

Centre Hastings Park Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 20, 2014

Council Chambers

In Attendance: Charles Gordon, Rob Gardiner, Marjorie Reid, Dale Smith, Candice Bovard, Shannon Burke, Jeff Bitton

Regrets: Carm Donato, Jane Donato, Nicole Shire, Shelby Kramp- Neuman

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Welcome: Charles welcomed Candice Bovard to the committee

Approval of the Agenda:

Rob moved, Marjorie seconded, *approval of the agenda.* Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

none

Approval of the Minutes of July 16, 2014

Rob moved, Marjorie seconded, *approval of the minutes of July 16, 2014.* Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Charles noted the main plexi-glass has been installed, still awaiting the second sign to be changed
- Noted we have received \$738.3 donation from the estate of local residents

Park Supervisor Report:

- Shannon noted the park attendance has been slowing down the late 2 weeks due to the inclement weather
- staff have been very busy, especially with weeding/ park maintenance
- Upcoming weekend events include Ribfest/ MMRS races
- Beginning September 8th there will be no staff on Mon/Tuesdays, minimal staffing Wed/Thurs (primarily maintenance, weeding, painting), with regular staffing Fri/Sat/Sundays depending on weather
- Park will close Thanksgiving weekend
- Shannon will present a canteen financial report at the September meeting
- Play equipment is being inspected 2 to 3 times weekly, have noted some minor deficiencies to be addressed in the off season for budget considerations in 2015

- Noted the park internet was hacked, WiFi not working great, trees need trimmed
- Bell isn't able to service it
- Suggested we look at other providers

Marjorie moved, Candice seconded *that staff price out the cost of changing servers*. Carried.

General Ledger/ Accounts:

- Noted we were down in revenue for skate comp (no donation from Pepsi, awaiting a few others)
- Will have a better idea where we stand budget wise for the September meeting

New Business:

1. Skate Competition:

- Had 44 participants, 20 scooters!
- Suggested adding a 'girls open' category
- Marj to send thank yous for the donations received
- Disappointed the Fire Department didn't participate this year, thankful St. John's came out last minute

2. St. John Ambulance Contribution

- Correspondence was presented from St. Johns re: their involvement at the skate competition
- It was noted Charles already provided a donation of \$100, and should there be any available funds at year end committee would consider additional contribution

Marjorie moved, Dale seconded, *that the correspondence from St. John Ambulance be received and filed*. Carried.

3. Budget Items

Charles noted it would be a good time to review our budget priority items for 2015 at the next meeting, including:

- Air Conditioning for the Arts Centre
- Canteen Roof repaired, change over exhaust system, turn air pipe
- Play equipment review/ overhaul
- Bike equipment (in need of removing older equipment from our inventory, buying 5 or 6 new ones)

- Providing more shade (Charles noted we have added umbrellas to a few of our picnic tables, working out quite well, should add more)
- Clear up drainage on east side of rental shack
- Change over the urinals and toilet paper dispensers, splash pad washrooms

Committee asked to bring forward their ideas at the September meeting.

4. Fundraising

Several fund raising ideas were proposed to help fund these items, including:

- Geek night
- Doing something in conjunction with Carm's Fun Comp
- Car wash (proposed Sept. 13, 1:00-4:00)
- Selling off old bikes for parts, equipment
- Bike/ scooter raffle
- Spring Yard Sale
- Golf Tournament

To review options at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

6:30pm, Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Council Chambers

(Rob noted he'll be away)

Meeting Adjourned:

Candice moved the meeting to be adjourned @ 8:15 pm