



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY AND PARKS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. - ZOOM

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: Be it resolved that the agenda as presented be approved.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Healthy Community Committee dated October 21, 2021, the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated November 24, 2021 and the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting dated March 30, be received.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING / OUTSTANDING ITEMS

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Welcome Committee Members/ Introductions
- 5.2 Selection of Chair
- 5.3 Create a Workplan
- 5.4 Suggestion from Committee member – Audit of Parks in Essa

6. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS

7. OTHER BUSINESS/ ROUND TABLE

8. ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 Set date for next quarterly meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Healthy, Accessible Community and Parks Committee of the Township of Essa adjourn at _____ p.m.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

October 21, 2021

Attendees: Susan Antler, Paula Hughes, Anne Learn-Sharpe, Angelica Tang, Judith Hunter
Staff: Aimee Powell, Elizabeth Davis

Summary on October 14th, 2021 LeClair Park Planting Session

- Planting was a success. Shannon drilled holes before to plant 250 trees (included hazel nut, service berry)
- 50 pounds of seed were also planted on the two large plots that had been cleared
- There were 8 volunteers to help with the plant

2021 Current Budget

- Remaining funds from Parks and Recreation to be allocated by the end of 2021 for LeClair Park
- Would like to use the remaining RBC funds for signage at the Pollinator Garden
- The installation of bike racks was suggested, the HCC can use the same vendor that the Friends of Utopia is using
- Signage quote is \$65 – \$105 per sq.ft, therefore \$1500 should be allocated towards signage
- Would also like smaller signs for descriptions of each flower in the Pollinator Garden
- Work together with Parks and Recreation for benches or picnic tables

2022 Proposed Budget

- 2022 funds, if allocated, can be spent on initiatives Township-wide
- Estimating that another Pollinator Garden initiative would cost \$5000 – the priority should be to create a Pollinator Garden at the Administrative Centre which can include signage, and bird and bat houses. Budget will also include soil, mulch, plant species, and polls for garden build
- Request to allocate \$2,000 for a public event for outreach on mental and physical health and social togetherness

Next Steps

- Connect over next two weeks on how the remaining funds will be spent in 2021
- Quotes for signage
- Next meeting November 4th, 2021

End of meeting 6:30 pm



**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2021 – 11:30 a.m.**

In attendance:

Patty Foster, Chair
Josh Robertson, Member
Stephanie McCann, Member
Madelaine Danby, Member
Nancy Willoughby, Member
Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink
Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk/Accessibility Coordinator

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Krista chaired this meeting over the new electronic platform. The meeting opened at 11:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: AAC2021-01 Moved by: Willoughby Seconded by: McCann

Be it resolved that the agenda as presented be approved.

----Carried----

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: AAC2021-02 Moved by: Willoughby Seconded by: Robertson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated February 10, 2020 be approved as printed.

----Carried----

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING / OUTSTANDING ITEMS

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Welcome to Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink who has replaced Councillor Henry Sander on our Committee.

The Committee members welcomed Councillor Kiezebrink to the Committee.

- 5.2 Accessible Boat Launch Installation – Community Park Angus

Krista stated that the new accessible boat launch has been installed at Community Park in Angus. More information on the launch such as hours and use will come in the Spring. A reminder regarding water safety will also be issued at this time reminding residents of water safety as the Committee had concerns with children using the launch as a dock to swim in the river.

5.3 2020 – AODA Desk Audit

Krista stated that the Township was audited by the Ministry for Seniors in early 2020 to ensure compliance with the AODA. The audit was complete with no issues or concerns.

5.4 New Website – Early 2022

Krista announced that the Township is moving to a new website in early 2022. This website will comply with all AODA legislation. It will have some new up to date features making it fully accessible and user friendly.

6. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Letter of Support – Royal Canadian Legion – Application to the New Horizons for Seniors Funding.

Krista shared the letter of support Council has sent to the Royal Canadian Legion to accompany their application for the New Horizons for Seniors Funding. If successful the funding will help the Legion towards their goal of being a fully accessible facility.

6.2 Staff Report C021-21 – Amalgamation of Committees

Krista stated that the Township will be amalgamating its committees with the new term of Council. She will notify the current committee members when the application period opens at the end of 2022.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Patty Foster suggested that the Township post some information on the various committees and their objectives to help raise community awareness in the Township newsletter.

8. ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

8.1 Set date for next meeting.

Krista stated that the Committee will meet again when we have items to discuss. Committee members are encouraged to add Agenda items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: AAC2021-03 Moved by: McCann Seconded by: Robertson

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee of the Township of Essa adjourn at 11:48 a.m..

----Carried----

Agenda

Parks and Recreation Committee

Date: March 30 2022

Time: 6:00pm Zoom

Attendees:

Mayor: Chair	Sandie MacDonald
CAO:	Colleen Healey- Dowdall
Councillor:	Ron Henderson
Member:	Brandy Rafeek
Member:	Jim Hunter
Parks and Recreation Manager:	Jason Coleman
Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant:	Baileigh White
Parks and Recreation Administrator – Cemeteries	Stephen Greene

Absentees:

Member:	Willy Parkinson
Member:	Eric Villanni

I. Opening of Meeting (Orientation)

Welcome everyone to the first meeting of 2022.

II. Meeting Called to Order by the Mayor/Chairperson Sandie MacDonald and the minutes of the October 27, 2021 accepted and reviewed.

Moved by Brandy Rafeek Second by Jim Hunter

Requests

III. Skateboard Park in Thornton

Received request from Thornton mother and child requesting skatepark and equipment in Thornton as there currently is nothing offered.

Locations were discussed – possibly Thornton Arena Parking lot. (Fenced off portion)

Staff to report back with findings at budget time for consideration

IV. Basketball Court in Ivy

Request for basketball net in Ivy as there is no equipment currently and kids' balls go onto busy road which is a safety concern

Ivy parking lot has concerns with parking lot as not enough space nor is it safe

Will look for an area near the playground or south of the hall

Pad needed and will investigate costs for findings at 2023 budget considerations.

Next Parks and Recreation Committee: TBD 6:00pm Zoom.

v. Outdoor Pad at Brownley Meadows Park

Soccer would have to be eliminated

4 outdoor pads already in the Township, this location would be a noise disturbance for all neighbors

New basketball court was created last year in this park and is sufficient

No further action required

vi. Tennis Court Upgrades

Courts are cracked, paint peeling

Need to be resurfaced, was in 2022 budget however eliminated due to budget restraints

Pickleball continues to increase indoor and outdoor in the Township

Will bring forward again for 2023 budget to perform the repairs on tennis courts

Received Proposal

New Tecumseth Civics approached the Township interested in possibly relocating junior team to Angus

Logistics are required to be sorted out first. Contract, expectations, guidelines, policies and procedures. Dressing Room lease, office space lease, ventilation in dressing room for the team.

Payments are received in advance from the Township as per policy

Great community benefit if all the details, logistics, financials, accommodations, expectations are met. Additional revenue created.

vii. Open discussion/ Other business

The golf tournament has not operated the last 2 years because of Covid. Township looking to run it this year in June.

Support RVH, Stevenson Memorial and Matthews House.

Mill St. cycling lane has been brought up for discussion. Simcoe County Master Plan is underway and addresses bike lanes, county roads, etc.

Angus to Collingwood Trail in process.

Summer Camps are being ran this year due to liability risk, staffing issues and guidelines in the childcare act are essential to be followed, limited resources.

Will look in the future when able to run camps properly and safely following regulations and protocols and staffing levels can accommodate.

New website looks great and is functioning well.

Meeting Adjourned, Moved by Brandy Rafeek Second by Jim Hunter

Next Parks and Recreation Committee: TBD 6:00pm Zoom.