



RECREATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 22, 2020
5:30pm – Meeting – Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Laurie Primeau, Donna Mills, Councillor Mike Strange, Rob Desson, Anna Lee, Bonnie Brady, (Chair), Gary Krause, Aniko Bzdyl, Joseph Caverson, Michael Audibert, Sheila DeLuca, Beth Angle (Staff), Dolores Sacco (Staff), Kathy Moldenhauer (Staff)

Regrets: Councillor Chris, Dabrowski, Vito Scaringi, Terry Thomson, Paisley January-Pool

REGULAR MEETING

1 Adoption of Minutes of April 14, 2020

IT WAS MOVED BY Michael Audibert, seconded by Sheila DeLuca, that the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2020, be approved.

Motion Carried

2 Business Arising from the Minutes of April 14, 2020

2021 Canada Summer Games Update

Beth advised the Committee that the 2021 Canada Summer Games have been postponed until 2022 (August). All infrastructure build will continue as scheduled.

Kathy Moldenhauer advised that Oakes Park upgrades will begin within the next month.

Staff will be meeting with the Canada Summer Games team to discuss Legacy Projects in the near future.

3 City of Niagara Falls Recreation Committee Grant Application - Leadership Training

- a. NCCP Baseball Coaches Clinic (Initiation Coach Online). This event took place on February 15th & 16th, 2020 on line. **Francis Dugas** is requesting \$77.45.
- b. NCCP Baseball Coaches Clinic (Initiation Clinic & Teaching & Learning Clinic Online). This event took place on February 15th & 16th, 2020 on line. **Anthony Rosano** is requesting \$90.00.

IT WAS MOVED BY Laurie Primeau, seconded by Aniko Bzdyl, that the applicants be approved \$75.00 each.

Motion Carried

4 **New Business**

a. Volunteer Recognition Evening – 2020;

Beth advised that the sub-committee met on zoom in the summer and decided to alter the event. Honouring our volunteers is more important than ever so, instead of the traditional dinner and awards ceremony we will be bringing the award and recognition directly to the recipients and creating a video to recognize the many dedicated volunteers and corporate sponsors.

The deadline for nominations is October 2nd and the goal is to air the video November 28th. It is intended that Committee members will deliver the 40-60 awards to the winners November 27-28, 2020.

b. Planning Discussion;

It was decided to wait until January to start planning Spring events such as the Garage Sale, etc.

c. Recreation & Culture updates.

- i. Beth announced that the Pickleball courts are complete at John N. Allan Park and a small opening will be held at the park on Monday, September 28th. It was noted that the park looks great with all the improvements.
- ii. Kathy advised that the Recreation, Culture and Parks Master Plan is moving forward. The Consulting firm of Monteith Brown has been awarded the contract and they are well experienced. The launch will take place at the Farmers Market.
- iii. The Millennium Recreational Trail – Rotary Storywalk Pathway (Section 5)

Beth advised that the new section of the Millennium Trail is now open. The trail has an additional 1.2 km of trail space which is between Dorchester Road and Drummond Road, connecting to other sections of the Millennium Recreational Trail.

She also advised that the 14 Storywalk boards will be installed through this section in the Spring of 2021 and a grand opening event will take place at that time.

- iv. Operation Awesome Playgrounds

Beth advised that the following 10 playgrounds will be upgraded and once they are completed the City will have completed 40 playgrounds in 4 years.

Balmoral Park -6494 Balmoral Avenue
Bambi Park – 6370 Delta Drive
C.B. Wright Park – 6915 Ailanthus Avenue
Cherry Hill Park – 6820 Cherry Hill Drive
Coronation Park – 5775 Hanan Avenue
Maple Street Park – 5100 Maple Street
Preakness Park (turf safety surfacing only) – 7857 Preakness Street
Oakes Park
Warren Woods Park East (7865 Hackberry Trail) – new park and playground
Warren Woods Park West (8707 Warren Woods Avenue) – new park and playground

- v. Beth advised that the construction of the Culture Hub (Niagara Falls Exchange) will begin soon. Approximate completion date is May 2022.
- vi. Kathy Moldenhauer updated the Committee on the opening to the public of Recreation facility buildings.

Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

5 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Aniko Bzdył, seconded by Laurie Primeau, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Motion Carried