

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

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Village of Oil Springs Council Chambers
4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, ON

Members Present: Andrea Burns-Antoine, Serving as Chairperson
Councillor Rick Powell
Jennifer Barry
Carol Powell
Gord Perry
Dennis Smith

Staff Present: Erkki Pohjolainen, Clerk-Treasurer

Public Larry Strangway
Sue Whiting

Call to Order:

Acting Chairperson Burns-Antoine opened the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

No member of the Committee made a declaration at this time. Acting Chairperson Burns-Antoine requested Committee members to make the appropriate declaration if necessary throughout the business of the meeting.

Adoption of Committee Minutes

MOTION No. 1 Moved by Councillor Powell
Seconded by Ms Powell
THAT the minutes of the October 3, 2017 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

Delegation

Sue Whiting, President, Oil Springs Optimist Club:

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine welcomed Ms Whiting, stating she was invited to attend to discuss future parks developments and associated costs. Ms Burns-Antoine noted that the cost to place wood chips around playground equipment last year was approximately \$16,000.
- Ms Whiting noted that the Optimist Club is not permitted to pay for playground equipment without an agreement in place to ensure future maintenance will be provided by the Village.
- Ms Burns-Antoine suggested the ground covering could be included in the playground construction costs.
- Ms Whiting noted that depending on conditions, the chips lasts 5-10 years and are included in the projects, but the club cannot do a replacement of chips as a new project.
- Ms Burns-Antoine suggested the Committee would like to see something more permanent that wood chips included in the Club's playground projects.
- Councillor Powell noted that he roto-tilled the chips in one playground last year with great success.
- Ms Burns-Antoine noted that her suggestion for more permanent covering was intended to address future projects.

- Ms Whiting said the Optimists feel they have completed all the park projects with this last proposal and because they have a mandate to serve the children, gazebos and other non-child-specific projects would be hard for the local club to get through.

New Business

Outdoor Rink

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine provided an update on the outdoor rink project with information provided by Mayor Ian Veen, inviting Ms Whiting to take the information for the Optimists of Oil Springs' consideration. She also noted that the Committee should gauge public interest in the rink and based on interest, initiate a fund-raising program to pay for the rink.
- She noted, too, that the rink can be used for ball hockey, basketball, roller skating and other activities in the warm seasons.
- Mr. Perry suggested a natural-ice outdoor skating rink is probably not achievable, as there is not enough winter. He noted that even with the cold we had this past winter, there were only 10 days to use the local rink. However, with the additional uses, it could be a good project for the Committee.
- Chairperson Burns-Antoine suggested that instead of a rink, the site might be called an outdoor sports and recreation area.

**** Ms Whiting left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. ****

Flower beds

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine noted the village flower beds need to be weeded and prepared for summer, and the pump jack replicas are anticipated to be in place soon. Among the flower beds to be worked on, she said one of the flower beds is to be removed and replaced with a rock garden; the one just west of the fire hall requires tender loving care; and the one at the Youth Centre parking lot needs to be removed.
- Mr. Perry said the one at the Youth Centre is overgrown with shrubs and small trees, and suggested the garden site is not receptive to growing things.
- Councillor Powell suggested the Committee should organize a date for volunteers to help out some Saturday.
- Mr. Smith said removing the trees from the Youth Centre flower bed might damage the adjacent fence.
- Ms Powell noted that the solar lights at the flowerbed by the fire hall need to be straightened out with equipment, as she has tried by hand, but to no avail.
- Councillor Powell said the flower bed by the west end kids park needs to be taken out, as it has rotted.
- Mr. Smith suggested the flower bed is there just to keep cars from going into the park.

Trail – update on solar lights

- Mr. Perry presented a drawing of the replacement lamps and standards to be installed along the trail on the existing cement pillars. He said a prototype will be produced this week and tested on site next week. If it works out, they will go into production for all the replacements.
- Chairperson Burns-Antoine asked for a timeline on the work, noting that the insurance company expected the work to be completed in December.
 - Mr. Perry said the work will not be completed until the summer. They are making a prototype this week and

while he is away through April, Mr. Smith will stay on top of the project.

- Mr. Perry said the company knows how much the insurance company is providing for the replacement of the vandalized lights, but if the project goes according to plan, they will provide lights and standards so all 12 lamps on the trail will match.
- Mr. Perry said the standards are 7-8 feet in height and the lamps are made with solid steel. They will be mounted on the existing 2-foot cement pillars.
- Mr. Perry said he cannot provide a precise timeline, as the company has one person working on this project and he has asked them repeatedly to finish the work as soon as possible. He said he is hopeful the work will be completed by June.

**** Mr. Smith left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. ****

Committee Chairmanship

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine reported that during a recent Council meeting, she suggested the Parks and Recreation Committee consider selecting a chairperson that is either the mayor or a Councillor. Having a private member serve as the chair may serve to attract more volunteers, when the Committee is not seen by the general public as an extension of Council.
- She asked the members to consider this matter for the next term of Council, following the October election.
- She also suggested that if the onus is off Mayor and Council, more will be done.

Chili Cook-off report

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine reported that 78 people attended the chili cook-off, raising \$780. Eighteen participants registered to bring in chili and suggested the Committee might do it again.
- She also suggested that the committee might consider hosting quarterly fund-raisers for everyone to get involved with a chili cook-off again this fall.

Accounts

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine presented the Committee’s financial position, as prepared by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Karen Cook:

Parks & Recreation Committee Financial Position		
Balance	\$ 2,932.64	on Feb. 28,2018
Receivable	\$ 1,616.78	HST rebate for 2017 expenses
Total	\$ 4,549.42	amount available for 2018
Expenses 2018	\$ 2,500.00	insurance deductible for solar lights
	\$ 600.00	audit for 2017 books
	\$ 100.00	Jingle Bell Walk
	\$ 250.00	Flowers for barrels
Total	\$ 3,450.00	Commitments to date
Remaining	\$ 1,099.42	Uncommitted

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine suggested keeping a minimum of \$5,000 in the account for future projects.

MOTION NO. 2 Moved by Mr. Perry
 Seconded by Councillor Powell

THAT the Village of Oil Springs Parks and Recreation Committee accepts the Accounts Report as presented.

CARRIED

Any New Business as presented by staff and members

- Chairperson Burns-Antoine noted that in conjunction with the committee's fund-raising efforts, the Firefighters and Optimists have suggested they could help out by providing a pancake breakfast and beef-on-a-bun meals, respectively.
- She also suggested that the committee coordinate an information session with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to present information about lottery license regulations. She added, this could be an annual presentation for everyone in the County.
- Ms Barry noted, it is hard to raise funds if you don't know what you can do.

Adjournment of Meeting

MOTION NO. 3 Moved by Ms Powell
 Seconded by Ms Barry

THAT the time being 7:40 p.m., this Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Ian Veen
Chairperson

Erkki Pohjolainen
Clerk-Treasurer