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BEACH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Village of Pepin Municipal Building

July 25, 2024, 9:00am

MINUTES

- 1. Call to order-**Toni called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
- 2. Roll Call-** Toni Raethke, Steve Westman, Jesse VanAlstine, and Vicki Kosok were all present.
- 3. Discussion/Action – Elect chair-** Steve made a **motion** to elect Toni as chair. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion carried.
- 4. Discussion – Review the grant which was awarded by the County Health Department-** Toni went over the grant awarded by the county, and the needs of the beach. The beach is in need of new equipment, and she would like to see the village offer swimming lessons again as the school has to bus kids to Ellsworth for lessons. After a lot of discussion, the committee moved on to each item on the agenda.
- 5. Discussion/Action – Beach clean-up/sand (grant money)-** After some discussion on what it would take to clean the beach up this year. Jesse made a **motion** to use grant money to have Jim Sterry clean up the beach like he has in the past. **Second** by Steve. All ayes, motion carried.
- 6. Discussion/Action – Lifeguard/Beach equipment: current condition vs. new purchase (grant money)** Toni went through all of the lifeguard/beach equipment like ropes and buoys and it all needs to be replaced. Toni showed the committee what she was wanting to order to replace. Lifeguard equipment, first aid kits, paddle boards, floating long board, ropes & buoys and markers etc. Jesse made a **motion** to purchase necessary equipment and disposal cost of getting rid of the old equipment with grant money. **Second** by Vick. All ayes, motion carried. Discussion was brought back to equipment after item 11 about the purchase of an AED. After discussion, Jesse made a **motion** to purchase an AED with a case and put it on the marina building with the marina director's approval. **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, motion approved.
- 7. Discussion/Action – Sustainable Lifeguard and swim lesson training program (grant money)-** Toni mentioned she has been having difficulty getting a response from the YMCA regarding training and suggested using a cousin of hers that comes to visit that lives in Boston and is an aquatic director for the YMCA in Boston and is fully certified to train. After some discussion the committee decided to table this for more information.

8. Discussion/Action – 8-10 new picnic tables for the green space- Toni explained that there are some issues regarding the green space by the beach and what can be put down there and by whom. She said that there should still be room to put at least 4 or 5 tables down there without any problem. The ones she found are steel framed and folded up for storage. After some discussion Steve made a **motion** to order 5 tables with the grant money. **Second** by Jesse. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Discussion – Beach shower- Toni updated the committee on a broken shower at the beach. It has been fixed. There has been some discussion that Dennis does not want to pay for the water from that shower. So, there are discussions on whether to meter that location separately.

10. Discussion – Sunscreen station- Toni updated the committee on a sunscreen station installed at the beach for the public by the dermatology dept. at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Wabasha.

11. Discussion/Action – Creation of new account for beach maintenance and operations- Toni discussed this item with the treasurer and this is not something they can do., so there was no action taken.

12. Public comments- Jesse asked if the AED could be added to the equipment.

Steve made a comment that the beach area can be used for more than just swimming. It is used for wind surfing, kayaking, parasailing etc.

Jesse recommended that the committee meet at least twice a year. Once in the spring, for the beginning of the beach season and at the end of the season that way you can access the equipment when it is brought in and figure out a reasonable budget for the next season.

13. Set next meeting date- TBD

14. Adjourn- Toni made a **motion** to adjourn, **Second** by Vicki. All ayes, the meeting adjourned.

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