



**MINUTES
MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

Present: Paul Greer
Earl Hawkins
Mandy Little
Emerson Pendleton
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

Absent: Zolton Potovszky

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Greer

THAT the Committee appoint Emerson Pendleton as Chair of the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee for the remaining term of Council.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Little and Seconded by Greer

THAT the agenda for September 27, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Mansfield Parks Committee Mandate

The Committee reviewed the Council approved mandate presented in their package.

5.2 Mansfield Community Park

a) User Fees

Members discussed the current user fees and expressed the desire to maintain the current rates.

Members discussed the current upgrades to the Honeywood Ball Diamond and recommended the Ball Diamond be salvaged and further developed for future use by Mansfield Ball.

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the Committee recommend the NDCC Board of Management consider running electricity to the Baseball Diamond for use by Mansfield Ball for the 2022 season.

CARRIED.

b) Maintenance Requirements

Members identified the following items for maintenance at the Mansfield Community Park:

- Netting on top of batting cage (2021)
- Edge infield to address encroaching weeds
- Maintain a constant supply of toilet paper
- Ensure sanitation and regular cleaning of washrooms facilities.
- Clay for pitchers mound and home plate (supply at the diamond that they would use when required)

c) Future Park Improvements

The playground is no longer accessible as the previously used trail is no longer accessible. A walking path needs to be developed along the perimeter of the outfield to support access and use of the playground. The Committee supports the current playground location.

Longer term improvements include maintaining the chain link fence, back stop, and lights.

d) 2022 Budget Requests

Moved by Greer and Seconded by Little

THAT the Committee reviewed the current user fee schedule and recommend the user fees stay unchanged;

AND THAT the Committee recommend the following maintenance items at the Mansfield Community Park: netting on top of batting cage, edge infield to address encroaching weeds, better washroom sanitation and supplies, and a clay supply at diamond;

AND THAT the Committee recommend the following items for future park improvements: update and maintain the chain link fence, backstop and lights;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee recommend staff include the following items for the 2022 budget: two (2) picnic tables for installation at the playground and canteen, walking path/trail to the playground along the perimeter of the outfield fence.

CARRIED.

5.3 Thomson Trail Park

a) Maintenance Requirements

b) Future Park Improvements

c) 2022 Budget Requests

Members discussed the current park usage and possible development.

Direction given to secretary to create a survey for inclusion in the water bill, newsletter and website to see if there is interest in Mansfield for a community led outdoor ice rink for the 2021-2022 season.

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the Committee recommend the following maintenance items at Thomson Trail Park: Upgrade and maintain the walking trail to address encroaching weeds;

AND THAT the Committee recommend the following items for future park improvements: Upgrade playground equipment;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee staff include the following items for the 2022 budget: community outdoor ice rink, swing sets.

CARRIED.

5.4 Maes Crescent Park

- a) **Maintenance Requirements**
- b) **Future Park Improvements**
- c) **2022 Budget Requests**

Members discussed the current park usage and possible development. Members want to focus on bringing Thomson Trail Park up to standard and maintain the Maes Crescent park as greenspace for the time being.

Direction was given to the secretary to include Maes Crescent Park in the water bill survey to see what residents want there.

Moved by Greer and Seconded by Little

THAT the Committee recommend the following maintenance items at Maes Crescent Park: tree maintenance

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee staff include the following items for the 2022 budget: signage at roadway.

CARRIED.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Recreation Efficiency Study

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to meet again on February 28, 2022 at 7 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.