

Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2024
7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda**

Call to order 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Hazel Pratt, Ernie Falkiner, Scott Foerster, Ed Stangler,

Staff: Kodey Hewlett, Brad Thomson, Steve Lehman, Janine Jez

Regrets: Gillian Irwin, Michael Sugden

Moved by: E. Stangler

Seconded by: S. Foerster

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approve the agenda for the meeting on July 9, 2024, as presented.

Carried

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None

3. **Minutes**

Moved by: E. Falkiner

Seconded by: S. Foerster

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approve the minutes from the meeting on June 4, 2024, as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Treasurer's Report

P. Becker reviewed June 2024 financials.

Moved by: S. Foerster

Seconded by: E. Falkiner

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby approves the Treasurer's Report from June 2024.

Carried

6. Ongoing Business

6.1 Parking Lot Expansion

B. Thomson received a quote from Al Reich's today, it does not include asphalt, \$13 526.10 including tax.

Schmidt's Paving quote is \$23 504.00 including asphalt, with a possibility of completion before homecoming in September 2024.

B. Thomson is waiting to hear back from MEI in Chesley for a third quote.

The budget for expansion is \$20 000.

Board members discussed options, ideally members would like to see completed by Homecoming if possible.

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board directs staff to move forward with the most cost-efficient quote including asphalt that will fit timing and material needs for parking lot expansion. Any project overages will come from operating budget.

Moved by: E. Falkiner

Seconded by: E. Stangler

Carried

6.2 Flowerbed Weeding and Mulch

H. Pratt will hire 1-2 individuals to assist her in weeding the flower bed at the front of the community centre.

B. Thomson to have Brockton's horticulturalist spray the bind weed.

Board members discussed purchasing mulch; B. Thomson stated a truck load is approximately \$1000.00. At this time board members decided not to move forward with mulching.

6.3 HVAC Update

E. Falkiner reported the order for the Furnace board #1 was cancelled due to no availability. He has rewired the board, it is working properly, and a new connector block has been ordered for the board.

6.4 Chamber Update - Christmas Tree

Shirley Young (Elmwood Chamber Member) discussed the Chamber would like to put the Christmas Tree by the pond now, due to safety concerns with the original spot being too close to the road. Having the tree near the pond will allow for a larger tree to be purchased. The Chamber would like to purchase a Baby Blue Spruce. S. Young getting a price from River's Edge and B. Thomson offered to order with Brockton's spring order, if it is not needed right away. Brockton is able to get water bags to assist with watering and use their tractor to assist with planting.

There is currently no hydro at the pond, E. Falkiner stated it would be multiple years before the tree is usable, giving time to have hydro to be brought over.

S. Young brought concerns forward:

- The cairn housing the bell at the front of the building requires repairs. The Chamber originally installed the bell and cairn structure around it. Under agreement it is the Elmwood Community Centre Boards responsibility for the upkeep of the building and grounds. Board members to get a quote. B. Thomson to investigate if cost would be covered by Historical Reserve Funds.
- Two benches at the Lions Park require repair, one of the benches looked like it had been hit by small, motorized vehicle. The board members discussed adding benches into the budget for 2025.

6.5 EV Charger Update

Brockton council voted to move the EV Charger and put it in a different location within Brockton.

B. Thomson confirmed that the charger cannot be turned off as per the agreement with Charge Point and Bruce Power.

Board members had a discussion on the pros and cons of keeping the EV charger at Elmwood Community Centre. Board members feel the EV Charger at the Community Centre is an asset but also a liability.

6.6 Lions Park Drainage Update

E. Stangler met with Ag Drain at the Lions Park; he has not received quote for drainage, it should be in this week. E. Stangler has been in contact with Lawn Excavating and Borth Excavating, both companies are going to provide quotes for drainage.

6.7 Ball Diamond

Willie's Electric was out and checked the light fixtures at the ball diamonds. There are no known issues, except one of the bulbs was blown. Brian gave an approximate amount of \$1500 to replace all the bulbs. K. Hewlett to get a quote to replace all bulbs.

6.8 Fire Alarm

The fire alarm system has been installed. Discussion on who should be on the call list deferred to next meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 Homecoming Decorations

Board members discussed members getting decorations for Homecoming, whether it was the Boards responsibility or if Homecoming would be looking after decorations. H. Pratt is going to look after wrapping posts at the community centre.

7.2 Municipality of Brockton Council Representative Update

Deputy Mayor Lang has submitted his resignation. Kym Hutcheon was appointed as the new Deputy Mayor at tonight's council meeting for the remaining of the term. Brockton Council will be appointing a new Elmwood Committee representatives.

7.3 New Freezer

Elmwood Chamber purchased a stand-up freezer for the community centre, it has already been delivered.

7.4 Light

The light at the front of the building has been flashing. Board members think it may be under warranty, board members to look into possible warranty.

8. Next Meeting

August 13, 2024, at 7 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: E. Falkiner

Seconded by: S. Foerster

That the Elmwood Community Centre Board hereby adjourn at 9:22 p.m. to meet again on August 13, 2024.

Carried