

**Meeting of the  
Presque Isle Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
October 25, 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, N. Kinney, J. Matuszak, B. Moran and J. Wieczorkowski

**Audience Present:** Mary Tagliareni, Matt Bedard

**Agenda Approval:** J. Wieczorkowski motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Fundraiser for 2022 under New Business. J. Matuszak seconded the motion. All Ayes; motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes** (September 27, 2021) J. Matuszak motioned to accept the minutes as presented. B. Moran seconded. All ayes; motion passed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Comments:** None

**Member Reports**

**Time: 5 Minutes**

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

- J. Wieczorkowski provided financials and said the Autumn Lights festival was very successful and lots of fun.

**Facilities/Maintenance:** (M. Bedard)

- M. Bedard gave a brief synopsis indicating the tire was removed at the Old Lighthouse.
- The water will be turned off in all buildings on the grounds of New and Old Lighthouse Parks.
- A discussion with Ken Czapski from Sanders & Czapski Associates determined cracks at the 1870 Lighthouse are possibly due to faulty installation of ties between inner and outer walls. Is caulking a possibility for a solution? J. Wieczorkowski asked if Mr. Czapski was spoken to about the possibility of an insurance claim. Matt replied probably not, due to cracks happen for no proximate cause.
- M. Bedard completed the repair of the 1905 Museum back door, worked on cemetery maintenance, and power washed and painted the floor of the Foghorn Pavilion.
- N. Crouch inquired about the lending library. M. Bedard replied the post is installed and he is waiting for further direction.

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

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

**Advertising/Trails** (N. Kinney) Nothing to report at this time.

**Fireworks** (R. Kauffman) Nothing to report at this time.

**PITWP Historian:** (Jeni Matuszak) Report submitted. J. Matuszak discussed gardens for each of the lighthouses and cemetery. (Please see attached report.)

**Museum Society Liaison** (M. Tagliareni) M. Tagliareni gave a brief synopsis of her activities.

- Discussed holiday decorations
- PITMS sponsored evening of caroling will be December 17, 2021.
- Giving Tuesday – working on copy of letter for businesses
- Discussed school packets for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Requested to open New Lighthouse for school groups in April or May, 2022. Need to look at calendar for the matter of transportation.
- Discussed gardens for each of the lighthouses and cemetery.

**Unfinished Business:**

- R. Kauffman gave a brief synopsis on plans for a dog park across the street from the Township Hall. Questions of water source, parking, etc. were discussed. He couldn't find any record of Alpena sponsors for their dog park. The cost estimate for the dog park is \$6,000 - \$7,000.

**New Business:**

- **Fireworks:** Dick Spencer would like to fundraise for the fireworks in 2022. Will return to this discussion at a later date.
- **Fundraisers for 2022:** During the PITMS Meeting, the possibility of offering hot dogs or popcorn during the summer concerts as a possible fundraiser was discussed. B. Moran indicated this was done in the past. Offering food was a lot of work and not profitable. J. Wiczorkowski mentioned that perhaps a food truck, that is approved by the District Health Department, would be beneficial.
- **Christmas Event:** This year a Winter Festival with lighting and décor for “store windows” at Garrity Hall will be in lieu of the Christmas at the Lighthouse event at Garrity. An idea to include a bonfire in February, 2022 with hot cocoa and sleigh rides was discussed. A meeting was set for November 9, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m. for Parks & Rec members to meet at Garrity Hall regarding the window and lighting decorations.  
J. Matuszak motioned to spend \$495. for winter Christmas windows. Seconded by N. Kinney.  
J. Wiczorkowski discussed the dollar amount in the previous motion be amended to up to \$750, as the funds are available and this will be long lasting.  
J. Wiczorkowski motioned to amend the previous motion to approve spending up to \$750. for winter Christmas windows. J. Matuszak seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all ayes; motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**Meeting Reminder:** The next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting will be Monday, November 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant