

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting November 13, 2019
Peshastin Memorial Hall

Council members present: Doug Clarke, Lauri Malmquist, Patricia Ortiz, Cheryl Parsley, Leticia Vizcaino; late arrival Stan Winters and Steve Keene.

Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Lauri Malmquist at the request of Doug Clarke, Vice chair

Minutes of meeting October 9, 2019 were read and approved after minor corrections.

Treasurer's report: bank balance \$1,101.32 with outstanding bill of \$80 for one year payment for P.O. box for December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020.

- 1) Discussion regarding a change of meeting day or week. Steve Keene serves on the Water Board which meets on the same day as the Community Council, making it difficult for him to attend the Council meetings. After discussion it was agreed to change the meeting day to the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting in 2020. The first meeting of 2020 will be on Wednesday January 15 at 7 p.m.
- 2) There has been a recent increase in garbage at the mill site entrance gate; the garbage can was removed because of abuse. There has been a notable increase in dog waste, both in bags left at the entrance and throughout the property. There was suggestion of signage to inform visitors to pack out all garbage including pet waste. It was noted the property owner has the option of closing the property to dogs or to all use if it is abused. Lauri volunteered to discuss with Steve and communicate with the appropriate agencies including Department of Fish and Wildlife and the trail coalition.
- 3) The Community Council still needs a representative to attend Upper Valley Parks and Recreation meetings. Lauri will attend the next meeting February 27 at 9 am at Leavenworth City Hall.
- 4) Santa Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday December 7, 2019 from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Cheryl has finalized details; Stan confirmed the Cascade Select Choir will perform. Stan consents to act as Santa. We will have gingerbread houses to raffle, with each child attending receiving a raffle ticket. Set up will be at 5 pm on Thursday December 5, which will take the place of the regular December Council meeting.
- 5) Stan reported on the ongoing appeal to the county after the Community Development director made a determination that nightly rentals are not allowed within residential areas of the Peshastin UGA. The Davises filed the appeal, scheduled to be heard by the hearing examiner Andy Kottkamp on November 4, 2019. The hearing was postponed until Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 9 am.
Discussion ensued with Commissioner Bugert about the county process for regulation of nightly rentals. State statute prohibits collecting tax dollars to pay for enforcement at the county level; he reports the commissioners are examining this issue as they continue the complex planning process.
There was discussion regarding input from the Council to both the County Commissioners as well as to state lawmakers specifically regarding ways to increase funds available for enforcement.

6) Lauri reports she was contacted about a property on Main St causing health and safety concerns due to piles of garbage encouraging rats, possible substandard living quarters in the yard, and potential fire hazards. Lauri directed the neighbor to contact the Public Health Department, Community Development and Sheriff's Department as needed, as the Council does not have any jurisdiction or enforcement capability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday December 5 at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary