

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 21, 2021
Via videoconference

Council members present: Chair Lauri Malmquist, Stan Winters, Leticia Vizcaino , Cheryl Parsley, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz, Steve Keene

Guests: Kiah Patzkowsky, coordinator PRSA; Aaron Simon, chair Upper Valley Parks and Recreation Service Area; Bill Goebel, owner mill property; Clare Morrison, Peshastin librarian

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

To accommodate guests, Lauri introduced Kiah and Aaron. Lauri is the Peshastin representative to the PRSA, which is willing to discuss recreation ideas in addition to the Leavenworth swimming pool. Kiah will be conducting an upper valley needs assessment with the assistance of a consultant, developing an outreach program to help determine what residents' priorities are for recreation.

Kiah states the Leavenworth pool will be open for swimming on a date yet to be determined. Programming will be somewhat different to accommodate changes due to Covid.

Steve shared the map of the PRSA, which is not equivalent to the Cascade School District, with no areas of Blewett Pass, Saunders Road or west of Highway 2 in Peshastin included. Steve mentioned a trail study has been done in the past, and Doug states trails are not compatible with orchards.

Aaron left the meeting around 7:30 p.m. due to connectivity deficits.

Discussion was held about what Peshastin residents would like for recreation improvements; mention was made of soccer fields, ball fields, improved river access for locals. The question was raised: Do Peshastin residents end up funding tourist activities, which then detract from the way of life we currently enjoy? Steve spoke of the Community Infrastructure Project Fund via Chelan County, and that trails help economic development, which is one of the goals. Kiah is aware of the threat of tourist overrun.

Bill Goebel states he enjoys having the mill property open to the public, and likes the idea of ballfields, a parklike setting, and trails. He is interested in keeping an open mind to ideas about use of the mill area. He recalls the discussions regarding a trail from Leavenworth to Wenatchee, and thinks a Leavenworth to Peshastin segment would be a good start. There ensued discussion of trails, speed limits, bike types, etc.

Kiah reports the timeline for the needs assessment is through fall of 2021. The goal is to have data collection by October 2021, with a plan ready for the levy vote in February 2022.

Kiah Patzkowsky and Bill Goebel left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Proceeding to the regular meeting, the minutes of regular meeting of March 17, 2021 and minutes of special meeting March 29, 2021 were read. Motion to approve by Steve, second by Stan; unanimous vote to approve.

Treasurer's report: bank balance \$680.49, with no outstanding bills.

Clare Morrison, the new Peshastin librarian, gave an update on library activities. The library hours have been expanded, and although in house activities are not yet possible, there are activity kits available periodically for both younger children and teens. Book club kits will be coming soon.

New Business:

Bob Dodge contacted Lauri with questions regarding the Pine Ridge Development. The council discussed having a special meeting to review the development, inviting Alex White of Community Development to answer questions. Lauri will contact Alex, to choose a date when he is available. Notice of the time and date will be made public through the Peshastin website, the library and post office. Residents, including Bob, who have made specific inquiries will be invited as well.

Old Business:

Steve reports the PWD has submitted a grant application for assistance with needed upgrades to the water system; awards should be announced soon. The CIPF program application is in progress.

Doug would like to invite County Commissioner Bob Bugert to a meeting with the council to discuss safety, especially with note to speeding and illegal parking in the Peshastin areas. There have been ongoing issues with both that definitely are safety concerns. Stan suggests the council work on a plan to present to the county to address these problems. Lauri will contact Bob Bugert to schedule a time for this meeting, which may be at a regular council meeting, or a special meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting is Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ,

Patricia Ortiz, secretary