



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA

MINUTES OF MEETING of the PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE – December 19 2019, at 6:00 pm

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

Attended: Jason Coleman, Mgr. of P & R
Absent with Regret: Colleen Healey-Dowdall, CAO

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor/Chair and the minutes of October 9th accepted as circulated.

Moved by Willy Parkinson and Seconded by Brandy Rafeek

“Be it resolved that the minutes October 9th accepted”. Carried.

Old Business:

Pinnies for programs and Township events have been budgeted and will be ordered in the New Year

New Business:

2020 Winter Guide has been uploaded to the website. Pamphlets have been created for any residents preferring a physical copy. Discussed the shift from traditional guides that were costly, full of advertisements and in mail not reaching over 5000 residents.

Township of Essa Trails Map has been created and will be displayed in multiple locations – Libraries, Arenas, Admin Centre.

Sandie Macdonald and Brandy Rafeek suggested pamphlets being placed at schools, doctor’s office, and dentist offices to read while people are in waiting areas.

Manager of Parks and Recreation discussed the fee schedule is in need of updating and is a large undertaking, will be completed later in 2020.

Deposit structure for rentals is causing issues with the customer along with consuming time from multiple departments. Suggestions made to look at eliminating deposit structure as there never seems to be damage from groups, additional cheque deposit, look at credit card deposit within Max Galaxy for 2020.

Eric Villani inquired about Adult Indoor Soccer. Currently the Township is not operating a program but Parks and Recreation is willing to support if there is a strong interest.

Manager of Parks and Recreation consulted with the Committee on plans to hold a Sports Field User Group Meeting following the protocol for priority of bookings. All agreed to follow protocol policy.

2020 Budget was passed on Wednesday December 18, 2019. Items listed are below.

Parks and Recreation Items Included in the 2020 Budget

Parks

\$ 7,200	Canoe/Kayak Boat Launch (DC)
\$ 8,362	Trail to Boat Launch (DC)
\$125,000	Playground – Bob Geddes (DC \$90,000 / \$35,000 Taxation)
\$ 25,000	ATV Side by Side (DC)
\$ 49,500	Paving Bob Geddes Parking Lot (Taxation)
\$ 12,500	Angus Community Park Perimeter Track (Taxation)
\$ 73,550	Dump Truck with attachments (Plow & Salter DC \$64,000)
\$ 9,900	Co-op Student (Taxation)

Thornton Arena

\$ 89,000	Olympia (Taxation)
\$ 28,000	Washroom Renovations Upstairs (Taxation)
\$ 12,000	Arena Refrigeration Mycom Compressor (2) (Taxation)

Angus Arena

\$ 9,000	Gym Dividing Wall (Taxation)
\$ 57,470	Arena Dehumidifiers (Taxation)

Items Not Included in Budget

Parks and Recreation

\$ 54,000	Stonemount Gazebo (Taxation)
\$ 38,000	Dog Park Lighting (Taxation)

Open Discussion

Jim Hunter asked about growth of the Township and when the last needs assessment survey was in regards to additional facilities needed. Currently Essa Township facilities are not being utilized to maximum capacity and there is nothing planned in the 2020 budget for assessment.

Comments on digital sign at Angus arena. Suggestion to create a tall LED sign by road, but is county property and is very costly.

Brandie Rafeek mentioned drop in basketball in Barrie is \$2.50 and Essa Township is \$5.00. Parks and Recreation Department working on fee structure later in the year. Currently Mom and Tot skating is free to all residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm and the Committee will meet again at the call of the Chair.

Moved by Willy Parkinson and Seconded by Brandy Rafeek

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.