

**Parks & Recreation Advisory
Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.**

** Members and staff participated electronically**

Present: Aaron Fallis
Bart Feilders
Teena Flood
Eric Thornley
Carly Davenport
Gerry Herron, Smith Ward Councillor

Regrets: Peter Davis
Laura Edmonstone
Donna Ballantyne, Ennismore Ward Councillor

Staff: Mike Richardson, Manager of Recreation Services
Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Carly Davenport called the meeting to order at 4:39 PM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

1. Deputations and/or Invited Persons

None

Resolution No. 2022 – 005 – New Business

Eric Thornley – Teena Flood –

That the agenda be amended to include the following under new business:

1. Tree cutting at Burritt Mann Park
2. Parkland Inventory – assessment process review
3. Bird Friendly Canada

Carried.

2. Minutes

Resolution No. 2022 – 006 – Minutes

Eric Thornley – Bart Feilders –

That the minutes of the Joint Trails and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of May 11, 2022 be received for information.

Carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Question Period

None

5. Correspondence for Discussion and/or Decision

None

6. Reports

Draft Marina Utilization Study – Mike reviewed the 18 recommendations from the Draft Marina Utilization Study. Of note:

Recommendation #3 - Aaron requested information on the increase in slip fees as they compare to the fees at the Peterborough Marina. Barton also asked questions regarding how the fee increases would be allocated. Mike advised that the intention of the increase is to remain competitive with the regional market and that the increase in fees would be allocated over a number of years.

Recommendation #12 - Barton inquired whether the potential installation of new docks would be for seasonal or transient users. Mike advised that this is still to be determined.

Recommendation #14 - Barton ask questions regarding the feasibility of installing a canoe/kayak launch at the Lakefield Beach given the current parking restraints. Barton noted that the parking area at the beach can be extremely congested and that the addition of a launch should include a review of the parking options.

Lakefield Campground Update – Mike advised that ORCA takes over operations of the Campground on November 1st, 2022. Mike brought forward that an Open House was held with current campground users to discuss the transition, answer questions and address concerns.

Committee Term – Tania advised the Committee that recruitment for the next term of Township Committees will commence after the October 24, 2022 Municipal Election. Committee members will be sent the recruitment package for consideration.

Arena Operations – Mike brought forward that the Ennismore Arena has switched to winter operations. Aaron asked if there was any information (revenue losses, gains etc...) regarding the Millbrook Arena which maintained ice all year. Mike noted that he is meeting with their Manager and will report back.

7. Other, New and Unfinished Business

Burritt Mann Park – Barton advised that a number of trees were cut down on the south side of Burritt Mann Park off of Mudd Road and he was wondering the reason. Staff was unaware of the situation and advised that they would investigate.

Parkland Measuring Matrix – Barton asked questions regarding the matrix that is used by the Township to calculate the amount of parkland owned by the municipality. Barton and Carly suggested that a more robust matrix be used in order to capture more detail (i.e. pollinator gardens, naturalized shorelines etc). Mike advised that this can be consider when the next review is completed.

Bird Friendly Canada – Carly advised that she would like to explore obtaining a Bird Friendly designation for the Township. She is looking for community members that would be interested in joining a committee to commence the process for obtaining a designation. Committee members are asked to contact Carly directly if they are interested.

8. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2022-007 – Adjournment

Barton Feilders – Eric Thornley –

Be it resolved that the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting be adjourn at 6:05 pm.

Carried.