

The Corporation of the Village of Oil Springs Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Village of Oil Springs Council Chambers
4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, ON

Committee Members Present: Mayor Ian Veen, Chair
Councillor Rick Powell
Councillor Andrea Burns-Antoine
Carol Powell
Dennis Smith

Committee Members Absent: Tracey Bridges

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Turk, Clerk-Treasurer

Call to Order

Chairperson Mayor Veen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declaration was made by any one committee member at this time. Chairperson Mayor Veen requested committee members to make the appropriate declaration if necessary throughout the business of the meeting.

Adoption of Committee Minutes

Motion #1 – R. Powell/Burns-Antoine: *That the minutes of November 16, 2016 be approved as submitted.* *Carried.*

Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

North Gateway Sign

Mayor Veen indicated to the board that the new sign is up and are waiting for nicer weather to install a cement pad for a pump jack to sit on. The pump jack was donated by Mr. Lonnie Barnes.

Fundraising

Discussions took place regarding a potential event set for fall of 2017. The event will be "Chili Cook-off" with hopes local service clubs will compete. Councillor Burns-Antoine asked if the Oil Springs Optimist would be interested in organizing the event with proceeds to Parks & Recreation. The Optimist seemed interested, however needed details. Further discussion will

take place at the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting in October so there is time to plan the event, hopefully in November 2017.

Hanging Basket Program

Discussions took place regarding the colours for the hanging baskets. The Secretary informed the committee that the approved colours are red and white for the 150th birthday of Canada. Carol Powell indicated to the Secretary to let her know when the baskets are in as she has small Canadian flags, donated by herself, to put in the baskets prior to hanging.

Wood Chips

Discussions took place regarding specialized wood chips needed for the parks throughout the Village. The Secretary indicated they are not ordered but will be once nicer weather comes.

Volunteers

It was indicated to put wording in the next water billing regarding the need for volunteers for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Accounts

The balance of the account is \$5,625.44 as of January 1, 2017. There have been no expenses to date, however the Secretary noted the following upcoming expenses:

1. \$2,500 insurance deductible for damage sustained at Old Mill Trail
2. \$565 for 2016 books audited by BDO
3. \$350 for purchase of flowers, peat moss, and spike plants for barrels
4. Specialized woodchips (no quote received to date)

This totals \$3,415.00 plus the woodchips.

Vandalism at Oil Mill Trail

Discussions took place regarding the destruction of six (6) solar lamp posts to the trail sometime between March 3 and March 4.

Discussions took place regarding replacing the lights and the quality of the solar light itself where minimal repairs would be needed in the future. Gord Perry offered to obtain quotes for the replacement of the lights. The Secretary indicated that the insurance company needs the quote in order to obtain a value on the replacement costs.

Lambton College Tree Planting

Mayor Veen updated the committee on ten (10) trees, and an anchor piece that is donated by Lambton College in lieu of the college turning 50 years old in 2017. The Secretary informed the committee of the attachment in the agenda package, being an outline of what the arrangement of trees will look like when completed. The placement of trees and the anchor piece is at East End Park between the fences of 4753 Oil Springs Line and 2592 Duryee Street. Trees are being

planted on April 5, with the sono tubes for the anchor piece being installed March 23, provided the material arrives by Purolator. All costs associated with this project are being paid by Lambton College.

Outdoor Rink

Mayor Veen informed the committee of an outdoor rink that is being constructed in 2017 by volunteers, including himself. Mayor Veen submitted a grant to Judith & Norman Alix Foundation in the amount of \$20,000. He is also going to submit another application to the Sarnia Community Foundation in hopes for more funds to construct the rink. To date we have received \$1,000 from Bluewater Power, as well as lights and poles. The rink will be a permanent structure and can be used all year round, just like the rink in Florence. The size of the rink will be 60 ft wide by 120 ft long.

Garden & Trail Committee

Arbour Week Commitment to Trees for the Trail

Gord Perry gave an update pertaining to thirty-seven (37) trees that are being planted at Old Mill Trail on April 28. Time is to be determined. Mr. Perry requested the following from the Village:

1. Public Works employee and tractor to haul topsoil for April 28
2. After the trees are planted, they will require to be watered
3. Need 4 in diameter big "O" for every tree, at least 4 feet per tree. Once the trees grow, the big "O" tile will need to be removed as to not damage the bark

Potted Plants

Bedding plants and flowers have been ordered for the barrels and flower gardens throughout the Village.

Municipal Office Flower Garden

It was indicated that the Secretary has been maintaining the garden during her lunch, however at any time, the Garden & Trail Committee is more than welcome to assist if they wish.

UNESCO Information Session

Although not related to the Parks & Recreation Committee, Mr. Perry announced to the group that on March 23 at 8:00 p.m., at the United Church, a presentation regarding the UNESCO designation for the Oil Museum of Canada and Fairbank Oil Ltd. will take place. All is welcome to attend.

Signage

Discussions took place regarding the placement of signs at the either end of the trail indicating that the trail is under surveillance in order to prevent future damage.

Adjournment

Motion #2 – Perry/R. Powell: *That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. until the next Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.* *Carried.*


Chair


Clerk