoy our Lighthouse Parks.

- **Board Liaison/Events (J. Wiczorkowski):** A written report was provided and a brief synopsis was given. J. Wiczorkowski highlighted "Giving Tuesday" and how the Museum Society is collaborating with Presque Isle Township to raise revenue for the Lighthouse Restoration Fund. Discussion was made by members regarding the Cherry Capital towers and delays, cameras that are to be hung due to residents and visitors not using recycling area properly, and Little Libraries are well received. N. Crouch had a good idea to add another "Little Library" at the PITWP Fire Station for Long Lake usage. *(Please see report attached)*.
- **Maintenance (M. Bedard):** A written report was provided and a brief synopsis was given. *(Please see report attached)*. M. Bedard discussed he is waiting for approval from Alpena Power to hang the camera to capture view of cars in and out, new sign indicates \$500 sign for littering which is a misdemeanor. Matt is working on the Lighthouse trails adding soil and mulch to protect the roots of the trees and for safety. M. Bedard and his crew spent the majority of time during the summer to repair the Old Lighthouse's structure inside and part of the roof on the New Light as well as the back porch of the 1905 House. With the Lighthouse Parks closed for the summer season, it was a perfect time to make necessary repairs to both lighthouses.
- **Committee Chair (N. Crouch):** Nothing to report at this time. N. Kinney commented the trail that begins near the pavilion is "growing in" and getting very narrow. J. Wiczorkowski mentioned Alpena's football team has a challenge from J. Benson. If they win the next game, dinner on him. If they lose their next game, community service work. They may volunteer to clear trails.
- **Summer Programs (B. Moran):** Nothing to report at this time. On hold until 2021 to contact bands for summer concerts, if 2021 guidelines approve.
- **Advertising/Trails (N. Kinney):** Report not provided. J. Matuszak asked N. Kinney to contact the DNR for maps that show Thompson Harbor and Rockport parks. We need this for tourist handouts. J. Wiczorkowski to see about getting Long Lake/Grand Lake Maps. The last time they were purchased the price was \$1.00 each. Everyone agreed packets would be beneficial to handout to all tourists to better advertise our beautiful area.

- **Signs/Fireworks (R. Kauffman):** Nothing to report at this time other than that the “S’s” are gone from the Historic Landmark signs at the end of Hwy 638. He will work on getting them repaired. R. Kauffman said he would like to have fireworks in 2021. Alpena had them this summer without incident.
- **PITWP Historian (J. Matuszak):** A written report and brief synopsis was given. *(Please see report attached)*. J. Matuszak displayed copies of the NOAA Maritime Heritage signs. The signs are in Lansing awaiting approval then back to NOAA for final approval, then to printer.

In the new Lighthouse Park, the original range light is still there when the 1998 purchase was finalized. We need to verify who owns this range light. The Coast Guard or PITWP? J. Wiczorkowski will contact Betty Tadajewski and Karen Pettalia to see if they recall if the range light was given or purchased by the Township. Check the 1998 minutes, if necessary.

Russ Kauffman said the Kauffman House fundraiser has raised approximately \$70,000. Grand Lake Association was selling original beams from the historic house. Additionally, Mary Tagliareni inquired about selling the original shake shingles from the New Lighthouse in 2021 for the Lighthouse Restoration Fund.

Mary Tagliareni reported the Adopt a Beach activity was a great success. 128 pounds of trash was collected.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- N. Crouch indicated the committee should cancel festivals for the rest of the year. J. Wiczorkowski also recommended cancellation of Fall Festival and Christmas at the Lighthouse activities for 2020. The rest of committee members agreed.

#### **New Business**

- One vacancy to fill. Meet in January, 2021 to appoint someone to fill the new vacancy through 2022. It was noted the terms of J. Wiczorkowski, J. Matuszak and N. Kinney expire 12/31/2020.
- Perfect time to make changes and other ideas for outside activities i.e. virtual walks, drive in car, luminary cancer walks, etc. Must wait to see what happens with COVID.
- It was decided to decorate the New Lighthouse Park and the Township Offices for fall.
- J. Wiczorkowski discussed increasing visibility by completing activities outside of the realm, i.e., beautify the landscape of Township Offices, etc. New movement in community that groups are forming to take things in their own hands and get jobs done.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Meeting Reminder:** The next Parks and Rec. Committee will be held on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant

**Meeting of the  
Presque Isle Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
October 26, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Committee Chair, N. Crouch.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** In attendance were; N. Crouch, R. Kauffman, N. Kinney, J. Matuszak, B. Moran, J. Wiczorkowski

**Audience Present:** 2 guests.

**Agenda Approval:** N. Kinney motioned to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by J. Wiczorkowski. All Ayes; motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes (September 28, 2020):** J. Wiczorkowski moved to approve the minutes with wording change under J. Matuszak's narrative. Seconded by B. Moran. All ayes; motion passed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Comments:** None

<b>Member Reports</b>	<b>Leader/Liaison</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Board Liaison/Events</b>	<b>J. Wiczorkowski:</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No report. Brief synopsis given:</li><li>• J. Wiczorkowski reminded members to turn in their pay slips to her.</li></ul> <p>The Board of Trustees thanked the members on decorating the Township offices and New Lighthouse with fall décor. The decorations will be taken down after Halloween and M. Bedard will dispose of them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working on maps and speeches to be included in the Concert Series before the concert or at intermission. While have a captive audience, Rockport, Besser Bell and Thompson Harbor speakers could present their areas to the public.</li><li>• Brain storm after reports.</li><li>• Getting cost for topography maps of Grand Lake and Long Lake from Mark Connloy to reproduce the maps. Combining the order quantity with Kyle Taylor of Lake Shore Realty to lower cost.</li></ul>		
<b>Facilities/Maintenance</b>	<b>M. Bedard</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No report. Brief synopsis given:</li><li>• Recycling camera installed and recording pictures.</li><li>• Water is off at New and Old Lighthouses and other winter closure procedures completed.</li><li>• Lighthouse trail improvement might be delayed until spring. Placed new soil on tree roots to protect trees to prevent erosion. Weather is not cooperating.</li><li>• Reviewed 1905 House Museum Agreement draft. Made inclusions and exclusions. Once reviewed by the Township attorney, then ready to present to the Museum Committee.</li><li>• Next Spring put together a group of volunteers that will do cleaning, removing nails, splinters and saving old cedar shake shingles from Old Lighthouse to sell as a fundraiser for the Lighthouse Restoration Fund.</li><li>• Good project for volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the shingles.</li></ul>		

**Committee Chair (N. Crouch):** Nothing to report at this time.

**Summer Programs (B. Moran):** Nothing to report at this time.

**Advertising/Trails (N. Kinney):** Report not provided. N. Kinney provided brochures of Township park attractions i.e. Hoeft State Park, Rockport, Thompson Harbor. Kyla Schatz helped with "Heritage Route 23"/ "More to See on 23" which will have a new brochure in 2021. Mary Tagliareni commented the Township events can go on the calendar in the Heritage 23 Website.

**Signs/Fireworks (R. Kauffman):** Nothing to report.

**PITWP Historian (J. Matuszak):** Brief synopsis given:

Attended the PITWP Museum meeting. The Museum Society set up work schedule for 20/21 season.

- The Museum Society is spearheading the Giving Tuesday campaign.
- Discussed budget –Can we get cost estimates to repair Old Lighthouse tower window, painting tower deck and ventilation? M. Bedard discussed costing is difficult using in-house cost & labor vs contract costs.
- Planning next summer events for the Museum Society. List of activities not set in stone and put in budget. Good start!
- WBKB trying to meet at Old Lighthouse for ghost stories for their "Field Trip Fridays" TV segment.
- Working on brochures for Old and New Lighthouses, maps, diagrams and easel-size (one for each room) explanations of furniture and other household items in the 1840 and 1870 exhibits.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### **Brainstorming**

- **N. Crouch:** Earth Day Cleanup after Memorial Day from in front of Twp Hall to Bell Bay. R. Kauffman suggested contacting MDOT for vests, bags and indicated MDOT will pick up the bags. Road Rally \$25. per car and incorporate local businesses, historic landmarks, etc. sometime in July, 2021. Give directions, clues, pictures, playing cards and party afterwards. Best poker hand gets the prize.
- **J. Wieczkowski:** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Tour. Brochures that highlight six historical markers. Lighthouse visitors to submit photos – post in kiosk. Modify traditional events.
- **N. Kinney:** Trivia on lawn, knitting on lawn, films on lawn, family yoga on lawn and more – all at the New Lighthouse.

##### **Giving Tuesday:**

J. Wieczkowski reported the first organizational meeting had five participants. The Museum is doing all of the work, as they have the manpower. J. Wieczkowski will share information thru email. Giving Tuesday information will be put on Facebook, Parks & Rec page, Museum website to get social media coverage. Looking for volunteers to set up yard signs, etc.

##### **New Business:**

- Christmas decorations at Garrity Hall, lighthouses. Perhaps a 6' wreath on the New Lighthouse and also one on Garrity. A suggestion for a decorated Christmas tree in the Fog Signal but determined wind would be detrimental. An idea to ask residents for an old sleigh or wagon for decorating for Christmas at the New Lighthouse. Will need volunteers to do decorations on everything.
- Communicate with each other regarding gift shop or anything else over the next four months. N. Kinney suggested outside gift shops for both New and Old Gift shops, if COVID remains in 2021. Possibility??

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**Meeting Reminder:** The next Parks and Rec. Committee will be Monday, March 29, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant