

The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 19, 2023

MacBain Community Centre Boardroom

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Carly Milani, Sheila Deluca, Tom Mingle, John Brucato, Paisley January-Pool, John Morocco, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Paul Bongers, Pat Futino, Aniko Bzdyl, Jennifer Baldinelli, Tina Overstrom, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Beth Angle (Staff)

Regrets:

Frank Fohr, John Anstruther

1. Welcome

Introductions from committee members and members of City Council took place. Further orientation will take place on Thursday, May 4th at the Gale Centre with two sessions being conducted (3:00pm and 6:00pm).

2. Adoption of Minutes

a) November 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by John Brucato that the minutes of the November 9, 2022 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

3. Business Arising

From the November 9, 2022 Committee Meeting

a) Renaming of the Park in the City Committee

IT WAS MOVED BY John Brucato, second by Sheila Deluca that the committee request that Council consider changing the committee name from The Park in the City Committee to the Environmental Action Committee.

Motion Carried

4. Events & Programs

a) 2023 events and program calendar

All committee members received a copy of the 2023 committee schedule for events and programs. Pending events include two tree plantings in the fall (September 23, October 6). Staff will advise on these events once grants are approved.

b) Earth Day Clean-Up

Over 200 volunteers have registered to participate. Staff requested support from committee members to volunteer to assist during the event. The event will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm starting at the MacBain Community Centre.

c) Mother Earth Day

Staff confirmed that the event will include a 500 free tree give-a-way, tree planting of 20 trees, 40 vendors, 11 demonstrations and various youth activities. An estimated cost for the event is \$31,500 with all cost being covered through sponsorship. All committee members are encouraged to register with staff to assist during the event that will take place on Saturday, May 13 from 10am to 4pm at Firemen's Park.

d) Community Garden Program

A report will be submitted at the May 9 City Council meeting with a request for approval. Staff conducted a brief overview of the program at the meeting and will complete a more detailed overview at the next meeting once approved.

e) Budget

Staff outlined a tentative annual budget for the committee to review. In total, all events and programs are projected to cost \$60,000. Budget costs include Mother Earth Day (\$30,000), Curbside Giveaway events (\$2,000), Clean Up events and program (\$3,000), Summer Trillium Awards (\$10,000), Street Tree Planting program (\$5,000), Tree Planting events (\$9,000) and professional association memberships (\$1,000). Total sponsorship dollars acquired in 2023 account for \$48,800 with allocated City funds amounting to \$11,400.

5. New Business

a) Voting for Committee Chair

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, second by Jennifer Baldinelli that the committee continue to have the City Council representatives act as co-chairs for the duration of the Council term.

Motion Carried

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 4:30 pm, MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.