

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(approved)

*A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.*

- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, Chairperson @ 4:31 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Jeanne Klingemeyer, Mark Billhmer, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Beth Marohn and Brenda Dyre were absent with prior notice.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison was present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Chris , seconded by Jeanne. All aye.

Motion to approve December 2, 2020 EDC minutes was made by Jeanne, seconded by Mark. All aye.

- IV. Chair Remarks: None
- V. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda, is absent. The EDC still needs to pay for the Grill we donated to Pipke Park in 2020. Check will be made to Karsyn's Korner (hardware store). We continue to have an undetermined amount of donation monies from 2019 and Brenda will clarify with Lorine, when Lorine is available.
- VI. New Business:
  - A. Grill Donation for Pipke Park and left over 2020 Funds. Bonnie sent Thank You notes to the Lions Club and Max Wallace for assisting in the setup of the new gas grill. Additional 2020 EDC budget funds were used to purchase Holiday lighting for Pipke Park.
  - B. Town Lamp Post Lighting-Discussion ensued about revisiting the addition of Town Lamp Post lighting on the East side of Main Street Prior to Vilas County digging up Main Street in Summer 2021. The EDC will meet at Headwaters Real Estate, prior to our next scheduled meeting date of Wed., Jan. 27, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m., to Walk the Main Street for discussion of future Lighting needs.
  - C. Discussion of potential request for access trail to Pipke Park North of the Outpost Café. The group discussed a letter that was composed two years ago (to the landowners) by Bonnie. Bonnie will rework the verbiage and bring the updated letter to the January 27 EDC Meeting.
  - D. Potential High Level contributors for Broad Band project. Paul Specht asked the EDC to discuss this issue. Currently, the group didn't come up with any contributors, as it was felt that may be discussed when the project dates are closer.
- VII. Old Business:
  - A. Update on Main Street Overview: bike route, parkway, roadway, curb/gutter-it was reported that the Vilas Co. Main Street project has still not been approved.

- B. Broad Band Update: Paul Specht and the BB group have been meeting regularly. There's a lot of information and Bonnie will reach out to Paul to see if he can update EDC at a future meeting.
  - C. Town Signage Updates-Bonnie will reach out to Sarah Johnson to get an update from her on where this project is currently.
  - D. Presque Isle Paddle Trail-Bonnie reported that this project already has "interested volunteers" and feels that once Spring comes, we will see some progress on opening the PI Paddle Trails.
  - E. Bike Trail Update: Bonnie will reach out to Joe F. who took Sarah (DNR) Place for progress on the LUA request.
- VIII. Public Comment-Chris commented that Beth Marohn is unable to make Wednesday meetings. One of the options discussed was to change the meeting day (for February) after we speak to Brenda Dyre. It will be on the Agenda for Jan., 27, 2021.
- IX. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next EDC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bonnie and seconded by Chris. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted  
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 27 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

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(Unapproved)

*A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.*

- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, Chairperson @ 4:37 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Brenda Dyre, Jeanne Klingenmeyer, Mark Billhymmer, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Beth Marohn was absent with prior notice.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Eric Benn, Cathy Logan-Weber were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Chris , seconded by Brenda. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed., January 6, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Mark.
- V. Chair Remarks: None
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda, reported There's a current balance of \$2498.40 on the account (including prior donations). Brenda reported that the Grill and the Christmas lights for Pipke Park will come out of the 2020 Line item in the Town budget. In February 2021 the Designation of Funds will be approved by the board and the EDC will have an additional \$1500.00 in the 2021 budget.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Results of Town Lamp Post lighting walk, preferred locations and next steps.  
The EDC committee, along with Eric Benn, Carl Wolter, Cathy Logan-Weber, and Steve Dimig (Lions Club) walked up Main street from Headwaters Real Estate and discussed possible locations for future Lamp Posts on Main Street. Approximately 8-10 possible areas on the East side of Main Street were discussed. The cost of said lighting was also discussed (approx. \$8-10K with installation) and will need to be brought before the PI Town Board in the future. Who should install the lighting was discussed. Bonnie will talk to Boulder Junction & Mercer to find out who they hired for installation of their lamp posts. Eric B. suggested we could check with Coleman Engineering, also.
  - B. Potential Joint meeting with Parks an Rec. committee to discuss projects (overlapping and in conjunction). Bonnie suggested that P&R committee be invited to our next meeting for said discussion. Motion made by Bonnie and seconded by Chris. All Aye.
  - C. Potential Change to Monthly meeting Day/Date. Discussion ensued to move the meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to better accommodate Beth Marohn's schedule. Motions made by Bonnie and approved by Brenda to move the EDC Monthly meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 4:30 p.m.

- VIII. Old Business:
- A. Possible access walking trail(s) to Pipke Park from Main Street. Two areas were discussed and the landowner(s) will be contacted for possible easement(s). Carl will discuss with Phil Harris, the new proprietor of the Outpost Café.
  - B. Update on Main Street Overview: bike route, parkway, roadway, curb/gutter- There are No updates since 1/6/21 meeting. Main Street project has not been approved by Vilas County.
  - C. Broad Band Update: Paul Specht and the BB group have been meeting regularly. The BB group will present an update to the PI Town Board on 2/4/21. Bonnie will contact Paul Specht to see if he can update the EDC in the near future.
  - D. Town Signage Committee. A new committee has been formed, as Sarah Johnson and Pete Cober have moved out of the area. Bonnie will contact Sarah, as she has the plans and the mock-ups. The new committee volunteers are Bonnie, Jeanne K., and Cathy Logan-Weber will be the Liaison. John Maclean continues to be on the Signage committee.
  - E. Presque Isle Paddle Trails-tabled till Spring 2021.
  - F. Bike Trail Update: Continue to await the LUA from the DNR.
- IX. Public Comment-None
- X. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next EDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bonnie and seconded by Mark. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted  
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February, 23, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(Approved)

*A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.*

- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, Chairperson @ 4:35 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Brenda Dyre, Jeanne Klingenmeyer, Mark Billhymmer, Beth Marohn, & Chris Wolter, for quorum.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Eric Benn, & Rebecca Nelson from the Northwoods Review, were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Beth, seconded by Brenda. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed., Feb. 23, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Beth.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie reported that the PI Chamber is working on setting up a Forum to include the candidates running for the upcoming April 6, 2021 election. The date may be February 23, 2021, but to be determined.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported that currently, per the town's 2021 Budget, EDC has a total of \$3998.49 in the budget. With \$2498.49 being carried over (donations) from 2020 and \$1500.00 line item in the 20201 Budget.
- VII. (donations) from 2020 and \$1500.00 line item in the 20201 Budget.
- VIII. New Business:
  - A. Town Lamp Post-Lighting Updates: Bonnie reported that she had spoken with Dennis Reuss, Boulder Junction, and a representative from Mercer regarding the process they undertook for their lighting. Mercer was different, as they were totally funded by the state of WI. Boulder Junction reported that they installed their lighting (lamp posts) coinciding with the installation of the new town road by Vilas County. EDC will talk to Marshall Reckard, town chairman, regarding communicating with Vilas County about Presque Isle wanting to install lamp posts when the new road goes in (and what the process would be to accomplish that). Bonnie will continue working on the communication. Chris will request for EDC (Bonnie) to be on the March 4, 2021, PI Town Board meeting agenda.
  - B. Potential Joint meeting with Parks an Rec. committee to discuss projects (overlapping and in conjunction). We continue to work on dates for this meeting and will try to set up something before our next EDC meeting.
  - C. Siding Grant: Bonnie reported on grant monies available to improve appearances of home owners or small businesses. This may be something Presque Isle may check into for our Main Street project.
- IX. Old Business:
  - A. Access trails to Pipke Park from Main Street: Carl Wolter reported that he spoke with Phil Harris from the Outpost and there may be a possibility of a foot trail from

the Main Street down to the Pipke Park on the "South" side of his business. Bonnie will check on lot lines as to where this path could possibly be installed.

- B. Update on Main Street Overview. No new updates.
  - C. Broad Band Update: Paul Spect continues to schedule Zoom meeting to discuss the possibility of updating Presque Isles Broad Band, esp. to the underserved "living units". The rural development opportunity funds have been bid on by Communication companies and Centurylink is interested in assisting with the project. Starlink which is an updated satellite company is another viable option people are inquiring about. Starlink would not require all of the cabling, fiber, etc, to get to homes.
  - D. Set meeting time for Town Signage Committee. Bonnie will contact Sarah Johnson to update the Signage committee on the Signage project.
  - E. Presque Isle Paddle Trails-Eric Benn, John Maclean, and Rich Schmalzer will lead the endeavor to mark PI water trails this spring when weather permits.
  - F. Bike Trail(s) Update: 1. Northern Highlands bike trail project is waiting for the Land Use agreement; 2. Presque Isle Pedalers will present at the next PI Town Board meeting on Thurs., March 4, 2021 regarding updates on the Crab Lake Bike Trail project.
- X. Public Comment-None
- XI. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next EDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bonnie and seconded by Chris. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted  
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(approved)

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- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, Chairperson @ 4:33 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Jeanne Klingemeyer, Mark Billhymer, Beth Marohn, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Brenda Dyre was absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Eric Benn, Cathy Logan-Weber, Jorja Burke, John Maclean, & Rebecca Nelson from the Northwoods Review, were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Chris, seconded by Jeanne. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed., Feb. 23, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Bonnie. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie commented that the Joint Town committee meeting went well. Reminded us of the PI Chamber forum being held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. The two town chairman candidates, Marshall Reckard, incumbent and John Maclean will answer previously submitted questions.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda was absent and Chris reported that the EDC balance remains at \$3998.49.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Town Lamp Post-Lighting Updates: John Maclean spoke about using Solar Lamp posts, instead of hard wiring lights on Main Street. The pros and cons of using Solar vs. hard-wired lighting on Main Street has to be discussed by the committee.
  - B. Final Lighting Walk- The Walk will be held in conjunction with the Lions, Chamber, and interested parties to discuss location of various recommended town amenities on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. Interested parties should meet at the Community Center.
  - C. Results of Joint meeting with Park and Rec, PI Chamber, PI Lions, PI Pedalers, Zoning, Ordinance, EDC, etc. meeting. Meeting went well and the various town groups/committees were updated on various and upcoming activities, as well as some groups have decided to work jointly on some projects. There's a very busy calendar of events scheduled for the town during the Spring-Fall of 2021.
  - D. Candidate Form-See V. "Chair Remarks".
  - E. Main Street Goals-Jeanne would like to see the EDC move ahead with various additional goals. Jeanne knows that the Main Street Project has taken the most time in the past several years, and she looks forward to working concurrently on other projects as the Main Street project continues to be the EDC "main" focus for now. Chris reported that she will bring information to the 4/23/21 meeting

from 2-3 years ago, regarding the National “Main Street & Connect Communities” programs that may be available to our town. Several years ago, we didn’t qualify for these grant monies.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Access trails to Pipke Park from Main Street: Eric Benn felt perhaps the town needs to have a survey to find out where a foot path can be placed (to Pipke Park) from the Main Street? It will be discussed on the 3/30/21 walk through town. Currently, it looks like South of the Outpost may work the best (a survey would be needed).
- B. Update on Main Street Overview. No official timeline for blacktopping the road, but, Marshall has reported that he’s requested to being blacktopping be moved to August, 2021, to keep summer traffic running smoother.
- C. Broad Band Update: Paul Spect, Zoning Committee, has kept abreast of Broad band issues and attended a Zoom meeting on 3/18/21 with the VCEDC and Charter Communications (in light of CC getting federal grant monites) to expand BB to this area. The BB work group will be meeting soon to discuss the CC meeting results.
- D. Set meeting time for Town Signage Committee. Bonnie has received information from Sarah Johnson regarding the new town signage. Bonnie, Jeanne, and Mark will meet on Friday, March 26 @ 11:00 a.m. @ Headwaters Real Estate office to review this information and make a plan for signage.
- E. Presque Isle Paddle Trails-Eric Benn, John Maclean, and Rich Schmalzer will lead the endeavor to mark PI water trails this spring when weather permits. The PI Chamber has a Paddle Trail map and this will be updated as able. EDC will get an update this summer. (for now take off of EDC Agenda-per Eric B.).
- F. Bike Trail(s) Update:
  1. Chris will get in touch with DNR personnel, Joe F., to find out status of the LUA for the South Crab Lake Bike Trail. Chris will review minutes from last year regarding how the EDC decided to commemorate Steve Smith @ the trailhead of S. Crab Lake Road Bike Trail. She will report on 4/27/21 meeting.
  2. Al Drum, Presque Isle Pedalers spokesperson, presented the latest information on the Hwy K to Crab Lake Trail to the Town Board on 3/4/21. The Board approved 2-1 to proceed with the paved bike trail.

IX. Public Comment- None

- X. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. The next EDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Beth and seconded by Mark. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(approved)

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- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, Chairperson @ 4:35 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Jeanne Klingemeyer, Mark Billhmyer, Brenda Dyre, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Beth Marohn was absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Jorja Burke, and Cathy Logan-Weber, Town Supervisor were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Brenda seconded by Mark. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed., March, 23, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Mark. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: Will be addressed in Agenda.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported, now new expenses the EDC balance remains at \$3998.49.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. WI Main Street Programs-PI township is not eligible for this program as the requirement is that the working group, must have a minimal budget of \$40,000.00 annually (in communities under 5,000) to carry out activities.
  - B. WI Connect Communities program-We would qualify for this membership, which focuses primarily on town revitalization as there is no working budget requirement. Membership includes educational meetings, annual reporting and possible funding for qualified projects. Chris has been in touch with Errin Welty, Downtown Development Program Manager/WI-EDC. More clarification is needed and forms need to be filled out to qualify for this program. This will be on Agenda for June 2, 2021 meeting.
- VIII. Old Business:
  - A. Possible access trails to Pipke Park from Main Street-Options and surveys were discussed, but, no action taken at this time.
  - B. Update on Main Street Overview. Black topping will take place toward latter part of August 2021. No other updates at this time.
  - C. Update on S. Crab Lake Bike Trail. Chris was in contact with Joe Fieweger from Vilas Co DNR in Boulder Junction. Joe is aware we wish to move ahead on the

- Bike trail on NHAL land. Joe will contact the appropriate person to get the LUA moving forward.
- D. Broad Band Update: The RDOF grants have been awarded recently and Charter and LTD have been awarded the federal monies to provide Broad band expansion in the Presque Isle area. The PI BB committee is meeting soon with the Vilas County EDC on Zoom to get acquainted with representatives from these two entities and what their expectations and timelines, etc. will be for this important project. A new survey will also be sent to the PI homes soon. EDC members will assist with stuffing envelopes and mailings.
  - E. Town Signage Committee Updates-Jeanne reported and shared an indepth outline of the "Overall Plan for Phase 1" for the town signage. Jeanne recommends this large project be handled in stages for ease & orderliness. Discussion ensued and Jeanne will set up a date, so interested committee members can do a tour of current PI signage and discern future needs.
  - F. Bike Trail Update-Highway K to Crab Lake Road-) Update: The project was approved by the PI Town Board to move forward with this self-funded project. The Town will be the financial back-up in case funding is deficient. The Wilderness Pedalers are spearheading this project.
  - G. Restocking Pipke Park-Chris spoke with Eric Wegleitner, a Fisheries Biologist in Woodruff (DNR). Eric was part of the initial project which Steven Smith spear headed. The "Rural Community Fishing Pond" designation is underway and has several more steps before the WI Governor eventually signs it. Eric expects it to be completed by Spring 2022. Eric reported the Fisheries Dept. will do a fish count in Spring 2022 and will determine at that time if re-stocking Pipke Pond is appropriate.
  - IX. Public Comment-Chris reminded everyone that the PI Lions club will plant trees in memory of Steven Smith and Kathy Vought on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> At 3:00 p.m. in the proximity of the Community Center. Chris also reported that John Maclean, Town Chairman is looking for an EDC member to attend a meeting with Xcel Energy and Coleman Engineering on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 to discuss underground electric lines on the Main Street. Bonnie & Chris will attend.
  - X. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The EDC meetings will be moved to Wednesdays for business owner's requests. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Brenda and seconded by Mark. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(approved)

- I. *A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.* Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, Chairperson @ 4:30 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Jeanne Klingenmeyer, Mark Billhymmer, Brenda Dyre, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Beth Marohn was absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, Cathy Logan-Weber, Town Supervisor and Dan Hafenbredl from PI Chamber Events planner were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Brenda seconded by Jeanne. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Tues., May 4, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanne and seconded by Brend. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: deferred, due to Zoom education with Jim Rosenberg, Connect Communities, Rhinelander, WI.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported, now new expenses the EDC balance remains at \$3998.49. Jeanne reported that at the Annual Town meeting, it was reported that \$0 were spent out of the EDC Budget, when in fact, EDC donated a grill and extras to Pipke Park. Christmas Lights for Pipke Park were also donated.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Jim Rosenberg from WI Connect Communities program in Rhinelander represented to the EDC about what qualifications, expectations and benefits are available if PI decides to pursue CC membership. See bullet points on attached sheet.
  - B. "Share the Road Letter of Support" -Discussion was held whether the EDC would write a letter of support for ATV-UTV support requested by the ATV-EDC Club. Motion made by Brenda and seconded by Mark to send a letter of support. All aye. Bonnie volunteered to write the letter of support for Town Board meeting tomorrow evening.
- VIII. Old Business:
  - A. Update on Main Street Overview: Reportedly Vilas County will begin work on The Crab Lake Road intersection through Town on Main Street Toward Mid-July. There will be a need for a bypass for 3-5 days while the culvert near the dam is replaced. The town is currently working on what the bypass option will be.

- B. Broad Band Update and set day for survey mailing. Presque Isle was going to have another Broad Band Questionnaire mailing for land owners, but, currently Vilas County is doing an online survey and the local survey is on hold. The Broad band group has done their best by getting notification of the survey to key committee members and the PI mailing is on hold for now.
  - C. Report/Update on town signage, town board meeting. Jeanne the lead person on the Signage committee will call a meeting of interested parties within the next 2-3 weeks to discuss priority signage needs, etc. She will send an e-mail.
  - D. Updates on joint P&R projects (bike trail)-no updates today.
  - E. S. Crab Lake Bike Trail-Chris has not heard from Joe Fieweger about the LUA needed to proceed with the project, the current trails will be used by bicyclists with minimal improvement, mostly cleanup which will be facilitated by the PI Lions Club. Chris will contact Joe as to the progress of LUA request.
- IX. Public Comment- Chris also reported that John Maclean, Town Chairman, Chris, and Bonnie met with Coleman Engineering and Xcel Energy on May 7, 2021 to discuss the logistics of burying power lines on Main Street. Stacy from Xcel Energy will work up a plan and cost for the Town Board to discuss. Work would begin at the earliest in late Fall of 2021.
- X. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 30, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Brenda and seconded by Jeanne, seconded by Mark. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

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Committee members present: Bonnie Byrnes, Mark Billhymer, Brenda Dyre, & Chris Wolter, for quorum. Beth Marohn and Jeanne Klingemeyer were absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter, Town Supervisor and EDC liaison, John Maclean, town chairman, and Anne Milne were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Brenda seconded by Bonnie. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed, June 30, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Mark and seconded by Brenda. All aye..
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie would like the EDC group to define its important projects with the “actionable” goals and exit strategies outlined, such as with the “Main Street, Signage and “history” projects. The group will discuss this at the July 28, 2021 meeting.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported that she will call Lorine Walter, Town Clerk to rectify the 2019 and 2020 Budget and EDC expenses. It was reported that the Pipke Park grill and Christmas lights were on the 2019 expenses.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Connect Communities Program. After much discussion, it was decided by the group (voted on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021) to proceed with the application to join this state-wide program. Chris drew up a list of the expectations of the Connect Communities program that the town will need to fulfill and also the benefits of joining the CC program. Local business owners will need to be involved to assure the success of the program, but, it was felt that it would be good for the PI business community and perhaps we would be eligible in the future for some store front grants to improve the town’s appearance. Bonnie and Chris will get together to discuss how best to proceed with the application process. Chris will contact Jim Rosenberg from WI Connect Communities program in Rhinelander to come and take photos of the town for our grant application.

- B. Jeanne's report on the signage progress. Jeanne was absent with prior notification and Bonnie report that the Signage workgroup met recently and began the process of discerning which town signs take precedence for the time being and which can wait. This project will need to be done in stages. Another meeting will be held soon.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Update on Main Street Overview: Carl reported that the Main Street culvert project will begin on July 12, 2021 and that the bypass road through town will be directly South of the Outpost café, using the Harris private land and town land. The site had to be prepped by removing some trees and shrubs and will eventually be turned into a gravel walking path with access from the Main Street to Pipke Park. This access has been talked about for a long time. John Maclean reported on the South Pond dam @ Pipke Park and that much work was done to try to save the pond from going dry, but, the dam was old and irreparable at this point. Consultants were brought in to no avail and this is a large future project. Efforts were made to move the Loon family and some fish and ducks to the North Pond. John reported the trees by Zastrow's were able to be saved as John talked to Pitlik and Wick doing the paving project. The fireworks will take place this year over the pond as usual, but, will be a Class B fireworks, due to some licensing issues with the Pyrotechnical company.
- B. Broad Band Update Chris reported that the Broadband Work Group has been meeting on Zoom regularly recently. Key people will present at a town board meeting soon with the idea of having a special meeting with the town board within a month. The goal is to get town board support, so that PI can apply for more available grant monies that require board support.
- C. Report/Update on town signage: see New business B.
- D. Updates on Bike Trail-Joe Fieweger was in touch with Chris and is requesting a map of the requested area on NHAL land for a off road bike trail. After discussion this project is on hold, as there are other more pressing items needing attention especially with the Main Street and Signage projects going on.

IX. Public Comment- Chairperson, Bonnie, stated we need a letter of resignation from Beth Marohn, EDC member, so we can get her position posted with the Town Clerk.

X. Next meeting and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 28, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Brenda and seconded by Mark, seconded by Chris. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: Community Room

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- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Chris Wolter, Secretary @ 5:00 p.m. @ 4:30 p.m. Committee members present: Chris Wolter, Mark Billhymer, Brenda Dyre and Jeanne Klingenmeyer for quorum. Beth Marohn and Bonnie Byrnes were absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter (Town Supervisor and EDC liaison) and Anne Milne were present.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Brenda seconded by Mark. All aye.
- IV. Approval of Wed, June 30, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Mark and seconded by Jeanne. All aye..
- V. Chair Remarks: Chair person, Bonnie, is absent today. Chris mentioned that we haven't received Beth Marohn's resignation from EDC to date. When we do, we'll ask Lorine Walters, Town Clerk, to post the vacancy.
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported that EDC needs to spend \$1500.00 by December 2021 as the grill and Christmas lights for Pipke Park were taken from 2020 EDC budget.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. EDC Three Focus goals-.group discussion ensued and the following were thought to be top priority goals:
    1. Downtown access to Pipke Park-we have a road leading around the pond currently to assist with through traffic during the Main Street and Highway B road project this summer. Discussed what the access trail (path) should look like when the road project is completed.
    2. Signage-Jeanne K. reported on the signage project and it will be divided into stages with the most important wayfinding signs to be tackled initially. Jeanne has a list of those signs.
    3. Downtown (Main Street) Lighting-This project will have to be put in the 2022 Town budget. John Maclean and Carl Wolter are working on this project, which the EDC will assist with as needed.
  - B. Letter of Support for Broadband Work Group-Chris drafted a letter for this important work group and other EDC members added to it. Chris will e-mail it to the BB work group.

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(cont. B) The ISP (internet service provider) will actually apply for grant monies, but, our assistance with details, etc. is needed to get the state/federal grant monies.

C. Connect Communities Decision-

1. Discussion of the best time to submit the application for CC ensued. Since the town roads are now torn up, Chris suggested we plan to apply in Spring 2022. Chris will be in touch with Paul Rosenberg from Connect Communities in Rhinelander, WI.
2. The CC project requires at least 5 businesses from the town be active and attend video conferences twice annually as well as report on new projects.

D. Signage Progress

1. Jeanne reported that Phase 1 of signage project is underway. Vendors and Vilas County specs were discussed and are needed.
2. Priorities are:
  - a. Pipke Park
  - b. The Community Center
  - c. Sensenbrenner Park
  - d. Wilderness Park

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Update on Main Street Overview: Carl Wolter reported that some gas lines had to be moved, drainage, concrete pipes, and a cistern are projects prior to the actual blacktopping. Also, Curbs and gutters will be installed prior to the blacktopping. The project is progressing pretty well right now.
- B. Broad Band Update Chris reported that the Broadband Work Group has been meeting on Zoom regularly recently. Public information sessions are planned for Monday, August 23, and Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.
- C. Update on Bike Trail is postponed till Spring 2022.

IX. Public Comment- Anne Milne stated she is happy with the EDC meeting forum and progress on projects.

X. Adjournment & next meeting date-The next meeting be on **Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.** in the PI Community Room. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Brenda and seconded by Jeanne. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(approved)

*A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.*

- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Chris Wolter, Secretary @ 4:40 p.m. Committee members present: Chris Wolter, Mark Billhymmer, Brenda Dyre, Jeanne Klingenmeyer & Bonnie Byrnes for quorum. Beth Marohn absent with previous notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter (Town Supervisor and EDC liaison) and Anne Milne were present.
- III. Agenda: Motion made by Chris to add 'C' to New Business; motion made by Jeanne seconded by Brenda. All aye.
- IV. Approval of August 4, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Mark and seconded by Jeanne. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: None
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported that EDC 2021 budget continues to be 1500.00 + donations for Pipke Pond restocking from 2 years ago.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Broadband work group Grant assistance and worksheet discussion; form work group and possible action. Chris reported that the BB workgroup is requesting that EDC mail out the Letter of Support to the taxpayers needed for the upcoming Public Service Commission Grant in Dec. 2021. Discussion ensued and a small workgroup will get together when the letter to the taxpayers is completed. Chris will notify Lorine about EDC stationery and mailing needs.
  - B. Report on 8/31/21 Joint Town Committees meeting-Jeanne K. attended and reported on this meeting and stated that the town will have a Town Cleanup day on Wed., Sept. 29, 2021 starting @ 9:00 a.m. Interested parties are to meet at the Community Building.
  - C. Beth Marohn's resignation. Beth sent her formal resignation from the EDC to Lorine and the vacant position will be posted by Lorine Walters. We will need an additional Business owner and an interested citizen to fill the max of 7 member EDC.

## VIII. Old Business

- A. EDC Three Focus goals-.group discussion ensued and the three 2021 Goals were discussed as follows:
    - 1. Downtown access to Pipke Park-Carl reported that the road will be closed soon and a walking path to Pipke Park and ponds will remain. This has been a goal of the EDC for past two years. Road improvement to cut incline will be made by Carl Wolter. Additional walking path materials will be necessary. Native trees and foliage will be added. There will be trimming of bushes and trees where indicated. Parks and Rec are also assisting with this project.
    - 2. Signage-Jeanne K. reported on the signage project and has made contact with Lakeland Signs in regard to producing some of the signs needed for Stage 1.
    - 3. Downtown (Main Street) Lighting-This project will be put in the 2022 Town budget. John Maclean is working on a prototype for the actual lights and hopes to have this available soon. Provisions were made to add the lighting after the Main Street was blacktopped by John.
  - B. Update on Main Street. Carl reported that the complete road project will be done within the next 1-2 weeks.
  - C. Broadband Update-Next Public Info session is on Tues., 9/7/21 @ 6:30 pm. In the Community Room.
  - D. See Focus Goals #2.
  - E. Connect Communities-Spring 2022 Application will ensue. Chris contacted Paul Rosenberg to notify him of current road project. Brenda mentioned there is a new person who bought the old Antique Store and he's possibly opening a business in that building. Chris will check on whether the Connect Communities grants will include roofs, staining, etc. for Main Street curb appeal.
- IX. Public Comment: Comment made by Brenda that Chris contact Barb Peck from Parks and Rec. committee to see if they wish to pursue the proposed S. Crab Lake Bike trail on DNR land.
- X. Adjournment: Motion made by Mark and seconded by Brenda to adjourn meeting @ 5:35 p.m. Next meeting is set for Wed., 9/29/21 @ 4:30 p.m.

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(approved)

*A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.*

- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, President @ 4:35 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie, Chris Wolter, Mark Billhymer, & Jeanne Klingemeyer for quorum. Brenda Dyre was absent with prior notification.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter (Town Supervisor and EDC liaison), Pat Barofski, and Gary Owens.
- III. Agenda: Motion made by Chris seconded by Mark. All aye.
- IV. Approval of September 1, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve by Jeanane and seconded by Bonnie. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: None
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda absent today.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Motion to approve request from Broadband Work Group to use EDC monies for Support letter request to tax payers. Stationery and envelopes will be covered by the town. EDC will pay for postage fees from 2021 line item monies. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Jeanne to cover the postage expenses, which will be approximately \$800-\$900.00. All aye.
  - B. Future Work group/liaison assignments-i.e., joint meetings Representative, etc.-Bonnie and Mark stated they would be willing to attend the joint PI committee meetings as EDC reps. \*\*The next PI Joint committee meeting will be held on Wed., October 20, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m., per Barb Peck, Joint Committee Chairman.
  - C. Town Board to interview potential candidates for EDC vacancy. Bonnie reported, per EDC Bylaws that the EDC shall be comprised of no more than 4 business owners and no more than 3 citizens-at-large, to total 7 members. The board will interview interested EDC candidates on October 7, 2021.

## VIII. Old Business

- A. EDC Three Focus goals-.group discussion ensued and the three 2021 Goals were discussed as follows:
    - 1. Downtown access to Pipke Park-Since town of PI will be taking this project over, the EDC will drop this goal currently.
      - a. Chris suggested that we replace the Downtown Access to Pipke Park goal with Broadband assistance, since the BB Work group feels that that the genesis of Broad band was EDC several years ago. Chris will keep group updated for now on the progress of the Broad band work group of which she is a liaison/member.
    - 2. Signage-Jeanne K. reported on the signage project and there's been progress made with Lakeland Signs and Graphics and she will soon get computerized examples of Stage 1 signs as well as \$ estimate of cost of signs. Jeanne will keep us informed and call a Signage committee meeting soon.
    - 3. Downtown (Main Street) Lighting-This project as well will most likely be put in the 2022 Town budget. John Maclean is working on a prototype for the actual lights and hopes to have this available soon. B.
  - B. Update on Main Street (? Parking) Carl reported that parking on the East side of Main Street has been taken away by the new blacktopping and curbs. The Town officials will be checking with Vilas County on what can be done to rectify this issue as the road right of way was replaced by lawn and is only 32 feet wide instead of the proposed 40 feet. This issue is affecting parking for local businesses.
  - C. Broad band Update-See VII A. and VIII A.1.a. above.
  - D. Connect Communities-mail conversation with Jim Rosenberg reported that the Connect Communities program does not monies for Start-up businesses and is mostly for training and networking with other communities. Conversation as to whether this program was worth pursuing was held-no definite decisions made yet.
  - E. South Crab Lake NHAL Off road Bike Trail-Chris has made contact with Barb Peck, Parks and Rec. to see if this project (which was a Steve Smith idea several years ago) would be of interest to them. Barb reported she would put it on the P&R agenda for discussion.
- IX. Public Comment: Bonnie reported that the PI Chamber will be having a meeting soon to discuss the direction of the PI Chamber.
- X. Adjournment: Motion made by Mark and seconded by Jeanne to adjourn meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Next meeting is set for Wed., 10/27/21 @ 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(Approved)

*A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.*

- I. Call to order-  
The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, President @ 5:00 p.m.  
Committee members present: Bonnie, Brenda, Mark Billhymer, Gary Owens, Jeanne Klingemeyer, and Chris Wolter for quorum.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter (Town Supervisor and EDC liaison), Dave Bogan and Paul Specht.
- III. Agenda: Motion made by Brenda and seconded by Mark to approve the agenda. All aye.
- IV. Approval of October 6, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Jeanne and seconded by Gary. All aye.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie recommended we keep our meeting discussion about the EDC three goals that have recently been approved by the committee.
  1. Signage
  2. Broad band
  3. Main Street
- VI. Finance Report: Treasurer, Brenda reported that EDC will have a \$800.00-\$900.00 debit to cover the cost of the Broad band support letter request mailings to the PI taxpayers. Our previous pond stocking donations will remain the same and are approximately \$2500.00.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Broad band Work group update-Dave Bogan updated the EDC on the current status. Paul Specht was also available to answer questions. The EDC committee and BB work group have set up an "envelope stuffing" event with the goal of obtaining BB Support from PI taxpayers.
  - B. Set future EDC meeting dates-The group discussion led to moving the future meeting from the last Wednesday of the month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 4:30 p.m.

## VIII. Old Business

- A. Signage Update: Jeanne K. reported on the signage project. There's been progress made with Lakeland Signs and Graphics. The group is in favor of the designs and look of Stage 1 signs to date. Lakeland Sign and Graphics will require ½ of the total monies down prior to producing the signs. Jeanne has recently presented to the PI Town board and plans to update them again soon.
  
- B. Main Street Overview-Carl Wolter updated the group on the progress of the trail to Pipke Park beginning on the Harris property (South of the Outpost) and ending on town property. Much of the landscaping (since the temporary town bypass road) has been done to make the pathway walkable from the Main Street. Native plants and trees will be planted.

## IX. Public Comment: Chris mentioned that hands are need for stuffing the envelopes next week on Wed., November 17, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Several from group have volunteered.

There will also be another Public Information meeting presented by Dave Bogan to update people on the Broad band project on Wed., December 1, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

## X. Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. with a motion made by Mark and seconded by Brenda. All aye

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary

## Town of Presque Isle EDC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room

(Unapproved)

*A quorum of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Presque Isle may be present at a meeting of the EDC committee. No deliberation will occur and no action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.*

- I. Call to order-The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Byrnes, President @ 4:30 p.m. Committee members present: Bonnie, Brenda Dyre, Mark Billhmer, Gary Owens, Jeanne Klingemeyer, and Chris Wolter for quorum.
- II. Recognition of Guests: Carl Wolter (Town Board Supervisor and EDC liaison), John Maclean, Town Board Chairman, Cathy Logan-Weber, Town Board Supervisor, Paul Specht (Broad band committee member and Dave Bogan (Broad band committee member), Ben Zaleski, Patrick Eesley, Terry Owens, Kathy Sprister, Peggy Johnson-Wiessner, Barb Peck, Cortland Peck, Christina Peck, Jesse Peck, Steve Dimig, Kim Prott, PI Chamber-Executive Director, Rich Schmalzer, Winter Waukau, Leon Waukau, Colleen Gorrilla, Larry Gorrilla, Anthony Breede, Cris Luetzow, Brian Luetzow, and Paul Mueller.
- III. Agenda: Motion made by Mark and seconded by Brenda to approve the agenda. All ayes.
- IV. Approval of Dec. 15, 2021 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Gary and seconded by Jeanne. All ayes.
- V. Chair Remarks: Bonnie reported to the group and audience what the 3 primary goal of the EDC currently working on: 1. Signage, 2. Broad band, 3. Main Street issues.
- VI. Finance Report: Brenda reported that the EDC has \$3998.49 in their budget (line item). Brenda does not believe the cost of the Broad band town-wide mailing was Costs incurred yet.
- VII. New Business: None currently
- VIII. Old Business:
  - A. Broad Band-
    1. Bonnie gave the audience an update of the history of the work the EDC and Broad band committee has been working on and the genesis of the Broad band project. Chris gave a brief update of what the broad band committee has been currently working on and introduced the Broad band committee members, Paul Specht and Dave Bogan.
    2. Dave gave a slide presentation on the current Broad band situation with a comparison of estimated costs of Charter/Spectrum, Lumen/Centurylink, and a Starlink Satellite solutions.

3. A lengthy discussion ensued with the audience and the Broad band presenters about many questions/concerns about the group have about Broad band project.
  4. The Broad band committee is on the edge of choosing a possible internet provider and needing support for this important project from the town and the tax payers as they get ready to assist the Internet Service Provider in writing for available grant monies.
  5. There will be additional (advisory) taxpayer meetings in the future in addition to Town Board special meeting for possible approval of the Broad band project in the near future.
- B. Broad band Work group update-The work group will soon become a committee to assist the future ISP in applying for grant funding. There will be a special town board meeting set up in the very near future. Paul Specht and Dave Bogan have begun focused discussions with the two interested ISPs.
1. Cathy Logan-Weber has asked the EDC to support keeping the Broad band updates on the Town Board agenda for now.
  2. Mark made a motion to request that the Town Board keep the Broad band project updates on its monthly agenda. Seconded
  3. d by Chris. All aye. The broad band project is for the advancement of high speed internet as a town wide solution for businesses, at home or Main Street, as well as education, health, tourism, and long list of other beneficial services for our community viability and welfare.
- C. Main Street Overview: No comments
- D. Business Development: Gary inquired if anyone is aware of what the plan is for the recently purchased Antique Store properties. It was confirmed that a gentleman has purchased the properties and plans are usure right now. Gary mentioned he would be willing to reach out to the new owner to see how the EDC can be of assistance.
- IX. Public Comment: see B. 1 above.
- X. Adjournment: Next meeting date set for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed @ 4:30 p.m. is the new time for future EDC meetings. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Chris to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine A. Wolter, Secretary