

PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation
April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order

6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was recited.

Roll Call: B. Moran, N. Crouch, J. Wiczorkowski, N. Kinney and R. Kauffman
Absent: J. Lefevre

Audience: M. Tagliareni and J. Bidwell

Comments from the Audience: N/A

Approval of Agenda: J. Wiczorkowski moved to approve the agenda as issued. N. Kinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: (March 27, 2023) J. Wiczorkowski moved to approve the minutes as written. B. Moran seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All ayes; motion carried.

Correspondence: J. Wiczorkowski received correspondence regarding "Light up the Sky". This event has been publicized and is progressing well.

Member Reports

Leader/Liaison

Time

TWP Board/Events

Jennifer Wiczorkowski

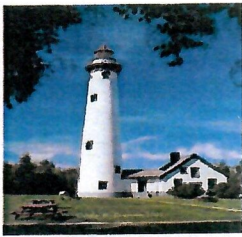
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J. Wiczorkowski reported the Board of Trustees meeting of April 10, 2023 had over 50 people in attendance both for the removal of Jocko and in favor of keeping him at the Old Lighthouse. Everyone at the meeting had an opportunity to voice their opinion. After much discussion, the Board voted to remove the lawn jockey from the old lighthouse porch. An inquiry was made if the Township can sell, donate or loan Jocko. The Township cannot sell or donate the lawn jockey and, at this time, isn't interested in loaning him to another organization.

J. Wiczorkowski also reported the Museum Society is working on a three-minute radio broadcast to include historical information for the Old Lighthouse and New Lighthouse parks and will be heard all the way down to the Fog Horn signal. This is a great idea and will be a beneficial addition for our guests. They need to secure a disk jockey to record the message.

There was talk that when the Range Light Park was constructed there was to be accessible technology from the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary that would allow people to listen from their phone describing the shipwrecks in that area.

J. Wiczorkowski talked to Carrie Morrison regarding Light up the Sky run and walk. She is very organized and three of the Parks & Recreation members will be available to pass out water, register walkers and runners, hand out shirts, etc.



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Available ARPA funds are approximately \$107,000 needs to be used so it isn't lost.

Committee Chair

Norma Crouch

5 min.

N. Crouch reported she was planning on discussing the radio broadcast but that was already discussed. She is pleased with the educational programs for the 3rd grade students presented by the Museum Society. M. Tagliareni from the Museum Society asked when the water will be turned on for cleaning at the lighthouse parks. J. Wiczorkowski will follow up and let her know when the water will be available.

N. Crouch discussed the scheduled road clean-up on Saturday, 4/29/23. There is a 50% chance of rain. The committee will wait until Thursday to make a call. If it is not raining in the morning, they will meet at 9:30 on Saturday, 4/29/23. J. Wiczorkowski will do a group text if the clean up is cancelled.

Summer Programs

Bonnie Moran

5 min.

B. Moran indicated she has five bands booked for the summer concerts at the New lighthouse. The bands are: July 5, 2023 – Steve Rea & Friends, July 12, Saddle Tramps, July 19, Birch Road Band, July 26, June Street Riot and August 2, Waylon Hanel. Mike Darga's food truck will be available on the grounds. The revised donation letter will be completed soon for sponsorships to offset the cost for the bands. A Porta John will be delivered for the July and August guests. B. Moran said she is wondering if the quilter group would consider making a lighthouse quilt to raffle off as a fundraiser.

Advertising/Trails

Nancy Kinney

5 min.

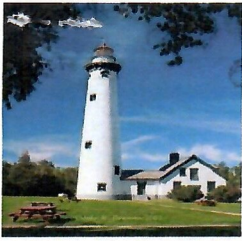
N. Kinney showed an advertisement that shows all the activities in NE Michigan, but nothing about Presque Isle Township. She will look into who distributes this publication. She also read information from an UNESCO publication indicating Presque Isle Twp is in the middle of Obtawaing Biosphere Region. This is a significant cultural, historic area close to the Township.

Directional Signs

Russ Kauffman

5 min.

As promised, R. Kauffman met with S. Lang, Supervisor, to discuss the directional signs and gave the sketch of the proposed signs to S. Lang. S. Lang was to take the sketch to the Board of Trustees for discussion. The sign is large and has removable plates for the businesses and attractions in the Township. Omega Sign is to construct the sign. M. Kendzierski contributed time and labor for delivery of a big rock near the sign and did a lot of work to make the area look welcoming. S. Lang s going to contact the businesses to determine which ones want to get on the sign. J. Wiczorkowski indicated S. Lang is working on this and is excited about it.



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Social Media

Jan Lefevre

5 min.

J. Lefevre not present.

N. Crouch asked why the Parks & Recreation Road Clean-up isn't on the Parks and Recreation Facebook site. M. Tagliareni discussed algo rhythms, and that if users share and comment on sites they use, this will gain more exposure on Facebook.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bylaws: The committee will review the old bylaws and make revisions for new Bylaws. This will be discussed at the May 30, 2023 meeting.

J. Wieczorkowski mentioned the committee will be getting a new tent. It will be bigger than the old one. The committee was pleased to hear that, as the old tent was damaged.

Adjournment: With nothing more to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Meeting Reminder: The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be Tuesday, May 30, 2023.