

Peshastin Community Council  
Minutes of regular meeting  
January 18, 2023

Peshastin Library

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Melissa Reuter, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz, Devera Sharp

Council members absent, excused: Cheryl Parsley, Steve Keene

Community members: Clare Morrison, librarian

Other attendee: Carnan Bergren, Chelan Falls

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Library Report:

Clare reports on various upcoming activities at or sponsored by the library: movie night, pompon making, yoga, guided snowshoe walk at the old mill site. She also reported on anticipated updates for the library building; there will be opportunity for community input during the planning process.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$745.72

Steve is absent from this meeting as he is attending the whitewater proposal meeting regarding Barn Beach in Leavenworth. Tricia mentioned that as an alternative to further high density development in the upper valley, working toward a Dark Sky designation for the Wenatchee Valley could have benefits for residents and tourists alike.

Emerson Peek, Peshastin representative to the PRSA, submitted notes from the January 15, 2023 meeting, attached.

Lauri presented an update from RC3, which has developed a fact sheet regarding STRs in Chelan County. In addition they are planning to meet with Senator Hawkins about housing legislation which will come before the current legislative session. The organization has developed a website and Facebook page, and are focusing on representation of all residents of Chelan County, not just the upper valley.

Lauri reminds the Council that the Community Development Department gives an update at every BOCC meeting, and those notes are available on the county website.

Lauri will invite newly elected County Commissioner Shon Smith and Sheriff Mike Morrison to meet with the Council over the next few months.

Lauri notes that Rhonda, from Blue Bird, has been responsible for removing the garbage from the small underpass. The Council is in agreement with sending her a thank you.

Doug Clark reports that Leavenworth Winter Sports Club will begin grooming ski trails at P-D school and at the Mill Flat. Dogs will be allowed at the Mill Site.

Elections:

Tricia has received one declaration of candidacy for the two upcoming positions in the election to be held March 15, 2023. The deadline for submitting these is February 15, 2023.

Discussion followed about the possibility of changing the by-laws to allow for at least one shorter term, for instance two years, with the goal of encouraging wider participation. Brief discussion was held regarding review and update of the by-laws, as well as the Peshastin UGA Document. The latter is well overdue for update; suggestion was made to form committee (s) to perform these reviews, which could include more community members in addition to the Council. Further discussion was tabled until next meeting, when all members can be present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2022 have been reviewed. The meeting December 2, 2022 consisted only of preparing the Memorial Hall for the Santa Breakfast; no vote was taken on that date. Tricia moved approval of both of these; second by Devera. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary