



MINUTES
MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 28, 2022

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. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Greer

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Greer

THAT the minutes of September 27, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Mansfield Community Park

2021 Inspection Results

Members reviewed the inspection results and were in favour of the Public Works Department completing in-house maintenance to address the concerns raised in the inspection reports.

2022 Budget

Members received the 2022 Council approved budget and questioned why the budget line for wages had decreased. Members would like to ensure sanitation and upkeep of the washrooms will be improved.

Direction was given to the Secretary to confirm the wage budget.

2022 User Fees

The Secretary advised the Committee of the intention to raise user fees by \$1 per hour for 2022. Members questioned the motivation behind raising the fees, as the increase in revenue was minimal.

Member Little confirmed that any increase in cost for Minor Baseball would be borne by the registered families.

Direction was given to the Secretary to obtain a projected increase of costs for each league.

Members discussed the importance of recreation for children and the impacts the rising cost of living is having on families. The Committee would like to ensure that inflation does not impact children's ability to participate in sport.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Greer

WHEREAS families have experienced a rise in the costs of many necessities that have made it difficult to attain economic security;

AND WHEREAS recreation is important for socialization and social-emotional maturity into health adulthood;

THEREFORE the Committee request an increase of \$2 for the Adult's Men league;

AND THAT the Minor Baseball rates remain unchanged.

CARRIED.

Maintenance Requirements

Members discussed the need for a new pitching mound and agreed greater discussion with Public Works is required prior to the maintenance being completed.

Walking path locations were discussed. Direction was given to move forward with upgrading the walking path recommended by Public Works.

5.2 Thomson Trail Park

Maintenance Requirements

Members expressed the desire to maintain the limestone path at Thomson Trail and recommend maintenance to address encroaching weeds.

Upgrades

The Secretary advised the Committee that Council approved the purchase of a swing set for the Park as part of the 2022 Budget.

Discussion ensued surrounding future betterments including the potential for development of a pavilion at the Thomas Trail or Maes Crescent parks.

Members discussed the development of the Community Ice Rink and recommended the purchase of two 36" aluminum shovels. The Secretary advised the Committee that a meeting with the Ice Rink Community Volunteers will be scheduled to discuss improvements for the 2022-2023 ice season, including the adjustment of hockey times. The Committee expressed a desire to be more involved in discussions moving forward surrounding rink times.

Direction was given to the Secretary to advise the Committee of the time and date for the Community Ice Rink Meeting.

5.3 Maes Cres Park

Maintenance Requirements

Members discussed tree maintenance in the park and requested that staff ensure any dangerous trees are addressed in 2022.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6.1 2022 Budget vs 2021 Actuals**
- 6.2 Recreational Survey Results**
- 6.3 NDCC Motion**
- 6.4 Staff Report and Council Motions**

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Members discussed adjusting the meeting schedule to have a more consistent flow of communication, and greater opportunity to provide recommendations.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Greer

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 8:46 p.m. to meet again on March 28, 2022 at 7 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.