

The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Virtual Online Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Michal Lukac, Frank Fohr, Audrey Fraser, Sheila Deluca, Carly Milani, Paisley Janvary-Pool, John Brucato, Tom Mingle, Pat Mascarin, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff)

Regrets:

Janet Hassall, Dan Cicchino, John Anstruther, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo

1. Welcome

a) *David Antonsen – City Landscape Architect to discuss the NS & T Line Trail Master Plan*

An overview of the NS & T Master Plan was conducted. Additionally, an overview of the new Memorial Walkway at Firemen’s Park was presented.

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by John Brucato that the Park in the City Committee supports the NS & T Line Trail master plan.

Motion Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes

a) *January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Sheila Deluca that the minutes of the January 13, 2021 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

3. Events & Programs

a) *Green Movement Update*

The Committee received an update on the Green Movement initiative. The initiative will run from April 1 to 22. Prizes will be drawn during the Committee’s April 22 Earth Day tree planting.

b) *Earth Day Tree Planting*

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley Janvary-Pool, second by Michal Lukac that the Park in the City Committee conduct 3 tree plantings on Earth Day or on 3 consecutive days.

Motion Carried

c) Up-Coming events/programs

- Green Movement – April 1 to April 22
- Curbside Giveaway – April 17
- Earth Day Tree Planting – April 22
- Community Clean Sweep Day – May 8

4. Transportation and Trails

a) September is Bike Month

Deferred to the April 14, 2021 meeting.

5. New Business

a) Land Care Niagara Grant Opportunities

Staff informed the committee that Land Care Niagara is seeking a partnership with the City of Niagara Falls to plant 5,000 seedlings on city lands during the 2021 calendar year. Staff are currently reviewing options for planting locations.

b) Tree Inventory Consultant

An update was requested in regards to the October 14, 2020 Park in the City Committee motion to recommend that the City consider hiring a consultant to develop an urban forest master plan. Staff indicated that the City will wait to review any recommendations that may arise through the Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY John Brucato, second by Pat Mascarin that staff forward the October 14, 2020 Park in the City Committee motion to the City Clerk to share with City Council that Staff consider hiring a consultant to develop an Urban Forest Master Plan in the 2021 budget year.

Motion Carried

c) Gold Box Program

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Michal Lukac that Staff include the Gold Box Program in the next Park in the City Committee meeting agenda.

Motion Carried

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm online Zoom meeting.