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IMB would like to see the Thornton Diamond infield made larger but the Parks Supervisor stated that there is not any room to accommodate this request and recommended that a new infield be considered at the Baxter Diamond instead, with new irrigation. The IMB President mentioned that she might have a volunteer that could assist. A committee member advised that IMB would have to correspond with the Parks Supervisor in this regard.

The IMB President requested use of a bunkie at the Thornton Diamond. The Parks Supervisor will look into the existing bunkie's condition, if it is safe for IMB to use, possible sites to relocate the bunkie for easier access and the cost of relocating it, including the cost of a concrete pad.

There is a bunkie already existing at the Elmgrove Diamond that can be used by IMB at that location and the Parks Supervisor will inspect it to ensure that IMB can still access it and use it for storage.

IMB advised that a larger wheelchair accessible washroom is required at the Ivy Diamond. The accessible washroom provided last year was large enough for wheelchairs to enter but not large enough to allow some wheelchairs to be turned around independently by the operating individual in order to exit. IMB offered to cover half of the cost for a larger accessible washroom if the Township would pay for the other half.

Resolution 2015-28 Moved by: Ron Henderson Seconded by: Willy Parkinson
"BE IT RESOLVED that an email dated Nov. 11th, 2015 and deputation from Ivy Minor Baseball be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports lights at the Ivy Diamond, with Ivy Minor Baseball's current contribution of approximately \$10,000, but understand that the finances are just not available at this time;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports extending the fence across the home dugout;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports repairs and maintenance being made to the Ivy Diamond dugout benches;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports the addition of playground equipment at Ivy Diamond but have been advised by the Parks Supervisor that there is not enough room for placement of playground equipment at that location;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee does not support expanding the infield at the Thornton Diamond;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports repairs to the fence dugouts at the Thornton Diamond;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports dragging the Elmgrove, Ivy, Thornton and Baxter Diamonds five days a week;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports Ivy Minor Baseball utilizing the existing bunkie at the Elmgrove Diamond to store chalk & equipment;

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AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports repairs to the Baxter Diamond fence;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports repairs to the Baxter Diamond dugouts." **Carried**

b) Angus Minor Baseball – Budget Requests

Angus Minor Baseball did not show up for their deputation. No decision was made by the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Resolution 2015-29 Moved by: N/A

Seconded by: N/A

"BE IT RESOLVED that an email dated Nov. 3rd, 2015 and deputation from Angus Minor Baseball be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee **supports/does not support** providing dugouts at Lion's Park."

No Decision

3. RECREATION COORDINATOR/PROGRAMMER

a) Revised Ice Policy

Resolution 2015-30 Moved by: Karla White

Seconded by: Cheryl Brinn

"BE IT RESOLVED that the revisions to the Township of Essa's PR07-03 Ice Policy be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports making the revisions recommended by the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer."

Carried

b) Thornton Lions Club Building – Request for Commercial Zoning

Resolution 2015-31 Moved by: N/A

Seconded by: N/A

"BE IT RESOLVED that an email from Sports Impressions dated Sept. 29th, 2015 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee **supports/does not support** commercial zoning at 248 Barrie Street, Thornton (former Thornton Lions Hall) for use as a sporting goods and skate sharpening outlet."

Deferred

NOTES: The Parks & Recreation Committee concluded that the matter of zoning is not a Parks & Recreation Committee issue.

c) Thornton Lions Club Building – Outdoor Wall Sign

Resolution 2015-32 Moved by: Ron Henderson

Seconded by: Jim Henderson

"BE IT RESOLVED that an email from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer dated Nov. 24th, 2015 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports the Essa Township

electronic sign remaining on the outside wall of 248 Barrie Street, Thornton (former Lions Hall);

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AND FURTHER THAT the Parks & Recreation Committee supports the shared use of the sign, between the Township of Essa and the upcoming new owner of 248 Barrie Street (after the sale transaction of 248 Barrie Street has been completed on or about Dec. 1st, 2015) for advertising purposes, with the Township of Essa retaining full ownership of the sign."

Carried

d) Nottawasaga Village Parkland

Resolution 2015-33 Moved by: Jay Clark

Seconded by: Karla White

"BE IT RESOLVED that information on the Nottawasaga Village Parkland be received."

Carried

4. OTHER BUSINESS / RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Budgets - Operating

Resolution 2015-34 Moved by: Ron Henderson

Seconded by: Jay Clark

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Operating Community Services budget be received and accepted as written;

AND FURTHER THAT the Operating Recreation Parks & Buildings budget be received and accepted as written;

AND FURTHER THAT the Operating Thornton Arena budget be received and accepted as written;

AND FURTHER THAT the Operating Angus Arena budget be received and accepted as written."

Carried

b) Budgets – Capital Recreation

The Thornton Arena Manager indicated that T8 lighting should not cost as much as the \$15,000 budgeted and stated that if T5s used instead they are newer, more energy efficient and less expensive to purchase.

One committee member would like to obtain more information on the time clock system proposed at the arenas and will correspond with the CAO before determining support.

It was suggested that 50% of the Township's cost for construction and improvements to the Rippon Trail might be matched by the County of Simcoe.

A committee member stated that the Township has lost some funding which is going to have a significant impact but parks & recreation are important to the public, as residents can see where their tax dollars are going and our parks & trails are used frequently.

The Parks Supervisor would like to see another location, other than Stonemount Park, for the proposed dog park, preferably one with trees. Community Park does not have enough greenspace to be considered. Allocating \$5,000 for trees may only provide enough for three

Carried
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4. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2015-37 Moved by: Jay Clark

Seconded by: Cheryl Brinn

"BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 7:20pm with the next meeting being set at the call of the Chair."

Carried



Sandie Macdonald, Committee Chairperson