

Elmwood Community Centre Board Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 on Zoom

Attendees: Hazel Pratt – Chair, Gillian Irwin, Ernie Falkiner, James Lang, Scott Foerster, Michael Sugden, Kodey Hewlett, Brad Thomson

Staff: Patsy Becker

Absent: Steve Lehman

Regrets: Marianne Smith

Zoom Moderator: Fiona Hamilton

Secretary of Record: Jayne Sugden

1. Call to Order

6:15pm

Michael took the chair position for this meeting.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (direct or indirect)

None.

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Ball diamond surface work

Quote received from Mar-Co Clay Products for \$1,624.38 (copy to Board members).

Brad stated he will deploy his staff to spread the mix and complete this job.

Motion to accept moved by E. Falkiner. Seconded by S. Foerster. CARRIED.

3.2 Playground resurfacing

This is now a necessity and has to be completed as per Brad or playground will be deemed unusable by Municipality of Brockton.

The single quote vetted by Brockton was received from ABC Recreation for \$20,536.29 which includes the excavation of old material, site prep, and installation of new Fibar System material. Per Brad, this will bring the surface up to code.

Ernie spoke to the funds available in reserve for this: \$10,659.46 in playground donations and \$15,421.11 from the Natalie Schultz Fund.

Motion to award ABC Recreation this contract moved by E.Falkiner. Seconded by S.Foerster. CARRIED.

Fiona spoke to the method of accessing these funds, currently held in reserves by Brockton Municipality. A copy of these approved minutes is to be sent to council for approval at their next meeting. Fiona can ensure that attention is given to this item quickly at the council level.

Michael asked Brad about timelines for the work to proceed and, upon approval, Brad will advise.

James, through his years of involvement with the Elmwood Smoke Baseball Club, was able to give some historical input behind the Natalie Schultz Fund. The family would like to see the funds used for the playground. The proposal of a commemorative plaque in Natalie's name is to be considered.

Michael and Ernie spoke to other safety issues with the current playground equipment, including a welding repair needed to the spring on one of the rocking apparatus. James offered to speak to Cory McAllister of Caldecott Millwright Services in Hanover regarding this repair.

3.3 Dugout building work, quotes

Jim Craddock of Home Reno's in Chesley met at the diamond with Hazel and Michael to quote on the cost to build 2 new dugout structures, similar to those installed at the ball diamonds in Chesley. At the time of this meeting, no quote was received from him. Michael did field trips to Walkerton and Hanover ball fields to see what kind of dugouts those ball clubs had and their locations on the diamond.

Tyler Becker Construction of Elmwood submitted a quote (copy sent to board members April 19th) for \$8,475.00.

Brad will book the required ball diamond hydro line locates Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Hazel spoke to Ed Stangler (an Elmwood resident who was on the planning committee for the 2014 Homecoming) about residual Homecoming funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 which have been designated for this project. Hazel will investigate which bank in Hanover holds those funds and how they can be released.

James recommended the board accept Tyler's quote and move forward with the work.

Motion to accept the quote from Tyler Becker Construction by E. Falkiner. Seconded by H.Pratt. CARRIED.

Tyler will be asked to advise on the ideal location of the dugouts, with the suggestion that they might be moved closer to the deck.

Michael and Hazel asked the board members to personally check on the condition of the bleachers when possible as they are in need of updating and repair as well.

3.4 2023 Ball Diamond Rental Rates for Hanover Minor Ball

After consultation with Brad, Kodey and James, about fees currently paid by clubs in Brockton, ranging from \$20.00/hour to \$25.00/game, a fee proposal for \$50.00 per night (6pm to 10pm) with lights, for this season, was deemed very fair.

Motion to accept by E.Falkiner. Seconded by H.Pratt. CARRIED.

Patsy suggested that the lights be tested and Brad said his crew would turn them on when doing the locates. Someone will need to drag the diamond and Kodey said it ideally should be done daily. Patsy indicated she might have a contact who may be able to provide this service.

Follow up on this item is needed.

3.5 Non-profit community group special rental rate for the hall

Hazel and Michael asked for input on a rental fee structure for small, non-profit community groups wanting to rent the hall.

A rental fee of \$50.00 for 4 hours, with a maximum group size of 20 people, (plus any extraordinary set up requirements) was proposed.

Motion to accept by S.Foerster. Seconded by E.Falkiner. CARRIED.

4. Other Business

Michael gave an update on the secretarial/booking agent position.

- one applicant withdrew her application
- a second applicant to be interviewed next week
- Hazel is in discussion with another potential applicant.

All board members were urged to pass on this information regarding our search for a Secretary/Booking Agent to their contacts and other community members.

Scott advised that the vacant position of the second West Grey community representative will be filled at the next West Grey council meeting in May.

5. Next meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at the community hall

6. Adjournment