

Parks and Recreation Committee

Date: Wednesday June 23rd

Time: 6:00pm Zoom

Attendees

Mayor: Chair	Sandie MacDonald
Councillor:	Ron Henderson
Member:	Jim Hunter
Parks and Recreation Manager:	Jason Coleman
Parks and Recreation Acting Programmer/ Booking Clerk:	Baileigh White

Absentees

Member:	Brandy Rafeek
Member	Willy Parkinson
Member	Eric Villani

- 1. Review of the Minutes of Management Team Meeting held on March 17th, 2021 – confirmation of follow up moved by Jim Hunter second by Ron Henderson**
- 2. Administrative Assistant Amanda Winter's Joins Parks and Recreation Department to assist with Thornton Union Cemetery.**

Amanda offered new role in New Tec, her last day is now 29th of June; Since she has come on, we have received numerous compliments of the improved state of the cemetery. Has been significant, grass cutting, monument repair, speaking to archeological assessment. BAO states if we accidentally dig up remains, we are liable and given the state of the cemetery we should be conducting an archeological assessment.

Big addition to P & R Department, advantage we got cutting at the same time. Orangeville dealing with same thing. Issues concern with tree growing into monument.

How do we account for fees, under assessment, fee schedule similar to parks and rec in the process of being passed.

We subcontract Baker Vaults, fees associated so we charge accordingly, we do not have a board for Thornton simply run through staffing. Do imagine, will most likely take over the Angus one. As many members are going to step down in the coming years.

Essa has 2 active and 4 closed cemeteries currently. Never had to run an active cemetery. Essa has taken it over as a "business" we have no say in it, it is appointed to it, declared abandoned. Required by law to take it over.
- 3. Currently in Step 1 of the 3 Steps to open Ontario**
 - a) Overview of what is allowed**
 - b) Taking rentals for the Outdoor Pads & Fields**

Waiting for legislation before we can proceed so we can proceed.

4. Summer Student Update

- a) Started 3 Summer Students in April and contracts will run until October 30
- b) Will be starting 5 additional Summer Students in July through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant
Small reduction in wage compensation because of covid. This year we have very strict requirements to follow, eligible for 5 students for 7 weeks 40 hours per week.
Get youth into the work force. Goal to get residents and we did that.
Garbage's, bench repair, playground maintenance re leveling grounds, painting, cleaning. NO camps this year

5. Capital Budget Summary Progress Report

- a) **Security Camera's**- long overdue currently Angus is ready, Stonemount hopefully early next week, remote access is available. To Assist with vandalism, cameras previously installed requiring visiting site to inspect
- b) **Boat Launch** – years in the making, engineer has drawings complete, expecting early August/ end of July in launch installed, ramp and stairs to fallow. Not ideal that it is end of season but that is the best we can do.

Everything brought to council we are currently at 78,000 on budget with contingency of 13,000

- c) **Basketball court at Mike Hart** – Sand removed and excavated, $\frac{3}{4}$ base gravel, work is to be completed in 2 weeks, including nets, Aug 1. All within budget if not under
- d) **Grass Cutting (in house)** – zero complaints complaint about grass cutting minus very small issues, seems to be going very well. Can control more in house when contracting improves the community beautification. Think employees enjoy it. The more we can do in house the better. The quality of the grass cutting is leaps and bounds, saving money is there, win win overall. initial expense is more but saves us in the long run.

6. Other items/ Open discussion

Commemorative bench program, benches purchased in commemoration of Hellen, fundraised for her, installed. She is very sick right now. Jason to take pictures for social media

Washrooms and Nottawasaga fishing park, money for fishing derby, washrooms are not good, using the washrooms off hwy 90, pilot project for other parks, many parks in Barrie etc. easy to sanitize. Ideally put them in for next year

Council waiting on a report from staff to join many committees, budgets
Healthy Community, Parks and Rec, Accessibility, Age friendly, Grow a row, share a row. Staff cannot take on many asks, we need more assistance. Keep all of members to create one large group with funding and assistance. Going forward, healthy communities. Many committees don't have members. All committees decide on projects together

Security camera, Stonemount, Angus arena, Admin centre, Community Park – can build on the network for future locations, thanks to Innisfil it.

They are vandal proof. Police services board, SCRAM on cameras on businesses add to streetlights etc. Not until covid is done. Through BIA, more accessible to opp. Residents can enroll as well. Done in larger cities. Bit tough to get people to remember their info and costs

Trail head signs, successful in grant, 4 trail head maps and signage, partnership with Simcoe County

Moved by Jim Hunter Second by Ron Henderson adjourned