

**Meeting of the
Presque Isle Township Parks and Recreation Committee
May 24, 2021**

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: Mary Tagliareni, Nancy Guregian

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

Approval of Minutes (April 26, 2021): J. Wiczorkowski motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. J. Matuszak seconded. All ayes; motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Audience Comments: None

Member Reports

Time: 5 Minutes

Board Liaison/Events: (J. Wiczorkowski)

- Fireworks fund balance is too low to have fireworks without a fundraiser. The Board of Trustees agreed to the letter fundraiser to those who contributed previously and the social media campaign with Facebook and agreed to subsidize the fundraiser contributions enabling the Township to have fireworks this summer. The fireworks will be the evening of July 3, 2021. Alan is on track with training and will need gloves and shields for the shooters.
- J. Wiczorkowski told the committee a new narrative for the Parks and Recreation page of the website needs to be written. The committee needs to figure what to write and how the committee sees itself. The narrative should include what events, ideas for new activities, etc to attract tourists and visitors to learn what Parks & Rec. does. This may also attract residents to volunteer for Parks & Rec activities.
- Resident, Jerome Koscielniak, built another “Little Library”, which is now in the Township hall lobby waiting to be installed somewhere in the new lighthouse park. The “Little Libraries” are spaced out throughout the township and are well utilized. Donate a book and take a book is the theme for the libraries.

Facilities/Maintenance: (M. Bedard)

- M. Bedard gave a brief synopsis and indicated the dedicated electrical outlets at the New Lighthouse are complete. NOAA has a separate power supply for their weather station and the Township has their own power supply.
- The Old Lighthouse is closed until repairs are complete approximately mid-June, 2021.
- Water is on at the parks but he has to shock the system before it is potable. Wait 24 hours before watering flowers as you don't want a bleach flush on the flowers. He will call J. Matuszak when he is done so the gardens can be watered.
- Getting ready for opening of New Lighthouse, fixing plumbing issues in restrooms, etc. Next week he will start his summer projects at the Old Lighthouse, picnic tables, etc. and the cemetery fence is a priority. The hiking trails have been trimmed and groomed and are ready for the summer.

- M. Bedard will notify J. Matuszak when they can walk around to prepare a site plan for the interactive signs at the New Lighthouse.
- Cares Act dollars may benefit the lighthouse parks. He will know at next meeting. (See attached report.)

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

Summer Programs (B. Moran)

- B. Moran reported Steve Rea has confirmed for the July 14, 2021 concert and Jerry Keen (Birch Road Band) wants the last concert of the season. She said she might look for a younger band too.

Advertising/Trails (N. Kinney)

- N. Kinney said the lighthouse power is now tracking wind velocity and forecasting & current weather should be able to transmit with the power on. She is receiving glowing responses regarding the trails near the lighthouses.
- The parade is scheduled for July 3, 2021. V. Fields is contact person for that event. Will set up a walking story book.

Signs/Fireworks (R. Kauffman)

- Noted there is a new Fireworks Ordinance. Alan is on schedule. The fireworks crew needs shields and gloves to shoot off the fireworks safely.
- The Grand Lake Association (GLA) is sponsoring “Garage Sale Days” at a cost of \$10 for each participating garage sale. If they become a member of GLA, you can get on the map of all the garage sales.

PITWP Historian (J. Matuszak): Report not submitted. Brief synopsis given:

- The Gift shop will open Memorial Day week-end with hours 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday through Monday. The Gift Shop will be open every day of the week effective Father’s Day Week-end 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The gardens have been cleaned up. There is money in the budget for planting flowers. We are always looking for volunteers to plant and maintain the gardens surrounding the lighthouses.
- A hall tree has been donated for the 1870 house and D. Matuszak will be installing it before the opening this week.
- Working on exhibits and history additions.

Museum Society Liaison (M. Tagliareni)

- Museum Society has a membership appeal letter currently at the printer. It will be mailed shortly.
- They are planning a youth art contest and will publicize with Facebook and flyers. The artwork will be submitted electronically.
- Grant money was received from the Lighthouse Society for the 1905 House, which will be open July 1, 2021. The 1905 House will be open five days a week (Thursday through Monday) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except July 3, 2021 when they will open at 1:30 p.m.

Volunteer Nancy Guregian commented:

- A parade is also scheduled for July 3, 2021.
- There will be a children’s story book walk through the trail by the Fog Horn Pavilion.

Unfinished Business:

Adopt a Road

- J. Wiczorkowski contacted the Presque Isle Road Commission and sent the application in to adopt E. Grand Lake Road from the Township Hall to the DNR boat launch. They are sending a welcome packet with information and details. N. Kinney asked, "Do Adopt a Road volunteers clean up recycling area too?"
- A brief discussion was held about the recycling area and it has become an eyesore again. The camera is up, it is working and taking good pictures. S. Lang has issued a few violations from folks leaving boxes on the ground.

New Business: N/A

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting Reminder: The next Parks and Rec. Committee will be Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant