



PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes - Draft
June 30, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Nancy Kinney, Vice Chair Russ Kauffman, Board Liaison Kate Szydlowski, and Secretary Bonnie Moran.

Absent: None.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Moran, supported by Kauffman, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes (5/27/25)

A motion was made by Kauffman, supported by Moran, to approve the minutes as written. All ayes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

a. July 4th Picnic

The committee next discussed plans and logistics for the upcoming July 4th picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 5th, 2025, from 11am-1pm.

Szydlowski reported that she had ordered picnic items from Gordon Foods totaling \$330.27. She also stated that cookies would cost an additional \$269.94. Szydlowski next informed the board that she had not been able to reach any Pepsico representatives regarding the donation of beverages. She later stated that she would contact Meijer and Coca Cola to see if they might donate drinks. The committee agreed that water and lemonade would be provided at the picnic if no beverages were donated.

A motion was made by Szydlowski, supported by Kauffman, to approve up to \$1,000 for the total cost of the food, supplies and drinks. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

The committee then further discussed plans for the event and agreed to meet at 9:30am on the day of the picnic to set up. Szydlowski also reported that the township would be paying \$250 for a horse drawn carriage rental.

New Business:

None.



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Reports:

- a. **Board Liaison – K. Szydlowski**
 - b. **Facilities Manager – M. Bedard**
 - c. **Committee Chair – N. Kinney**
 - d. **Secretary – B. Moran**
 - e. **Vice Chair – R. Kauffman**
- a. Szydlowski reported that wetlands were discovered at the proposed 1870 parking lot location and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy would now be conducting a site analysis. She also informed the committee that athletes participating in the Edmund Fitzgerald Memorial Swim would be arriving at the Range Light Beach between August 6th-10th.
 - b. A written report by Bedard was submitted.
 - c. No report.
 - d. Moran reported that she had booked the band, *Stranded Hobos*, to perform on July 30th. She also informed the committee that the band's fee would be \$1,000. The committee then discussed getting a banner for the upcoming concerts and considered the possibility of using the one from last year.
 - e. Kauffman reported that two of the four directional signs that had been ordered were now completed (at Grand Lake and Rayburn and Grand Lake at 638). He also stated that a third sign was currently being completed at Grand Lake and Highland Pines. Kauffman also informed the committee that the sign maker had only provided three of the four signs that were ordered by the township but indicated that a fourth would be constructed. Kauffman also stated that he would inquire about correcting the signs as "Presque Isle" appears to be one word.

Audience Comments: (3-minute limit)

The committee heard from one (1) audience member.

Presque Isle Township Museum Society (PITMS) President Mary Tagliareni reported that the Lighthouse Family Day would now be taking place from 1pm-4pm on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025. She also informed the committee that PITMS would be hosting the rededication of the Crapo lifeboat during the evening of August 2nd. Tagliareni also discussed children's games planned for the Lighthouse Family Day and indicated that PITMS would be hosting the Cookie Toss event this year.



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Before adjourning, the committee continued to discuss logistics for the upcoming July 4th picnic and confirmed the 9:30am meeting time for Saturday, July 5th. They also agreed to discuss ideas for the Labor Day picnic at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

7:10pm

Next Meeting: Monday, July 28th, 2025, 6pm.

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