



**Presque Isle Township  
Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

<b>Call to Order</b>	6:00pm
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Pledge was recited.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Present: Norma Crouch, Jan Lefevre, Jennifer Wieczorkowski, Russ Kauffman, Bonnie Moran. Absent: Nancy Kinney.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	A motion was made by J. Lefevre, supported by R. Kauffman, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
<b>Approval of Minutes (Nov. 27, 2023)</b>	A motion was made by J. Wieczorkowski, supported by J. Lefevre, to approve the minutes of the November 27 <sup>th</sup> meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Proposed Calendar of Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Clean Up</li> <li>• Light Up The Sky 5K</li> <li>• Summer Concerts</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic</li> <li>• Autumn Lights</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. <b>ARPA Funds Recommendations</b></li> <li>c. <b>Signage for Overflow Parking</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Proposed Calendar of Events:</u> The Committee approved the Calendar of Events with two (2) revisions. The Parks and Recreation Committee will reserve space at the Wooden Boat Show on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. An exhibition table will be set up to provide pamphlets about planting and tree care and to sign up P&amp;R volunteers. The new Forester may also be present to answer questions. Additionally, there is a collaborative event with the sunrise lighthouses scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Road Clean Up:</u> The spring road clean-up is being held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon.</li> <li>• <u>Light Up the Sky 5K:</u> The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <u>Summer concerts:</u> The committee thanked the Grand Lake Sportsmen’s Club for their donation to the summer concert series. The concerts are scheduled for every Wednesday in July from 6-9pm. In case of rain, the cancelled concert will be rescheduled for the next day from 6-9pm. In case of rain on both Wednesday and Thursday, the cancelled concert will be rescheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.</li> <li>• <u>4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic:</u> The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm.</li> </ul>

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- Autumn Lights Festival: The festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm.

ARPA Funds Recommendations: The Parks and Recreation Committee has been asked to provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees on how best to allocate \$108,000 in ARPA funding which needs to be committed by the end of 2024. The committee considered the results of the 2022 resident survey in their discussion. The projects that were deliberated:

- Walking trail: The committee will recommend allocating \$70,000 for a walking trail across from the Township Hall.
- New Lighthouse parking lot: The committee will recommend allocating \$30,000 for a new parking lot at the New Lighthouse.
- Shooting range: The committee will recommend a potential collaboration with the Grand Lake Sportsmen's Club.
- Playground at Range Light: The committee will recommend a Range Light playground with any remaining funds.
- Pickleball court: The committee concluded that an outdoor pickleball court would be of limited use due to the local climate. The point was made that there is already a pickleball court in the Township Hall gym. Efforts will be made to promote that court on social media.
- Township Hall ventilation: The Township Hall currently has a ventilation system in place that isn't being utilized.

Signage for Overflow Parking: Committee members discussed the possibility of signage that would direct Old Lighthouse visitors to park in the DNR parking lot when the lighthouse is closed. The committee is now looking into moving the gate back to create after-hours parking on Township property instead.

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<p><b>Old Business</b> a. <b>Christmas Trees</b></p>	<p>J. Wiczorkowski discussed the success of last year’s Christmas tree sponsorships and lighting ceremony and thanked everyone for their work. The event and sponsorships are being planned again for 2024.</p>
<p><b>Member Reports</b> a. TWP Board/Events – J. Wiczorkowski b. Facilities Manager – M. Bedard c. Committee Chair – N. Crouch d. Summer Programs – B. Moran e. Advertising/Trails – N. Kinney f. Directional Signs – R. Kauffman g. Social Media – J. Lefevre</p>	<p>a. Report attached. b. Report attached. M. Bedard also discussed finishing the 1905 house windows, trail maintenance, repairs on the Garrity Hall roof, repairs on the Range Light, planting and protecting sugar maple trees in the cemetery, and replacing the red tent used for concerts. c. No report. d. B. Moran discussed the bands that have been booked for the July concert series. The committee discussed the creation of a one-page contract for bands to sign that would include acknowledgement that the venue is “family friendly”. e. No report. f. R. Kauffman updated the committee on the directional signage. Fifteen businesses have agreed to pay for a sign; they are now awaiting a new cost estimate. g. J. Lefevre gave an update on Facebook followers and posts.</p>
<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	<p>The committee received one (1) item of correspondence from Carrie Morrison of Run Presque Isle. The committee has agreed to co-sponsor the Light up the Sky 5K Run/Walk. All net proceeds will benefit the annual fireworks display at Presque Isle State Harbor.</p>
<p><b>Audience Comments – 3-minute limit per</b></p>	<p>No comments.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>8:03pm</p>

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