

TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee
MINUTES

February 22, 2021

Electronic Meeting

Present: Sharon Alkenbrack, Deb Flaxman, Sharon Jackson, Diane Larocque, Andrew Preyde, Shannon Smith, Kathy McDonald (staff) and Tiana Mills (staff)
Members of the Public

1. Opening

Motion by Deb Flaxman, seconded by Diane Larocque

That the meeting be called to order at 7 p.m. with Chair Jackson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Sharon Alkenbrack, seconded by Diane Larocque

That the agenda for the February 2, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Shannon Smith, seconded by Diana Larocque

That the minutes of the November 23, 2020 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None

6. Council Report

Committee members received the report.

7. Financial Report

Committee members received the report.

8. Old Business

a) Santa meet and greet update

Approximately 20 kids attended. All letters that were received were answered. Plans for the meet and greet for 2021 are underway.

b) Outdoor Rink

Andrew Preyde presented a plan to repair the rink at a cost of approximately \$28,100 plus a wish list of \$10,700 for a total of \$38,800. Andrew stated that he has been seeking pledges and feels that he can get over \$10,000 in donations to the rink.

Motion by Andrew Predye, seconded by Diane Larocque
That a recommendation be made to Council to include \$40,000 in the draft 2021 budget for rink repairs.

Carried

Motion by Shannon Smith, seconded by Deb Flaxman
That a recommendation be made to Council to give permission to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness committee to fundraise for the rink repairs.

Carried

c) Indoor Walking Program

Postponed until next winter.

d) Walking Route signage costs/inventory

Action item to find locations for the walking route signs.

e) March event

Postponed until next year, due to COVID19.

f) and g) Family Forum date and venue and Senior Forum date and venue

Committee agreed that a survey should be done at community events such as the Easter event and Wednesday markets, combined with question for both families and seniors.

9. New Business

a) Budget:

Sharon Jackson presented a budget of \$12,200 worth of expenditures. Committee discussion reduced that to \$4200 by eliminating some of the events due to Covid 19 uncertainties for the remainder of 2021.

Motion by Sharon Alkenbrack, seconded by Deb Flaxman

That a recommendation be given to Council to approve \$300 for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Carried

b) Strategic Plan Priorities

Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

c) Dog Park Survey

Sharon Jackson found a survey on line that could be used to determine the usage of the dog park.

d) Newsletter

Sharon Jackson informed the group that the township has a newsletter. The Parks, Recreation and Wellness events could be included, as well as fundraising events put on facebook and the website.

e) April Event

Not discussed

f) Volunteer recognition week April 18-24

Sharon Jackson will have a declaration added to the Council agenda to recognize Volunteer recognition week.

g) Earth Day (April 22) global clean up

Sharon Jackson discussed the “ditch dive” that was held in previous years. Discussion on putting out garbage cans for smelt season and have them chained to trees, especially where people stop.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Information

None

12. Notice of Motion

Contained within minutes and to be added to Council agenda

13. Closed Session

None

14. Next Meeting March 22, 2021 at 7 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Diane Larocque, seconded by Shannon Smith

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carried