

**Meeting of the
Presque Isle Township Parks and Recreation Committee
August 30, 2021**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Committee Chair, N. Crouch.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Audience Present: Mary Tagliareni, Jennifer Bidwell and Tom Guyer

Agenda Approval: J. Wiczorkowski motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of “Dog Park”
under New Business. B. Moran seconded the motion. All Ayes; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes (June 28, 2021) R. Kauffman motioned to accept the minutes as presented. J.
Matuszak seconded. All ayes; motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Audience Comments: None

Member Reports

Time: 5 Minutes

Board Liaison/Events: (J. Wiczorkowski) Please see attached report.

- J. Wiczorkowski led the discussion regarding the Labor Day Picnic at the lighthouse. After discussing another community event (the Grand Lake Association’s Pancake Breakfast was happening the same day) and with COVID numbers increasing, it was decided to cancel the Labor Day Picnic for the 2021 season.
- Decorating for Fall at the lighthouses will happen and at this time, moving forward with the Autumn Lights festival and Chili Cook-off at the New Lighthouse. This festival will be on October 16, 2021. Time to be determined.
- The New Lighthouse and the 1905 Museum will be decorated for Christmas. Activities to be determined.
- J. Wiczorkowski informed the committee that the Adopt-A-Road information has been received. “The Cleanup” will be on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Please meet at the Township Hall. An alternate date (if inclement weather) would be Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- An anonymous donation for the cemetery garden has been received and C. Paavola contacted Nettas Nursery to clean up and create a new garden.
- The next meeting on September 27, 2021, the Shop & Climb brochures and invoices will be available for review to see if any changes need to be made.
- New Christmas outside display to add what was done for Christmas 2020 (with lights on the lighthouse tower) was discussed. If COVID numbers increase, an outdoor walk-through area with Christmas lights is a possibility.
- Another Christmas décor idea at the New Lighthouse (if the COVID numbers increase) would be to decorate the windows in Garrity Hall. They would be attractive, lighted display windows of winter scenes, pictures and, perhaps, a picture opportunity in front of one of the decorated windows. This idea was received well.

Facilities/Maintenance: (M. Bedard) No Report

Committee Chair (N. Crouch) Nothing to report at this time; however, asked why we don't extend concerts out approximately eight weeks during the summer. See B. Moran's response below.

Summer Programs (B. Moran) B. Moran responded to the above question that this would be quite a commitment for her to dedicate eight Wednesdays during the summer events to be present at all the concerts. The committee agreed four concerts is good, as we may lose attendance and interest from the public with four additional concerts. It was also decided, if inclement weather, the concert will be cancelled at the lighthouse and will NOT be moved to the Township Hall. The total cost for the concerts for 2021 was \$1,200.

Advertising/Trails (N. Kinney) (No Report) N. Kinney was not present at the meeting.

Fireworks (R. Kauffman) J. Wiczorkowski commented it is crucial to have fundraising to have the fireworks for the 4th of July celebration in 2022. In January and February of 2022, a flyer will be created for donations and other ideas of fundraising. The "5K Light up the Sky Walk/Run" over the Memorial Day Weekend will be publicized, as this is another good fundraiser. More fundraising ideas are welcome!

Museum Society Liaison (M. Tagliareni)

- Adopt a Beach Day Cleanup scheduled for September 18, 2021 tentatively at 9:00 a.m. at Garrity Hall. The majority of clean up last year was residual fireworks from the show. J. Wiczorkowski, in a previous meeting, said the crew can put the trash in the township dumpster behind the Township Offices.
- M. Tagliareni has started the Giving Tuesday application for 2022.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Dog Park. It was discussed Alpena has a dog park along the river and it is very popular with residents. R. Kauffman indicated the property across the street from the Presque Isle Township Hall would be a good spot to have a dog park. It could be a one-acre lot. He will find out more specifics as to cost, etc. for the next meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting Reminder: The next Parks and Rec. Committee will be Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant