

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, October 17, 2018

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Audrey Fraser, Pat Mascarin, Michal Lukac, Frank Fohr, Kenneth Groves, John Anstruther, Janet Hassall, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Councillor Pietrangelo, Councillor Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

Regrets:

Corey Barkman, Curtis Thompson

1. Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from September 12, 2018.

IT WAS MOVED BY John Anstruther, second by Frank Fohr, that the minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2018 be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising from June 20 meeting

a) *Gerry Bruins*

IT WAS MOVED BY Pat Mascarin, second by Frank Fohr, that The Park in the City Committee purchase a memorial tree in honour of Gerry Bruins who was a past participant with the Park in the City Committee. The tree is to be planted at Don Johnson Park.

Motion Carried

3. Events & Programs

a) **Summer Trillium Re-cap**

Staff reported that 175 people attending the ending ceremony. 15 property owners have yet to acquire their award. Budget used for the program was \$6,000.

b) **TD Tree Days**

100 trees were planted by 55 volunteers. A grant budget of \$5,500 was used to complete the project.

c) **Fall Community Clean Sweep**

Pat, Frank, John, Mike, Audrey and Kenneth will volunteer for the event.

d) **CN EcoConnexions Tree Planting**

100 trees and 750 wildflowers have been ordered to be planted at Patrick Cummings Park. Janet, Pat, Audrey, John, Mike and Kenneth will attend. Councillor Strange will MC the event.

e) Enviro Event 2020

Committee decided to defer discussion until a new committee is formed in early 2019.

4. New Business

a) *Volunteer Recognition Evening*

John, Janet, Audrey, Pat, Kenneth, Mike, Councillor Strange and Councillor Pietrangelo will attend the event. The 2018 Environment Award recipient will be Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. Councillor Pietrangelo will present the award.

b) *N.S. & T. Trail Commemorative Signage*

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by John Anstruther that the Park in the City Committee supports the City collaborating with the Canadian Railroad Historical Association (Niagara Division) in an effort to develop a signage plan for the N.S. & T. Trail to acknowledge the history of the former railway.

Motion Carried

c) *N.S. & T. Trail improvements*

Staff to report on the status of improvements on the entrance to the N.S. & T. access at Kalar Road, leading towards Garner Road.

d) *Whirlpool Road Improvements*

Staff to report on pedestrian area improvements along Whirlpool Road, between the Millennium Recreational Trail and the Niagara Parkway.

e) *Niagara Falls Library Seed Bank*

The Library is discussing options on how to start a local seed bank. City Staff will connect with the Library to discuss any potential partnerships.

f) *Syringes along the Millennium Recreational Trail*

Members reported that syringes have been found along the Millennium Recreational Trail – Canada 150 Pathway. Niagara Regional Police have been made aware.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.