



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA

MINUTES OF MEETING of the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE – July 17, 2019, at 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Sandie Macdonald, Mayor/Chair
 Ron Henderson, Councillor
 Willy Parkinson
 Brandy Rafeek
 Jim Hunter

Attended: Colleen Healey-Dowdall, CAO
 Jason Coleman, Mgr of P & R

Absent with Regret: Eric Villani

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor/Chair and the minutes of May 29th accepted as circulated.

Moved by Brandy Rafeek and Seconded by Willy Parkinson.

“Be it resolved that the minutes of May 29th be accepted”. Carried.

Sandie requested an inventory of all parks so that Committee could visit parks throughout the summer.

Nott Fishing Park will get garbage cans and an extra porta-potty. Lots of use this year so additional is needed.

Colleen introduced the new Manager of Parks and Recreation, Jason Coleman.

Old Business:

Pitching Mound in Baxter

Council has decided to pursue a permanent pitching mound in Baxter possibly with the remaining funds from the Baxter Storage Building budget. The Storage Building is now complete and we have rec'd a 'thank you' from the Ivy Ball Assc'n who uses the Baxter field about 96% of the time. They share the building with the slo-pitch league which plays on Sundays (Ivy uses 7 days a week). The lights are now once again functional. The new Mgr will gather estimates for a pitching mound.

Look at maintenance of mound so that it doesn't get damaged.

General Discussion on hockey

The new Mgr is investigating how to provide additional ice to EMHA and to request that men's leagues shift out of monopolizing prime time ice slots. It is noted that children can only stay up so late and that Essa's population is largely young and growing families. Any policy change would need to be presented to Council in the future.

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New Business:

Open Discussion

Sandie opened the meeting up to members.

Basketball nets are desired. Near arenas? Is this possible? Brandy was asking around and lots of people would like this.

What about converting tennis courts to basketball courts? In Angus, only one tennis court has been used over the past couple of summers.

In Thornton on the outdoor hockey pad, nets but no rims.

What about pickleball? It's a growing sport, esp with seniors. Lower net, similar sized court. Very popular.

Carry out a tour with Parks and Rec Committee members in the near future. Also, carry out a visit to arenas in the winter.

Staff was asked to update the Committee on new programs and programs for the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm and the Committee will meet again at the call of the Chair.

Moved by Brandy Rafeek and Seconded by Ron Henderson

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.