

Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee

March 8, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

The Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Neustadt Community Centre.

Present: Kathy Weber, Rheo Machina, Zach Weber, Audrey Filsinger, Brian Zettler, Nelson Granger, Cortnee Granger-Morton, Carol Lawrence – Council Representative, Tom Culliton – Staff.

Regrets: Brenda Foerster due to health issues.

Vice Chair Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She welcomed the new members.

Motion to approve absence from meetings for Brenda Foerster, due to health issues, until further notice. Moved by Audrey, Seconded by Brian. Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None

Delegation: A delegation consisting of Mike White, Kathy Wright, Roger Cook, Kevin Hilgendorf attended to discuss some perceived issues around roller skating. Concern was raised about a possible slipping hazard on the painted lines on the floor and inquiry into the disposition of the letter presented last meeting. Carol read the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, Brent Glasier's report re paint lines which states that in his opinion the paint thickness causing a hazard is unfounded. She further reported that since the letter was not addressed to anyone, it was not brought to council but was shared with the proper individuals. Discussion around some issues which appear in part to be non compliance with the rules as posted. Tom will discuss with and direct cruiser on action needed. With over 100 participants most nights the need for a second cruiser was raised. Some suggestions were made including consideration of an afternoon skate for young children. Rec committee will explore this. It was noted that the sound system is reaching its end of life, particularly the speakers. The delegation indicated they would be willing to help fundraise for some and would watch for good used equipment for sale and notify Tom of same. It was overall a good and enlightening discussion between the Rec Committee and the serious, regular roller skaters. Vice Chair Kathy thanked the delegation for their time and interest.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting were read by Brian. Moved by Nelson, Seconded by Rheo that the minutes be approved as amended. Carried.

Business from Minutes: Carol read the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works report and councils motion re the 6th pickleball court being approved. She also shared the report from the CAO and council's motion on the appointment of the two new members.

Vouchers: Moved by Nelson, Seconded by Audrey that vouchers V-26/2016 and V03 and V03 be approved for payment. Carried.

Correspondence: February minutes of the Durham Rec Committee were distributed.

Committee Reports:

Craft Show: The vendor's registration letters have been mailed out and some already have been answered. Kathy turned in \$1062.00. Zach, Cortnee and Nelson will look after the outdoor sign. Audrey and Cortnee will contact radio stations. Zach will contact Wellington Advertiser re coming events column. Carol has placed all other newspaper ads. Eunice at West Grey will place info on the West Grey website and electronic board. Posters will be distributed by Tom and Kathy.

Roller Skating: Audrey reported that the cost to Neustadt fundraising for free skates and roller skating for family day were \$280.48 for 195 skaters. 161 pairs of skates were given out. Total skaters including family day for February was 729 with revenue of \$1,475.48 received. March 3rd had 112 skaters with revenue of \$380.00. Discussion around need for second cruiser.

Motion: moved by Nelson, Seconded by Cortnee that it is recommended that a 2nd cruiser be hired for roller skating and further that admission be raised to \$4.00 per person for ages 13 and over, children under 13 remaining at \$2.00 and skate rentals for all ages be raised to \$2.00 effective 2 months after approval by council. Carried

Pickelball: Nelson turned in \$750.00 for the period Feb 8 to Mar 8 and reported there are now 107 members. On the Tuesday of March 14, March break, there will be a session from 1-3pm for those age 8 and up to learn to play pickleball.

New Business: Rheo reported soccer registrations will be Thursday and Friday 9th and 10th. Cortnee inquired re opportunity for adults with disabilities playing pickleball. She will look into possible organizing and report back to committee.

Tom's Report: Good Friday April 14 roller skating will be moved to Saturday April 15. There will be 5 ball teams playing on the Neustadt diamonds this year. New roller skates will be purchased within budget. Tom gave the accessibility training information and instructions to the new members. He also updated the contact list.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 12, 2017 @ 7:00 pm at the Neustadt Community Centre.

Meeting adjourned: At 9:30 pm on a motion by Nelson.

