



**Presque Isle Township
Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order	6:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance	Pledge was recited.
Roll Call	Present: Chair Norma Crouch, Secretary Nancy Kinney, Board Liaison Jennifer Wieczorkowski, and members Bonnie Moran, Russ Kauffman, and Jan Lefevre. Absent: None.
Approval of Agenda	A motion was made by Moran, supported by Lefevre, to approve the agenda with the addition of “Fall Road Cleanup” to Old Business. All ayes. Motion carried.
Approval of Minutes (July 29, 2024)	A motion was made by Crouch, supported by Wieczorkowski, to approve the July 29 th minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Labor Day Picnic b. Christmas Tree Sponsor Update c. Fall Road Cleanup. 	<p><u>Labor Day Picnic:</u> The committee discussed plans for the upcoming Labor Day picnic which will take place on Saturday, August 31st from 11am-1pm. A motion was made by Wieczorkowski, supported by Kauffman, to approve a budget of no more than \$250 for food. Roll call vote. Yes: 6. No: 0. Motion carried.</p> <p><u>Christmas Tree Sponsor Update:</u> Crouch reported that she and Wieczorkowski sent letters to last year’s Christmas tree sponsors and gave them until October 15th to respond. After that, all available trees will be offered to the public. Lefevre offered to advertise the trees online if any are still up for grabs in October. The committee then discussed last year’s Christmas tree lighting ceremony and improvements that could be made for this year’s event including having a microphone. The Christmas tree lighting will be held on December 7th.</p> <p><u>Fall Road Cleanup.</u> The committee discussed possible dates for the cleanup and agreed on Saturday October 5th from</p>

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	<p>10am-noon with a rain date of October 6th. Next, they talked about ideas for the upcoming chili cook-off on October 12th and considered ways to improve the anonymity of the competitors.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Member Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wiczorkowski reported on three (3) items from the 8/12 Board of Trustees meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Special Assessment for Road Paving</u>: The board heard objections to the paving of Lake Street and Fireside Hwy. Most arguments were concerned with speeding and cost. 2. <u>Lotus Pond Phragmites Removal</u>: The board agreed to contribute up to \$2,000 toward the \$7,820 project. 3. <u>ARPA Funds Resolution</u>: The board is currently awaiting a more accurate cost estimate for the new parking lot at the New Presque Isle Lighthouse before it earmarks the funds in an official resolution. Wiczorkowski also discussed the board’s interaction with the State Historic Preservation Office and its preference for the lot’s location. b. Report attached. Wiczorkowski also reported that a new grill is being placed at the Foghorn Pavilion. She also stated that new gates are being installed at the Old Lighthouse to allow for off-street parking when the lighthouse is closed. c. No report. d. No report. e. Kinney submitted an idea for the proposed park development across from the township hall. “Nature’s Megaphone” is a wooden acoustical magnification device that visitors can climb into and listen to amplified nature sounds. The committee was receptive to the idea. Kinney agreed to forward an article about the megaphone to the members.

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	<p>f. Kauffman discussed the progress of the new directional signs and submitted a picture of the proposed design. He reported that the estimated time of completion is unknown.</p> <p>g. No report.</p>
Correspondence	<p>Wieczorkowski reported that she received a letter from Carrie Morrison, organizer of the Light Up the Sky 5k event which took place on Memorial Day weekend. Morrison thanked the committee for their support and noted that the event had raised \$3,400 for the Presque Isle Harbor fireworks.</p>
Audience Comments – 3-minute limit per	<p>Mary Tagliareni of the Presque Isle Township Museum Society stated that the group held its annual meeting on August 5th. She provided copies of their annual report and relayed the names of the new PITMS board members.</p>
Adjournment	7:02pm.

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