



**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING of the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE – Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 5:30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Sandie Macdonald
<b>Members:</b>	Ron Henderson Jim Henderson Cheryl Brinn Kelly Coish Willy Parkinson Jay Clark
<b>Staff:</b>	Diane Straus Jeff Teskey
<b>Absent:</b>	Ken Koopmans Karla White

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**1. Draft Minutes – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting**

**Resolution 2015-18 Moved by: Ron Henderson Seconded by: Cheryl Brinn**  
*“BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from January 27, 2015 meeting be approved.”*

**Carried**

**2. DEPUTATIONS**

**a) Angus Men’s Slo Pitch League (AMSPL)**

AMSPL advised that they are committed to making a donation towards the new gazebo at Angus Community Park over a two year period but, in return, they are asking for a reduction of \$2,500.00 in sport field rental fees.

The Committee indicated that, if a reduction in AMSPL’s sport field rental fees of \$2,500 is allowed and AMSPL then donates that same amount towards the gazebo, it negates the donation. The tax payers would end up being the ones paying the remaining 10% of the costs for the gazebo not covered by DC funding.

The sport field rental fees are in place to pay for services like grass cutting, garbage pickup, dragging diamonds and general maintenance/upkeep of parks. These rental fees really do not fully cover these costs.

Since a \$2,500 sport field fee reduction was not approved, the decision on a possible installation of the gazebo at Angus Community Park was deferred until it is determined whether or not AMSPL will still make a donation towards the 10% of costs not covered by DC funds.

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**Resolution 2015-12 Moved by: Ron Henderson                      Seconded by: Willy Parkinson**

*“BE IT RESOLVED that the deputation from the Angus Men’s Slo Pitch be received;  
and further that the Parks & Recreation Committee does not support a reduction of \$2,500 in league fees;*

*and further that the Parks & Recreation Committee supports waiving the fees for the June 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> tournament.”*

**b) Essa Minor Hockey – Timbit/IP Program**

It was indicated that if registration does not increase minor hockey will not be able to keep afloat. Younger players must be recruited because it is harder to start hockey at an older age, and to do this the fees must be kept low for the Timbit players.

The Committee agreed to waive the fees for the Timbit/IP program only for the 2015/2016 season if there is available unrented ice on Saturday and Sunday mornings. If the program is a success then they are to pay 50% of the ice rental fees.

**Resolution 2015-13 Moved by: Jim Henderson                      Seconded by: Willy Parkinson**

*“BE IT RESOLVED that a deputation from Essa Minor Hockey be received;  
and further that the Parks & Recreation Committee does support the use of 2 hours per week for the Timbit/IP program to utilize unrented ice on Saturday and Sunday mornings for the 2015/2016 season and if successful they will pay 50% of the ice fees.”*

**Carried**

**c) The Canadian Ice-Stock Federation**

The Canadian Ice-Stock Federation wants to utilize the Glen Eton/Wildflower outdoor slab for practices before the 2015 America Cup Ice Stock Games in July. Teams from Paraguay, United States & Brazil will be participating in the America Cup.

The organizer mentioned that she had spoken with the Parks Supervisor and it was decided that a washable paint could be used for the floor markings the first year and, if it is a success, then more permanent lines could be painted the following year. The organizer would also be responsible for putting on the lines and ensuring that the participants utilize the garbage cans.

**Resolution 2015-14 Moved by: Jay Clark    Seconded by: Kelly Coish**

*“BE IT RESOLVED that the deputation from the Canadian Ice-Stock Federation be received;  
and further that the Parks & Recreation Committee does support reducing the rental rate for a 5 day rental for 6 hours per day with a discount of 50% plus a security deposit;*

*and further that the Parks and Recreation Committee supports the Canadian Ice Stock Federation painting lines on the Wildflowers outdoor pad.”*

**Carried**

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**d) Hockey Training Institute (HTI) – Expansion**

HTI is hoping to expand their girls program over a two-year period but they would require more seating to be made available in one of the change rooms to accommodate the 20 - 22 players they are anticipating. HTI is also requesting various ice times for next season and is asking for daytime ice rate consideration for ice times running beyond the applicable daytime ice rate, such as the 5:00 – 5:30pm portion of their proposed Mon. – Wed. 4:00 – 5:30pm bookings and the 5:30 – 6:00pm portion of their proposed 4:30 – 6:00pm bookings on Thursdays.

**Resolution 2015-15 Moved by: Ron Henderson Seconded by: Willy Parkinson**

*“BE IT RESOLVED that the information from the Hockey Training Institute be received; and further that the Parks & Recreation Committee supports taking down a wall of the small storage section to make more seating in their current change room. Engineered drawings must be obtained and staff to contract job. Change room doors must be locked with a deadbolt on both sides of the door to the washroom;*

*and further that the Parks and Recreation Committee supports the Hockey Training Institute utilizing the second gym change room for their exclusive use with all costs at their expense to install a new door from hallway.”*

**Carried**

The Committee indicated that all costs incurred, including engineering to take the wall down in their current change room and the new door into the second gym change room, must be paid by the Hockey Training Institute.

**3. RECREATION COORDINATOR/PROGRAMMER**

**a) Communities in Bloom**

**Resolution 2015-16 Moved by: Ron Henderson Seconded by: Jim Henderson**

*“BE IT RESOLVED that the information regarding Communities in Bloom be received; and further that the Parks & Recreation Committee investigate creating an Essa Community in Bloom Committee.”*

**Carried**

**b) Accessibility Committee – Location of New Play Equipment**

**Resolution 2015-17 Moved by: Ron Henderson Seconded by: Kelly Coish**

*“BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Committee accepted the invitation of the Accessibility Committee to meet at the Angus Community Park on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.”*

**Carried**

The chair indicated that this is a park challenge with members of the Healthy Communities, Accessibility and Parks and Recreation Committees who will have the opportunity to use walkers, wheel chairs and crutches to see how hard it can be to use our parks.

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**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2015-19 Moved by: Jay Clark**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Brinn**

*“BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 7:05pm with the next meeting being set at the call of the Chair.”*

**Carried**

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*Sandie Macdonald, Committee Chairperson*