

**Town of La Pointe  
Public Arts Committee  
July 10, 2019**

Members present: Holly Tourdot; chair, Susan Sabre, Steve McHugh, Tim Sullivan, Robin Trinko Russell, Peg Bertel  
Members absent: George Haecker and Charlie Meech  
Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator  
Ric Gilman, Zoning Administrator  
Public present: Jim Peters  
Tim Eldred

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Public Arts Committee meeting was called to order by Holly Tourdot, chair at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Minutes of the following meetings to be considered for approval:**

**A. June 5, 2019**

Motion by Steve, second by Peg to approve the Public Arts Committee minutes of June 5, 2019 as presented. All in favor, all aye except Holly who abstained. Motion Carried.

**4. Parks & Recreation Plan Review**

Ric Gilman, Zoning Administrator, addressed the committee informing them of a paragraph that was added to the Town of La Pointe Park and Recreation Plan 2016-2021 by the Town Board on June 11, 2019.

The Town of La Pointe has ordained the creation of a “Public Arts Committee”. This committee will pursue the placement of art works, paintings, sculptures and other mediums in public areas including Public Parks. This Park and Recreation Plan supports the placement of art in and on Town owned property and the Town Plan Commission works directly with the “Public Arts Committee” for the display and creation of art works in Town Parks.

Ric also presented for consideration a procedural process for the Town Plan Commission to be involved in the placement of art in public parks. Ric distributed this at the last meeting and asked the committee for feedback.

- Lengthy discussion on content neutrality
- Motion by Peg to have Lisa ask the Town Attorney’s opinion on having content neutrality part of the artwork considerations.
- More discussion
- Motion withdrew by Peg
- Motion by Holly, second by Steve to do research individually and at the next meeting bring to the table examples of public art that was censored, was controversial or was removed based on political, religious or inciteful,

promotional or divisive reasons and then formulate exactly what we need to know from our attorney.

- More discussion
- Motion to amend Holly's motion by Peg that we come back and form our language to present to the attorney. Second by Steve, All in favor? Aye's; Holly, Steve, Peg & Tim. Nay's; Susan & Robin. Motion Carried.

## **5. Wisconsin's Creative Industries discussion – Ann Katz e-mail**

No discussion

## **6. Committee Projects Discussion and Prioritization**

### **Inventory of existing art**

Susan will print all the photos she has and give some to each committee member to annotate.

### **Porta Potty art**

Robin bought the trellis lattice and gave it to Ben Schram, Park Supervisor to install. It is on the Parks to do list.

### **Downtown trash cans art**

Lisa spoke with Ashland County regarding their downtown trash receptacles. This was a High School welding/art project. The materials were approx. \$2,500 per receptacle. They do have to be removed before winter each year. Motion by Holly, second by Tim to put this project on hold. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

### **Joni's Beach renovation art**

Motion by Holly, second by Steve to put this project on hold. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

### **Town dock project art**

Lisa passed out SmithGroup's specs of the proposed shelter. Discussion on this committee designing and putting out for bid the passenger shelter instead of the contractor who is awarded the dock project.

*Clerical Assistant Note: Steve left the meeting @ 11:02.*

Holly will sketch some ideas for a shelter with input from an architect and present at the next meeting.

*Clerical Assistant Note: Tim left @ 11:06, committee no longer has a quorum.*

### **EMS Building art project**

### **Art Festival**

## **7. Set next Meeting Agenda and Date**

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 10 a.m.

## **8. Adjourn**

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant  
Minutes approved as presented August 7, 2019. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant