



Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Walkerton Community Centre
290 Durham Street West
Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Katrina W, Don M, Hayley M, Lisa F, Trish S, Brad, Bryn M, James L, Jordan T, Janine J

Regrets: None

New Program Coordinator Lisa Fagan introduced herself, the committee welcomed her.

Motion

Moved: D. Moore

Seconded: K. Wei

That the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee hereby accept the agenda for the meeting on August 23, 2023 as presented.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None

3. Delegations

None

4. Adoption of June 27, 2023 Minutes

Motion:

Moved by: K. Wei

Seconded by: J. Turcotte

That the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee hereby approve the minutes from the meeting on June 27, 2023 as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

6. Capital Budget Project Ideas

6.1 JDR Subdivision Park Ideas

Brad updated committee that the Municipality has officially taken over the park and is now in charge of grass cutting.

Brockton staff are looking for ideas for the park. The park lot was switched from original location to the corner lot, small lot leaving limited options for development plans. Restrictions as the storm management pond can not have any infrastructure. Plans to put hedges along the top, to build a barrier/hide the industrial area.

A few ideas discussed included a slide built into the hill to use the landscape. Hoping to offer something for multiple ages.

Committee member asked if there are any available grants, T. Serratore shared there are none available at this time, however there is some money in reserves that may be a possibility to be used towards the park development.

B. Thomson mentioned he is looking into donations from local businesses and service clubs.

B. Thomson is going to look at getting some ideas, plans, and pricing on possible options for the park.

6.2 Dog Park Location Ideas

Land up by East Ridge park is environmental and therefore a dog park is not an option for the space.

Possible locations for a dog park include:

1. Lobies old soccer field - 1.1 acres
2. Half moon at Ben Park - 0.5 acre
3. Leash less trail, by gun range - 1.5 km
4. Old fish ladder property 1.75 acres with bush - has trails (by gun range) has river access will need to confirm who owns the property.
5. Where the Bruce Power sign is at the soccer field is 2 acres if council is wanting to forego selling the property.

Ben and Lobies have water as well as washroom facilities, ability to fence in this area.

Question in regards to liability for leash less areas, Trish S going to look in to this.

Committee members felt the Ben Park location was a little too small.

Brad T brought up that a snow fence could be used for a trial dog park.

Committee members doing a trial dog park at Lobies Park.

Motion: That the Parks and Recreation committee recommend having a trial period at Lobies Park for a Dog Park.

Moved: D. Moore

Seconded: B. Maus

Carried

7. Project Updates

7.1 Score Clock

Score clock order has been delayed until beginning of September. B. Thomson reported there is enough space to install clock without any trouble once the ice goes in. Clock installation to take one day to install.

The clock will have a box like we have now for timekeepers, Brad will type up directions and have it ready once the clock arrives.

The committee discussed a possible training day to run the new clock.

The advertisement will be on a rolling advertisement with Pepsi having set ads in the agreement with their sponsorship of the clock. Advertisement space will be sold and managed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Committee members asked if the Olympia had been sponsored. Yes, the Kirstine-Ellis Group has successfully been granted the full sponsorship for a 5-year term. Olympia is being wrapped in all black with red lettering.

7.2 Arena Lighting

Arena lighting updates are to be completed in early September. Just waiting on lights to arrive.

Cheetah Electric was awarded the contract.

New lights are dimmable for different events.

7.3 Soccer Building Review

Brad and Trish shared the design of the new soccer building, the size of the new building is 54' x 90'.

Municipality is looking into currents between walls to keep wind out.

A Gatorade machine stocked by Municipality will be located at the new facility. The Municipality's contract with Pepsi includes the machine to be free and they will replace/fix if damaged.

The drawings were submitted this week for building permit. Construction is set to start the middle of September.

T. Serratore asked for some input on colours of siding for the new building. Committee gave their feedback. The colours are inline with Brockton Branding colours.

The new facility will include kitchen facilities and be available for private rentals.

The food booth is not going to be run by Municipality at this time. Discussion around minor sports or service groups having the option to run the food booth. As well as it being used for tournaments, special events.

Committee members discussed importance of security cameras, especially in with the recent incident at Centennial Park washroom/splash pad fire. This is being looked into.

7.4 Tennis Court Layout

Layout was shared with committee members for current layout and a drawing submitted from Pickleball players whom would like the tennis courts to be painted for pickle ball.

A discussion amongst committee members whether the tennis courts should be painted for Pickleball. The committee felt like additional lines may be harder for Tennis players to distinguish while playing. The Municipality will have 3 outdoor pickleball courts, 4 in both Walkerton Community Centre and Cargill Community Centre. The committee discussed that Brockton has 11 Pickleball Courts but only 2 Tennis courts now.

The Parks and Recreation Committee recommends the Tennis courts be only painted for Tennis courts as the original layout shows.

8. New Business

8.1 End of Summer update and feedback

Camp is almost complete for the summer. It was a busy full summer. Overall the parents were happy with the daily registration option. Swim camp was very popular.

Swimming lessons/Private lessons are complete for the summer.

Upcoming Fall Programs include:

- Stemotics
- Little Ballet Dancers
- Kindermusik
- Litter Chef's
- PIYO (Pilates/Yoga)
- Chair Yoga

Waiting on Confirmation/Contracts to come back for the following programs:

- General Fitness classes including Bootcamp/Spin
- Zumba and Pound classes (different age groups)
- Artist Program (pottery)

Working on Reciprocal with School Boards, programs to include:

- Volleyball
- Drop in Dodge Ball
- Walking Club

9. Next Meeting

Next Meeting all committee members agreed doodle poll has worked the best to meet quorum. B. Thomson to request S. Johnson to send doodle poll out for an end of September meeting.

Adjourned

Bryn

Katrina

10. Adjournment:

That the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee hereby adjourn at 8:29 p.m.