

**Town of La Pointe  
Public Arts Committee  
Wednesday October 11, 2023  
4:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom  
Minutes**

Members present: Mary Atmore (Chair), Susan Sabre, Maddie Rupp, Robin Trinko  
Russell and Sally Brown.  
Members absent: Peg Bertel  
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

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

The Public Arts Committee meeting was called to order by Mary Atmore at 4:04 pm.

**2. Public Comment - None**

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

**A. September 13, 2023**

Motion by Maddie to approve the above minutes as presented, seconded by Robin, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. 2024 budget request to Town Board – review and comment on draft statement**

- Mary stated that the designated fund balance discussed at the last meeting was incorrect. After removing the \$4,500 to be used for the porta potty project, the balance is \$112.32.
- Consensus to ask for \$4,000 from the Town Board for 2024 expenses which include; \$3,500 for the propeller project at Russell Park and \$500 for social media, chalk art at Fallfest and Winter Festival activities. Mary will re-draft her statement to present to the Town Board.

Motion by Susan to ask the Town Board for \$4,000 for the Public Arts 2024 budget, seconded by Robin, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**5. Committee Projects – identify and prioritize**

**A. Sculpture landscaping status – completed**

Robin will speak with Ben Schram, Public Works about seeding the grass.

**B. Porta potty beautification – artists solicitation in Gazette, other ideas**

Mary reported that one submission has been received so far. Proposals are due 12/31/23. Mary will ask the chamber to put info. in their e-mail newsletter again.

**C. Winter Festival – status re draft proposal to Town Board and discussions with Paul DeMain**

Maddie will e-mail a draft proposal to the committee for review.

Maddie will reach out to Peg to see if she has a relationship with Paul DeMain through the La Pointe Center and if she or Maddie could contact regard working together.

Mary will present the proposal to the Town Board along with the 2024 budget request next week.

**D. Russell Park propeller sculpture proposal**

Robin envisions 7 propellers mounted on steel pedestals artistically placed not too far from the information board where historical information could be displayed. She will investigate more for the next meeting.

**E. Social media accounts – Maddie**

Maddie reported that she and Susan are working on a final proofread/edit. Next steps will be to decided on a domain name and purchase the domain, launch other social media accounts w/posts and create a list of sites to link to.

**6. Incorporation of Comprehensive Plan recommendations**

Continued conversation on what the Comprehensive Plan recommendation means and how to interpret it.

Discussion on this being a way to promote other art organizations/individuals through our social media. Do other organizations already do this, now much work would be involved, is it right to promote businesses and individuals as a Town committee, what if you miss something? Committee members will continue to think about what they see the mission of this committee.

**7. Old Business (on hold)**

**A. Tribal collaboration** – no response

**B. Sidewalk art – discussions with Chamber re joint venture for 2024 Fallfest**

Maddie spoke with Sharon Zanto at the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce (MICC) and she had some ideas such as to coincide with Fallfest and maybe have a competition based art contest (soliciting professional artists) with cash prizes. Maybe a separate area for family art. Discussion on grants MICC receives for their events. Maddie will write up a summary of her conversation with Sharon and e-mail to committee members for further discussion.

Consensus to plan for 2024.

Discussion if this project is in line with what the original sidewalk (poetry) art project idea was.

**8. Member recruiting efforts**

**9. Recommendations to Town Board - none**

**10. Public Comment**

**11. Set next Meeting Agenda and Date.**

Next regular meeting date scheduled for Wed. 11/8/23 at 4pm

**12. Adjourn**

Motion by Maddie, seconded by Sally to adjourn, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant  
Minutes approved as presented 12/12/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant