



**Presque Isle Township  
Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes - Draft  
October 28, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.**

<b>Call to Order</b>	6pm.
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Pledge was recited.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Present: Chair Norma Crouch, Secretary Nancy Kinney, Board Liaison Jennifer Wiczorkowski, and members Russ Kauffman and Bonnie Moran. Absent: Jan Lefevre
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	A motion was made by Kinney, supported by Moran, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion passed.
<b>Approval of Minutes (September 30, 2024)</b>	A motion was made by Wiczorkowski, supported by Kauffman, to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 30, 2024. All ayes. Motion passed.
<b>Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Christmas Tree Sponsorships</b></li> <li>b. <b>Autumn Lights Recap</b></li> <li>c. <b>ARPA Funds</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Christmas Tree Sponsorships:</u> Wiczorkowski reported that there are fifteen (15) sponsorships now available to all residents. She stated that the trees will be delivered on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of November and sponsors will be able to decorate their trees from November 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>. Wiczorkowski then suggested that the next Parks and Recreation meeting be held at the New Lighthouse and the committee members decorate after. The committee then discussed changing the meeting’s start time. The committee finally agreed to meet at 3pm on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the New Lighthouse.</p> <p><u>Autumn Lights Recap:</u> Crouch commented on the difficulties of setting up the event and suggested setting up earlier or getting more volunteers in the future. Moran discussed recruiting younger members of the community to get involved. Wiczorkowski suggested reaching out to other local groups for assistance and agreed to contact Mary Tagliareni, President of the Presque Isle Township Museum Society.</p> <p>Wiczorkowski then reported that the event raised approximately \$500 in donations but incurred nearly \$1,000 in expenses. Moran then asked Wiczorkowski if, at</p>

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	<p>the next meeting, she could provide a figure for how much the lighthouse gift shops receive in sales on the day of the Autumn Lights festival in comparison to other Saturdays in the fall. Wieczorkowski stated that there was a direct correlation with Parks and Recreation events and an increase in revenue at the lighthouses.</p> <p>The committee then discussed recruiting volunteers prior to future events.</p> <p><u>ARPA Funds:</u> Wieczorkowski reported that the board of trustees has approved a resolution to allocate \$80,000 for a parking lot at the New Lighthouse but left a remaining balance of \$28,996 to be decided upon at the next meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The resolution initially split the remainder between the two fire departments, but the board will now consider using the money for a hiking trail instead. The new trail would be located on East Grand Lake Road across from the township hall.</p> <p>The committee also discussed several residents' complaints about off-leash dogs and discussed using the money for a new dog park.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	
<p><b>Member Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. TWP Board/Events – J. Wieczorkowski</li> <li>b. Facilities Manager – M. Bedard</li> <li>c. Committee Chair – N. Crouch</li> <li>d. Summer Programs – B. Moran</li> <li>e. Advertising/Trails – N. Kinney</li> <li>f. Directional Signs – R. Kauffman</li> <li>g. Social Media – J. Lefevre</li> </ul>	<p>a: Report attached.</p> <p>b: Report attached. Bedard also discussed additional items not in his report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He recommended that the resolution for the new walking trail allow for paths that are eight-foot wide rather than six-foot.</li> <li>2. He informed the committee that he had several remaining hay bales should anyone have a use for them.</li> </ol>

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3. He discussed the problem with off-leash dogs at the lighthouse parks and suggested putting up signs to inform visitors that dogs must be on a leash. He also recommended that the committee push for a new dog park.
4. He reported that both lighthouses have been winterized.
5. He informed the committee that a new well pump will be installed at the New Lighthouse next spring. He stated this could delay the availability of potable water when the lighthouses open next season.
6. He reported that he is in the process of scraping and repainting the catwalk level of the New Lighthouse and the decking and bell tower base at the Old Lighthouse. He also stated that he will be rebuilding and painting the stockades at the Old Lighthouse.

Bedard then took questions from the committee.

Wieczorkowski inquired about the Range Light tower. Bedard informed the committee that he will be repairing the tower in the spring.

Kinney then asked for an update on repairs to the weather monitor at the New Lighthouse. Bedard stated that he had reached out to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Gaylord but had not received any notice that the monitor had been serviced. He said that he would contact them again.

c: No report.

d: Moran reported that she will be contacting the band *Stranded Hobos* to discuss performing in one of the summer concerts next year.

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	<p>e: Kinney reported that the Presque Isle Women’s Club will be providing hot chocolate, cookies, crafts and a children’s story from 1pm-3pm on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Wiczorkowski asked Kinney to inform the group that there would not be any water available at Garrity Hall that day. Bedard also informed the committee that he has put anti-freeze in the drains at Garrity Hall. Moran suggested putting up signs to warn others not to pour liquids into the sink.</p> <p>f: Kauffman reported that he spoke with the builder of the new directional signs. The contractor has completed two (2) of the four (4) signs and should have the third one completed by the end of the week.</p> <p>g: No report.</p>
<b>Correspondence</b>	Crouch reported that she received complaints over the lack of information about the Autumn Lights Festival.
<b>Audience Comments – 3-minute limit per</b>	No comments.
<b>Adjournment</b>	7:04 pm

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