

MINUTES RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: JANUARY 11, 2007 5:00 pm
LOCATION: BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
PREPARED BY: JODY HODGKINSON,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT,
RECREATION

A. Call to Order

- Acting Chair Shawn Everitt called the meeting to order with the following present; John Metras, Bob Gamble, Cam Kennedy, Ryan Gibbons, Terry Green, Jay Kivell, Wayne Holly, Alan Chesworth, Donna Atkinson and Jody Hodgkinson.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: John Metras Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT the Agenda of January 11th, 2007 be approved as circulated including any items or revisions to be made, Carried.

Jay Kivell declared a Pecuniary Interest and did not participate in any discussion with respect to H Dock at Thornbury Harbour and his leased boat mooring.

- Previous Minutes –

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John Metras

THAT the Minutes of December 14th, 2006 be received as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

Acting Chair, Shawn Everitt welcomed all the new members of the committee and introductions were made.

The first order of business was nomination of a Chair person.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: Jay Kivell

That John Metras be appointed as the Chair for the Recreation Committee, Carried.

The meeting was then turned over to John Metras, Chair.

The Committee then discussed the options of having a Vice Chair and perhaps nominating a new chair in 2008. Bob Gamble suggested that there could be a number of leaders for the various areas within the Recreation Department. Chair Metras, requested Shawn Everitt do a report on department structure and report back to the committee.

Chair Metras then requested that Ryan Gibbons, Harbour Supervisor go through his staff report concerning H Dock at the Thornbury Harbour.

Jay Kivell declared a Pecuniary Interest and did not participate in any discussion with respect to H Dock at Thornbury Harbour and his leased boat mooring.

Ryan explained that in 2003 the Harbour began a dock re-floating program to extend the life of the docks. Ryan went on to explain that all docks will eventually need to be replaced.

The Committee then discussed timing, how proposals will be evaluated and how this all fits in to the budget process.

Moved By: Cam Kennedy Seconded By: Bob Gamble

That this Committee recommends the replacement of H Dock with a steel framed dock and it is also recommended that this motion be forwarded on to Paul Graham, CAO for consideration/approval prior to setting the budget. Carried

B. Deputations / Presentations

1. Norm Paterson, Shirley Clarke, John Corrigan, Ardis Ardiel and Roland Gosselin – Presentation on promoting a dog park within the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Chair Metras welcomed the delegates to the meeting.

Mr. Paterson began by presenting a petition of 182 names in favour of a dog park. Mr. Paterson also went on to state that they want to work closely with the Town to establish rules and regulations for a dog park that will be safe and most likely monitored by the public. Mr. Paterson then requested that Dr. Ardis Ardiel comment on the positive aspects of dog parks.

Dr. Ardiel told the committee that she is completely in favour of dog parks for many reasons – socialization, less barking, less enforcement issues for the Town and also the dogs are off their own property so they are usually not territorial.

Bob Gamble had questions regarding size of park – shade – long grass/short grass – clean-up of area – injuries, and who might be responsible.

Dr. Ardiel felt that the size should be about 1 ½ acres. Shade would be a must and perhaps there could be bag dispensers within the area for owners to use. She also indicated that social pressure would ensure that owners stoop and scoop. Dr. Ardiel wondered if perhaps the Town could be responsible for cutting the grass and emptying the garbage bins.

Shawn Everitt questioned location of the park stating that if some people had to drive to the park then parking should be a consideration. Shawn also went on to state that he had spoken with the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to see if they would be willing to allow dog parks on any of their lands. The GSCA would not entertain this idea.

Dr. Ardiel felt that the liability issues could be dealt with by having adequate signage. Cam Kennedy stated that there was signage in Moreau Park (ball park) but still people were not stooping and scooping.

The committee then discussed several other aspects of dog parks and the committee felt that perhaps Shawn Everitt could meet with Mr. Paterson and bring a report back to the committee for their consideration.

Chair Metras then thanked the delegations for their attendance at the meeting.

As part of the orientation for the new committee members Shawn Everitt gave a power point presentation showing structure of the Recreation Department. Ryan followed up with his presentation on Thornbury Harbour and Terry Green also gave a presentation on Parks and Trails.

Chair Metras thanked Shawn, Ryan and Terry for their informative and well done presentations.

The Committee dealt with the following resolutions;

Moved By: Alan Chesworth Seconded By: Jay Kivell

That the Beaver Valley Guiding Function shall have the use of the Large Hall and Kitchen at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on Wednesday June 6th, 2007 without charges being applied. Carried.

Moved By: Alan Chesworth Seconded By: Cam Kennedy

That Elephant Thoughts (registered Canadian charity) P.A. Day being held Friday February 2, 2007 shall have use of the small hall and kitchen at the Beaver Valley Community Centre at a rate of \$40.00 for the day and also that

advertisement for the P.A. Day show support from The Town of The Blue Mountains. Carried

C. Correspondence

1. Shirley Woolner – Beaver Valley District Commissioner – Guiding Function

D. New and Unfinished Business

None

E. Next Meeting Date

Thursday February 8th, 2007 4:00 p.m. Council Chamber

E. Adjournment

The Committee then dealt with the following resolution.

Moved By: Donna Atkinson Seconded By: Cam Kennedy

That this meeting does now adjourn, Carried.

