

Minutes of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, June 26, 2017

Meeting Location: Harriston

Present: Councillor Ron Elliott, Councillor Dave Turton
Bob McEachern, Bill Raynard, Geoff Gunson,
Ryan Fisk

Staff Present: Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager
Allan Carr, Recreation Facilities Manager
Greg Mallett, Recreation and Facilities Assistant

Regrets: Dorothy Grotenhuis

Call To Order:

Councillor Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Review of Minutes:

P.R.A.C. minutes from April 29, 2017 were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Geoff Gunson and Seconded by: Bill Raynard

THAT:

The P.R.A.C. minutes of April 29, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Council Follow-Up:

The minutes from the April 29, 2017 meeting were accepted by council.

Services Manager's Reports:

Council Recognition Night

At Council Recognition Night, the Palmerston Terminators Broomball team and Minto resident Chayse Herrfort of the Listowel Junior B Cyclones were recognized. Due to availability issues, Todd Norman of the Listowel Junior B Cyclones was unable to attend.

Norgan Theatre Board Minutes

Services Manager Lubbers reported that the Norgan Theatre loan is officially paid off. The Board attended the June 20th meeting of Council to celebrate this achievement as well as promote the 70th anniversary celebrations taking place August 19th and 20th. Party in the Park went well and was well attended. Services Manager Lubbers reported that the terrazzo floors in the front entrance have been refinished and brought back to their original state.

Program Progress Report

Services Manager Lubbers reported that the pool is open for the season and that the Swim 2 Survive program is going well. Session 1 of swim lessons has also started and the day camp program begins on July 3rd. Many other sports programs for children, youth and seniors have started or will be starting shortly.

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Facilities Manager's Report:

Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Manager Allan Carr reported tenders have been awarded for the new dressing room floors and ice resurfacer in Palmerston. Palmerston Pool received a new tiger shark, an office renovation and new washroom partitions. A leaky return line was detected and arrangements are made to repair it and add some new valves in the filter room. The Lions Club has almost completed a new retaining wall at the pool. Repairs have also been made to the Palmerston Splash pad.

The Harriston Pool was drained, pressure tested, and had its received liner repaired. The most concerning leak is in the main drain that has not been pinpointed yet. One small leak was detected in one skimmer and 4 return lines are leaking; an epoxy has been applied to these leaks and is helping save water at this point. Once again the heaters at the Harriston Pool are causing problems. We will budget for new ones next year. A new tiger shark was received at the pool and new covers and rollers are ordered.

Facility and Sports Field Usage

Palmerston hosted a children's safety day and the 91Run, both of which were run by Minto Fire. Party in the Park and the Handcar Races were hosted at Heritage Park over the past weekend. Minto Fire had both a Touch a Truck event and a Firefighters Breakfast at the Harriston Arena. In Clifford, there was Volunteer Appreciation Night and a community yard sale. Ball and soccer fields are well used and busy most nights.

Staff

Staff have been hired and trained for positions within Facilities Department. Job descriptions and maintenance schedule made for the Palmerston Train Museum. New staff has been hired and they have received their HR training. Christian Feldskov has received his Pool Operators certificate, Shawn Mabb has been trained in Legal Awareness and Duane Voll has taken a Leadership course.

Naming of the Clifford Sports:

Facilities Manager Allan Carr reported that the Clifford Recreation Association will be putting the naming of the Clifford Sports Fields on hold and will be discussing it at a future meeting.

Harriston Kinsmen Inquiry

Facilities Manager Allan Carr reported Mick Wick and Paul Hope attended Council on behalf of the Harriston Kinsmen Club. The club holds a Tuff Truck event annually at the Harriston Fairgrounds. They are inquiring about installing some permanent obstacles that can be used annually for their event. This would make setup each year easier and allow them to grow the event. Al Carr will speak to Agricultural Society president Bruce Shannon to confirm that they are aware of the Kinsmen's plan and are alright with them.

Furthermore, the subject of insurance was brought up and Facilities Manager Allan Carr will speak to Stephen Wylie about any insurance issues. Geoff Gunson expressed some concern about people using the grounds on its off time.

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MOTION:

Moved by: Bob McEachern and Seconded by: Councillor Ron Elliott

THAT:

P.R.A.C. recommends that Council proceed with permitting the Kinsmen to install permanent Tuff Truck features at the Harriston Fairgrounds, pending a review of the request from the Town insurer and pending Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society approval of the location of such features

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Town of Minto be named as additional insured on the Kinsmen's insurance policy for all Tuff Trucks events.

CARRIED

New Business:

None.

MOTION:

Moved by: Geoff Gunson

THAT:

P.R.A.C. adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting is September 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Palmerston Lions Clubhouse.

Greg Mallett
Recreation and Facilities Assistant
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee