

The Park in the City Committee

3:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Virtual Online Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Frank Fohr, Sheila Deluca, John Anstruther, John Brucato, Carly Milani, Tom Mingle, Michal Lukac, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Kailey Webster (Student)

Regrets:

Janet Hassall, Audrey Fraser, Dan Cicchino

1. Adoption of Minutes

a) *March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes*

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by Pat Mascarin that the minutes of the March 9, 2022 Park in the City Committee meeting be approved as written.

Motion Carried

2. Welcome

a) *Kailey Webster – Community Gardens Framework Presentation*

Comments received are that the existing 3 community gardens managed by Project SHARE may be sufficient to support existing demand and also water sources are hard and expensive to acquire. Other comments included that all garden sites will need a shed for storage.

3. Events & Programs

a) *Community Curbside Giveaway*

Staff reported that online traffic has increased in comparison to the 2021 Curbside event. The 2022 event will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

b) *Earth Day Activities*

The clean-up event is scheduled for Friday, April 22 at the MacBain Community Centre from 3pm to 7pm. City Staff will also be volunteering to help clean-up on their lunch hour. Committee members are needed to help set-up and execute the event.

c) *Rotary Tree Planting*

Taking place at Carolynn Park on Saturday, May 7 starting at 11am. This event is honouring new members to Rotary's Satellite club. Committee members are requested to help volunteer with the tree planting and to also conduct Master of Ceremonies duties.

d) Queen Jubilee Ceremony and Tree Planting

Museum Staff will lead a ceremony in honour of the Queen's Jubilee at Rosberg Park on Thursday, June 2. All members are invited to attend.

e) Mother Earth Day - Update

All vendors (75) and demonstrators (10) have been secured and confirmed for the June 11 event. Staff are currently in the process of ordering supplies and coordinating marketing material. All committee members are encouraged to volunteer for the event.

f) Summer Trillium Awards - Update

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc has been confirmed as the new title sponsor for 2022. The Niagara Falls Horticultural Society will also become a sponsor for 2022. The Property Girls are returning ceremony sponsors for 2022. New garden stake awards have been chosen and ordered. A new curriculum has been developed to award more scoring points towards landscapes with positive environmental features.

4. Transportation and Trails

a) Trail Brochure

Staff are working on updating the existing Trail and Cycling brochure that is set to be completed in time for distribution on June 11, 2022.

5. New Business

a) Daily Volunteer Clean-up Activities - Information

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Deluca, second by Michal Lukac that the committee supports an on-going volunteer program for residents to participate in helping to clean-up litter from City parks, trails and boulevards at anytime of the year and that volunteers should not be responsible for expenses incurred due to insurance requests.

Motion Carried

b) Tree Canopy – Update

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, second by John Brucato that the committee request staff to inquire about available information from Forestry as to how many boulevard trees have been removed and replaced in the last calendar year and if there is an update on the proposed street tree replacement policy ratio of 2 to 1 or 3 to 1.

Motion Carried

6. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 3:00 pm, MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.