

Minutes

**Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Monday September 12th, 2016
Heritage Railway Station, 53 Front Street, Sioux Lookout**

In Attendance:

Adrienne Crosby (Vice Chair), Mayor Doug Lawrance, Joanne Peacock, Cllr. Steve Forbes

Regrets:

Jesse Terry

Unexcused Absents:

Jack Roy, Aileene Urquhart

Staff:

Gerson Agustin, Manager – Recreation & Culture Department

Jennalea Landry, Assistant Manager – Recreation & Culture Department

Adrienne Crosby – Vice Chair, assumed the Chair.

Item 1 – Call to Order

A) Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

B) Adopt Agenda:

Moved By: Mayor Doug Lawrance

Seconded By: Joanne Peacock

That the Agenda of the September 12, 2016 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee is approved.

CARRIED

Item 2 – Delegation

A) Multi-Purpose Trail Development:

Craig Mahoney and Multi-Purpose Trail Group provided a copy of a proposal and distributed it to the committee members.

Craig Mahoney and Group appeared before the committee, provided a presentation and responded to questions. The presentation included, but was not limited to the following:

- Vision;
- Intended use;
- Where? (Kai Koivukovski Snow shoe trail);
- Plan on action begin fall 2016 – trails to remain open all year round for various purposes);
- Developing Stages:
 - Clearing pathways
 - Building simple structures (board walks over swampy wet areas)
 - Naming the multipurpose trail and trail systems
- Cost and approval;
- Goal is in 2017/2018 to have trails open:
 - Develop maps and GPS
 - Web site
 - Facebook and Social Media
- Keeping in mind the ECO System and keeping the natural environment;
- Would have to have an agreement with the MNR;
- Trail would have to be kept as recreational (a letter of understanding);
- Crown Land;
- Gerson to bring proposal forward to the MNR;
- Seeking partnership Nordic Nomads;
- Snowshoe trail has potential to develop further;
- Where should the trails be located should be based on how they will be used;
- Opportunity to re-route some trails;
- Seeking Grants and funding;
- Budget:
 - Fundraising
 - Asking local organizations to sponsor a trail
 - Have an annual trail use pass (upkeep and maintenance)

Committee Debrief on Delegation:

- Developing a trail that Kai had already started/ extending;
- Add different options for people that does not interfere with the ski trails;
- Sub group with energy and passion for trails and development in the area;
- More structure to what they are doing, coming back with some things Mapped out/ GPS.

Item 3 – Adoption of Minutes – None

Item 4- Conflicts of Interest – None

Item 5 – Business of Previous Minutes

A) Dog Park:

- They have not showed up to the past 2 scheduled delegations;
- Purpose of the Dog Park?
 - Opportunity for dog to run free off leash;
 - Dog socialization;
- Finding a suitable location and enough land;
- Committee is finding a lack of enthusiasm from people who want the dog park:
 - Moving down the list as a priority;
 - Ask the dog park people to do up a proposal and present it to the committee;
 - Adrienne to do up a letter and send it on behalf of the committee to the dog park people.

B) Park Benches and Bike Racks:

- 2500 still left in the budget to spend;
- Committee to purchase 2 benches and 2 bike racks using the delegated budget:
 - Where to put them?;
 - Another bench at the TIC could be possible with the new playground being added;
 - Centennial Park? (issues with them being miss used) – committee voted this option out;
 - Along 7th Ave;
 - Urban Tail “possible benches”;
 - Umfreville Trail (possibly at the MNR crossing);
 - Second Sandy;
- Committee agreed to on the Umfreville trail (MNR Crossing) and Second Sandy as the locations for the Benches;
- Health Unit is giving the committee \$250 extra to put towards Bike racks:
 - Location: Committee agreed to put 1 bike rack at the TIC and one at the Heritage Railway Station

Item 6 – New Business

- Extend invitation to have The Nordic Nomads as a delegation;
- Playground development:
 - Application has been submitted in;
 - Gerson Agustin has Quotes for equipment;
 - Phase 2 of application is approved for funding;
 - Money from the sale of land to the Wellington Inn has been put aside and will go towards the new playground development;
 - Playground will be located at the Travel Information Centre;
 - Gerson Agustin will bring more updates to the next meeting;
- Parks and Garden improvement:
 - Funding might be available;

- To have a Part Time or full Position delegated to just gardens and maintenance. (this did not make it through the Budget process by Council)
- Have people in the community adopt a space;

Annual Work Plan – Long Term Project:

- Swimming Pool – Health and Wellness Centre:
 - Location (old High School);
 - Would have to get it appraised first;
 - Offered to the school boards first and if they do not want it then it is offered to the municipality for purchase;
 - We want to be as ready as we can for this opportunity (shovel ready project)...to apply for funding;
 - Committee and municipality to kick start the process to have ready to present to council;
 - Town already have \$70,000 set aside for the new wellness center;
 - Vision is to have a proper fitness centre, 2 Ice pads etc.;
 - To have a report ready to submit to Council

Item 7 Next Meeting

- Next Parks and Recreation Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016 at 5:00pm at the Heritage Railway Station

Item 8- Meeting Adjournment

Moved By: Mayor Doug Lawrence

Seconded By: Joanne Peacock

THAT Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of September 12, 2016, be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
CARRIED