

N.G. PARKS Committee
Amended Minutes for February 7,

2018 Location: Durham Fire Dept. Board Room

The meeting was called to order at five minutes to two o'clock by Chair.

Attendance: Chair Tricia Black, Vice Chair Steven Ayerhart, Bob and Teddy Franklin, Councillor Be Cutting.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor John Bell and Jackie Gingrich

Councillor Cutting will look into if Jackie is still wanting to attend the meetings.

No declaration of pecuniary interests declared.

No financial items were discussed.

Delegations :

Durham and District Horticultural Society Executive re the Durham Community Signs and their concerns.

Susan Papineau spoke on behalf of the Society to express the concerns that the Society executives had regarding the Service Group Sign. The Committee assured the Society that the issues would be rectified in the Spring. The Chair requested the Society send a copy of the exact logo the executives would like to represent their Society to Mr. Ayerhart. The Chair explained that once the letter from Council was finalized that their group and all groups would receive a copy with the details of how the sign works plus would be invited to an information session to discuss any issues regarding the signs.

Councillor Rebecca Hergert re Heritage Bridge Proposal

After Councillor Hergert's presentation and a discussion, the Parks Committee recommended to Councillor Hergert and Council to start with fundraising for the electrical upgrades to the bridge approaches on both sides plus to the decorative lighting costs, the upgrades to the parking lot on the east side of the bridge and walkway approaches to the bridge on both sides should be the first stage of the project.

Councillor Hergert noted that there are groups that would like to fundraise for a specific project in West Grey to celebrate a milestone. The Committee recommended to Councillor Hergert that if there are groups interested in fundraising for major projects in Durham that perhaps the Bike/ Skate Park be presented as a project as the Parks Committee receive verbal requests on fixing and improving this area. In addition, creating more outdoor summer activity areas such as bocce or outdoor lawn bowling area.

The Committee expressed their concerns with maintenance and safety issues

with the current proposed drawing. Councillor Hergert will bring back changes to the drawings for further discussion. The Committee asked if any other landscape company in West Grey was asked to submit a drawing and if this project was being tendered out.

Minutes of the November meeting were read. Councilor Cutting motioned the minutes be approved and Steve Ayerhart seconded the motion. Carried

The correspondence received an email from Teresa Pearson (CMHA) re the information the Committee requested regarding the insurance and construction of accessible garden beds.

An email requesting a Delegation from the Durham and District Horticultural Society would like to attend the February Meeting regarding the Service Group Sign.

The items discussed were as follows:

Proposed Costs of new festive winter lights for Durham and Neustadt. Noting approximate cost for Durham would be around \$45,000 dollars and \$23,000 for Neustadt. Mr. Ayerhart noted that the Neustadt lights need to be refurbished before the lights could go back up next season. The Committee discussed that banners for the Communities would be approximately between \$300-500 dollar per banner which included installation. Suggesting that if there are any Community Group that would like to fundraise and donate the money towards lights or banners it would be graciously accepted.

The Chair inquired if a Thank you letter was set to Noah's Inn for their gracious donation for the Lighting in the Park. Councillor Cutting would inquire into this. The Committee would like to be cc. On any letters that are sent regarding them.

The Committee discussed that Pollinator Week is June 18-24 this year. The Committee would like West Grey Council to acknowledge this week in the Municipality. The Committee would like to schedule the opening of the Butterfly Landing in each community during that week.

The Committee would like the Municipality of West Grey to take part in the Nation wide Garden Week and would like the Municipality to declare it's official Garden day on Saturday, June 16, 2018 with the opening of the New Durham Food Garden.

The Committee will further the discussion of the Food Garden at the next meeting.

The Committee tabled the Arbour Week discussion till the next meeting.

Councillor Cutting and the Chair was unable to arrange a meeting with the CAO regarding the finalization of the Commemorative Program and website link due to schedule conflicts.

Trails were tabled to the next meeting and Mr. Ayerhart would speak to Director of infrastructure regarding when the walk through of the proposed trail areas would occur this spring.

The Committee discussed briefly the 2018 Flowers.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in the Durham Fire Hall Board Room at two o'clock

The meeting was adjourned by Council llor Cutting at four o'clock.