

West Grey Parks+ Committee  
Minutes March 7, 2018

Location: Durham Fire Dept. Board Room

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

Committee members in attendance: Chair Tricia Black, Vice Chair Steven Ayerhart, Bob and Teddy Franklin, Councillor Bev Cutting.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor John Bell

Councillor Cutting reported that Jackie Gingrich has stepped down as a committee member.

No declaration of pecuniary interests declared.

Financial items were discussed.

There were no delegations.

Minutes of the February meeting were read. Councillor Cutting motioned the minutes be approved and Bob Franklin seconded the motion. Carried

The following correspondence was received:

An email from Mary Lou Pfeffer was received by Mr. Ayerhart. After discussing the letter, it was decided that Mr. Ayerhart would respond back to her inquiries.

An email from the Durham and District Horticultural Society with the logo the executives would like to have on the Community Sign in replacement of the Society Floral Emblem.

An email from Mary Lou Pfeffer was received by Mr. Ayerhart to inform the Committee that the Ayton Community Tree Lighting and activities are scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The following correspondence was sent:

Mr. Ayerhart emailed Mr. Dale Ahrens to inquire when the Elmwood Community Tree Lighting was scheduled for as last year both Ayton and Elmwood fell on the same day. Mr. Ahrens will get back to Mr. Ayerhart with the date.

The items discussed were as follows:

The Committee discussed Pollinator Week (June 18-24). The Committee discussed a schedule for the opening of the Butterfly Landing in each community during that week. Further, discussion will be held at next months meeting.

The Committee discussed how the Municipality of West Grey could take part in the Nation wide Garden Week. Councillor Cutting would take the declaration for the

Municipality to declare it's official Garden day on Saturday, June 16, 2018 with the opening of the New Durham Food Garden. Councillor Cutting reported that Teresa Pearson (CHMA) will be attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will futher the dicussion of the Durham Food Garden at the next meeting also joining the Canadian Garden Council.

The Committee discussed Arbour/Earth Week (April 16 -22, the 22<sup>nd</sup> being Earth day. The Committee will continue to hold the clean up that week and weekend with a rain date of Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> . Mr. Ayerhart will contact the groups that participated in the Arbour/Earth Week Clean up last year and see if they are interested in participating again this year. The Committee will again recommend that a letter be sent to all groups and a event notice be posted for the Saturday Clean Up. Any volunteers wishing to help with the spring clean up can contact Mr. Ayerhart. Arbour Week will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Arbourists will be coming to Durham and Elmwood to look at the Community Tree lighting trees and access the condition of the trees. Next month, the Committee will discuss recommending a Tree stewardship and Urban Forestry program to the Muncipality.

The festive lights have been scheduled to be removed. Councillor Cutting reported that Councillor Hutchinson will take the information that the festive winter lights needs to be refurbished before the lights could be put back up another season back to the Neustadt Chambers.

A discussion was held on whether to put the maple leafs up for sale or to keep the lights. Councillor Cutting motioned that the Committee keep the maple leaf lights. Teddy Franklin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

No meeting has been scheduled with the insurance company for a walk through of a proposed trail system to date. Mr. Ayerhart will communicate with Mr. Glassier and inform the committee when date is scheduled for.

The Committee discussed the 2018 Flowers program.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, 2018 in the Durham Fire Hall Board Room at two o'clock.

The meeting was adjourned by Teddy Franklin at four o'clock and seconded by Bev Cutting. Passed.