



RECREATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
5:30pm – Virtual Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Michael Audibert, Bonnie Brady (Chair), Aniko Bzdyl, Councillor Chris Dabrowski, Sheila DeLuca, Rob Desson, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Gary Krause, Donna Mills, Laurie Primeau, Councillor Mike Strange, Vito Scaringi, Terry Thomson, Beth Angle (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff)

Regrets: Joe Caverson, Anna Lee

Guests: David Antonsen, City of Niagara Falls Landscape Architect

1. Tennis and Basketball Improvements Project – Guest David Antonsen

Item moved up in the agenda to accommodate guest.

David Antonsen provided an update regarding the Tennis and Basketball Improvements plan. Improvements to existing courts have been moving forward based on conditions and budget available. This year there is some grant funding available and will be moving forward with several more sites.

Pickleball is a growing sport and the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Plan recommends the creation of a dedicated multi-court project in the next ten years.

David requested input with respect to a proposed dedicated multicourt pickleball site at EE Mitchelson Park.

Much discussion took place. Sheila DeLuca, commented with respect to Saint Paul losing use of courts for tennis. Councillor Strange asked about the possibility of multiuse instead of dedicated.

The committee supported moving forward with dedicated courts.

Bonnie Brady left the meeting at approximately 6:00 pm.

Election for Positions of Chair and Vice Chair

Elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions took place.

Sheila DeLuca was elected as Chair of the Recreation Committee for the remainder of the term.

Michael Audibert was elected as Vice Chair of the Recreation Committee for the remainder of the term.

2. Adoption of Minutes of December 21, 2021

IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Laurie Primeau, that the minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2021, be approved as written.

Motion Carried

3. 2022 Committee Schedule

- February 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 14 (1 week early – Council on the 21st)
- September 20
- October 18
- December 20

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of December 21, 2021

- a. June is Recreation & Parks Month – discussion

Discussion took place regarding options for June is Recreation and Parks Month. A decision was made to focus on hosting a Sport and Recreation Fair at the MacBain Community Centre in the spring. Can promote use of parks and trails throughout month of June for June is Recreation & Parks month. Use existing resources such as the summer map. A Sport and Recreation Fair planning meeting will be scheduled.

- b. Garage Sale at the Gale – June 2022

The committee supports moving forward with a Garage Sale at the Gale in 2022. Staff will investigate availability of staff resources, possible dates, creating online registration, and revisit any insurance/legalities prior to the next meeting.

5. MacBain Community Centre Update

Approximately ninety percent of Coronation Centre programming has moved over to the MacBain Community Centre and staff will be transitioning over permanently. Coronation Programming will be rebranded to be Older Adult Programming. Recruitment is well on the way for assorted MacBain Community Centre positions. There have been delays with the opening of the pool and expect to open in April.

6. Family Day

The Museum and Gale Centre are offering programming for Family Day. S'more Fun Tobogganing Day scheduled for February 19 volunteers welcome.

7. New Business

Laurie Primeau informed that the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games Volunteer portal is open.

8. Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – Virtual Zoom, 5:30pm

9. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdyl, seconded by Chris Dabrowski, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Motion Carried