



## **Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

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

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

Attendance: Brad Thomson, Colleen Gillis, Katrina Wei, Kyle Parks, Don Moore, Bryn Maus, Haley Murray

Moved by: K. Wei

Seconded by: K. Parks

That the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee hereby accept the agenda for the meeting on February 27, 2024, as presented.

**Carried**

### **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None

### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: D. Moore

Seconded by: K. Wei

That the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee hereby approve the minutes from the meeting on December 7, 2023, as presented.

**Carried**

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

#### **5. New Business**

##### **5.1 Cargill Projects**

- Cargill Projects- B. Thomson presented plans for upgrades to the Cargill Community Centre and grounds including updates on projects completed.

##### **2023 Projects completed included**

- Replaced Ball diamond dugout roofs
- Partial playground safety barrier fill
- Revitalization of Ball diamond 1 bleachers
- Painted Soccer goals
- Removed permanent stage in Hall
- Added 1 Pickleball court, 4 in total

##### **2024 Projects include**

- Ball diamond 2 bleacher revitalization
- Complete playground surfacing top up
- Paint main hall
- Refurbish picnic tables
- Paint kitchen
- Parking lot line painting
- Creating a Bee and Butterfly Garden

## Future Plans

- 9 Hole Disk Golf Course
- Paved Walking Trail
- Tree planting program
- Playground Upgrades
- Boat launch upgrades

Discussion: Committee members were pleased with completed projects and proposed plans.

B. Maus asked if disc golf would impede ball rentals, Brad responded with diagram of the proposed location that would be outside of ball diamond fenced areas enabling both activities to occur simultaneously.

H. Murray was supportive of the proposed paved trail and offered the opinion that trail would attract more people to Cargill and improve its appeal to soccer parents with the potential of increasing soccer field usage.

D. Moore suggested we hold next Rec Board Committee meeting in Cargill for everyone on committee to become more familiar with its amenities and grounds.

B. Thomson informed committee the bee and butterfly garden would be funded within 2024 operating budget.

### 5.2 Shade Tree Program

B. Thomson informed committee members about our shade tree program and the purchasing process

### 5.3 OTF Grant - Ball Diamond

C. Gillis informed the committee that a grant application had been submitted for the replacement of the ball diamond lighting.

H. Murray requested that repairs to the bleachers at the Walkerton Ball Diamonds be considered, along with a recommendation to improve general upkeep, including regular maintenance of the grass under and around the bleachers.

#### 5.4 2024 Projects

Discussion:

The committee members expressed support for both projects.

B. Maus inquired about responsibility for garbage removal downtown. B. Thomson clarified that the Roads Department handles downtown garbage collection, while Recreation staff manage garbage in trails and parks.

B. Thomson also noted that the number of garbage bins downtown would be reduced. D. Moore suggested retaining bins in the area around the library, and H. Murray recommended that no bins be removed from within or near the Market Garden.

#### 5.5 Optimist Park

C. Gillis provided an update on the Optimist Playground project, noting that it is nearing completion. The design and details of the donation recognition wall are still to be determined.

#### 5.6 Budget Update

C. Gillis updated the budget is still in the approval process.

#### 5.7 New Arena

C. Gillis reported that no significant progress has been made on the new arena project at this time.

#### 5.8 Project Management Team Update

C. Gillis informed the committee that the Project Management Team is being put on hold until further progress is made on the new arena plans.

### 6. **Next Meeting**

Next meeting date to be determined later.

### 7. **Adjournment**

Moved by: H. Murray

Seconded by: B. Maus

That the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee hereby adjourn at 8 p.m. to meet again on to be determined.

**Carried**