**Presque Isle Community Men’s Club**

Meeting minutes June 6th, 2024

Opening: Meeting called to order by President Mike Bugenske at 9:00am with 14 members and 3 guests: Bob & Gwen Mitchell, Kathy Phipps

Opening song: Dennis Fay

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Bugenske

Prayer: Mike Bugenske

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Mike Bugenske

* Capt. Cade MacArthur, the Deputy Base Civil Engineer at the CRTC

Capt. Cade MacArthur was accompanied by MSgt Holly Wohlford who is a PIHA resident. Capt. Cade gave a brief history of his time in the military, and it was noted that he grew up in the Alpena area. Capt Cade was deployed to Kuwait and now has been able to return to the Alpena area and continue his service in the military. The facility, Alpena Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center, is primarily used for Air Space Training due to the ability to have control over a vast airspace that is not used for civilian air travel. The investment in the new runway is close to $60M and is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. The runway is 9,000’ long, 18” thick cement on each end for landings and asphalt in the middle. The next major project will be constructing a new hanger at a cost of $29M, this project will start later this year and completed in Jan 2026. It will be the 2nd “Medium” size military hanger to be built in the US. Both of these projects are considered to be MILCON projects as they exceed $4M and had to be approved through Congress. The facility has bedspace to house 1,100 and will expand by setting up Tent Cites when required. The annual budget for maintenance of the facility is around $800K.

Break and 50/50 Drawing:

* $11.00 won by Kathy Phipps

Officer and Committee Reports:

* Financial reports: Mike Grochola
  + Submitted May 2024 report. Motion by Dennis Fay to approve the report, 2nd by Bart Hellmut, All Ayes, motion passed
  + Paid expense of $106.91 for Childrens July Fireworks games (chk #1050 to Less Fissette)
  + Paid expense of $295.41 for PICMC Mugs (chk #1051 to Mike Bugenske)
  + Paid expense of $9.00 for donuts (paid cash to Mike Bugenske)
* Project Evaluation Committee:
  + Motion by Dennis Fay to donate $500.00 to the God Loves You Food Pantry, 2nd by Charlie Phipps, All ayes, motion passed
  + Motion by Dennis Fay to donate $500.00 to the Presque Isle Fireworks Show, 2nd by Tony Velat, All ayes, motion passed
* Health and Family Committee: Bob Beres
  + Nothing new to report
* Scholarship Committee: Bart Hellmuth / Tim Lutes
  + To be presented at the next meeting
* Next meeting set-up:
  + Less Fissette and Mike Cermack volunteered

Old Business:

* Mike Grochola provided an update that the funds held at Wolverine Credit Union are sitting in a “Savings” account earning .15% interest and asked for a motion to allow the Treasurer to move a portion of the funds into CD’s.
  + Motion by Larry Fields to allow the Treasurer to move funds to CD’s. at the discretion of the Treasurer, 2nd by Bart Hellmuth, All ayes, motion passed

New Business:

* Tony Velat provided an update on the Road Pick-Up that occurred on May 16th. The next ones are on July 16th and September 24th. Gather at the Chapel parking lot @ 9am

Announcements:

* Please keep Tim Lutes and Jerome Koscielniak in your thoughts and prayers as both recently experienced some health challenges
* There are some free passes to climb the lighthouse available to members provided to the club from our donation
* There are Presque Isle Community Men’s Club coffee mugs available for sale – see Mike Bugenske to get these limited edition mugs
* Saturday 6/15/2024 Wooden Boat Show at Presque Isle Harbor
* Wednesday 6/19/24 at 9 am Breakfast at the Route 65 Diner
* Thursday 7/11/24 (one week later due to holiday) Monthly meeting at 9:00 am at the PIHA clubhouse
* Planned speaker for the July meeting will be John Dolan, retired automotive engineer. He will speak on automotive safety features in new cars that actually save lives in a collision. John will show us actual crash tests and in-field accident data that verify the effectiveness of these features

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am by President Mike Bugenske