Trees for Minto Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Members Present:
Judy Dirksen, Chris VanEsbroeck, Melvin Steckle, Jared James, Edwin Martin, Rob
Johnson. Paul Martin

Members Absent:
Mark MacKenzie, Terry Fisk, Bert VonWesterholt and Jonas Martin

Staff Present:
Annilene McRobb and Paul Judge

1. Call to Order 7:07 pm
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Representative Chris VanEsbroeck was introduced.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
   a. June 13, 2019 Trees for Minto Minutes

   MOTION:
   Moved by: Judy Dirksen; Seconded by: Melvin Steckle
   THAT the Trees for Minto Minutes of June 13, 2019 be accepted.
   Carried

3. Reports
   a. Proposed 2020 Budget

   Members reviewed the draft budget noting that some of the reserves are to be used for
   signage projects. Jared James and Paul Judge will attend a Minto Trails meeting to discuss
   partnering with their committee on signage for species of trees along the trails.

   MOTION:
   Moved by: Paul Martin; Seconded by: Rob Johnson
THAT the draft budget be accepted. Carried

b. Estimate on replacement Hazelnut Trees
Rob Johnson noted that the replacement trees have come in at a low cost and added a couple other varieties for the best cross pollination.

MOTION
Moved by: Melvin Steckle; Seconded by: Rob Johnson
THAT the replacement Hazelnut trees be ordered from Whiffletree Farm and Nursery Inc at a total cost of $1,913.99 Carried

c. Spring Tree Offerings shrubs vines and herbaceous... Plants for teas... plants for the soul
Committee members discussed the spring offerings of trees, Trees for Teas. Johnson presented different options of herbaceous plants, shrubs vines and trees that could be offered. Members looked at the price points and decided that the package should include one tree with a variety of plants/vines or shrubs, with the committee to cover half of the cost of the trees and plants to keep the cost at $20 per package. Johnson will put together what packages to offer.

MOTION:
Moved by: Edwin Martin; Seconded by: Paul Martin
THAT the Trees for Minto offer tea kits for sale at the cost of $20 per kit, only 100 kits to be offered on a first come first serve basis. Carried

d. Draft Terms of Reference,
Members reviewed a draft Terms of Reference and looked to make the following changes:

Mandate
To encourage, facilitate and provide education around tree planting for the residents of Minto

Goals

- Provide information on agroforestry
- Show the environmental, natural and aesthetic benefits to trees
- To be a resource for the community
The committee decided to cap the membership at 12 members.

McRobb will send the draft to all members with changes to be reviewed again next meeting.

4. **Roundtable Discussion**
   James noted he has been in contact with a landowner who is looking to do a large planting on their land on Given’s Road. James will work with this homeowner to help set up the planting details, working with Johnson for Green Legacy trees.

5. **Adjournment 8:50 pm**