

The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Virtual Online Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Frank Fohr, Sheila Deluca, John Anstruther, Michal Lukac, Paisley January-Pool, Audrey Fraser, Dan Cicchino, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Kathy Moldenhauer, (Staff), Jeff Guarasci (Staff)

Regrets:

Janet Hassall, Tom Mingle, John Brucato, Carly Milani

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by John Anstruther that the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Events & Programs

a) 2022 Tentative Schedule of Events and Programs

Committee received new schedule for 2022.

b) Mother Earth Day

Staff presented an overview of the event. To date, \$31,159 in sponsorship has been secured for the event with a projected \$30,850 in expense to be accrued. 8 demonstrator, and over 40 volunteers have been confirmed to participate. Activities that will take place are a community clean-up, tree plant session, youth interaction section, vendors, demonstrator and food and beverage areas. Committee members have been requested to confirm their intentions to volunteer for the event that will take place on June 11, 2022 at Firemen's Park.

c) Online Goose Chase Programming (Green Movement & Folks and Spokes)

Staff presented a re-cap of the two online Goose Chase programs that were conducted in 2021.

IT WAS MOVED BY Paisley January-Pool, second by Pat Mascarin that the suspend any Goose chase programming for 2022.

Motion Carried

3. Transportation and Trails

a) Millennium Recreational Trail, Section 2

Staff reported that the first phase of section 2 of the Millennium Recreational Trail will be completed in early summer of 2022, with the second phase scheduled for construction in 2023. Section 2 was recently approved by Council to be renamed the Millennium Recreational Trail – Dr. Henry Girdlestone Acres Pathway. An official trail opening will be scheduled in late July, 2022.

4. New Business

a) Council Proclamation – Year of the Garden

2022 was proclaimed by City Council as the Year of the Garden. To support the initiative, the Park in the City Committee decided to encourage residents who are participating in the Niagara Falls Summer Trillium Recognition Program to plant the colour red in their curbside landscaping.

b) Gas Engine Leaf Blowers

Consensus from the committee was to promote an educational campaign to encourage residents to switch to battery powered small engine devices.

The City is currently reviewing battery powered small engine options for their maintenance operations divisions. Currently, testing is being completed on a trial basis.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 3:00 pm, MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.