

Minutes

Merrickville Wolford Recreation Advisory Committee

Council Chambers, Merrickville

Date: January 11, 2014 7:00 PM

Members Attended: Rhys Knott (Chair); Jan Fitzpatrick; Brian McDougall; Marcia Wilson; (Council reps) David Snowdon; Anne Barr

Regrets: Gail Telford

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Adoption of Agenda: Adopted as presented

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of December 11, 2013 meeting approved.

Delegations: Councillor Don Halpenny and Councillor David Nash

- Information presented regarding the Centennial Hall in Easton's Corners not being ready for rental in December for monthly Seniors Luncheon hosted by Nancy Andison. Upon rental, the hall was found to be dirty, with dishes not washed and put away after renovations. Group renting hall had to wash dishes and clean before serving lunch.
- Much discussion was had regarding proper protocol in regards to payment of Hall and lack of final cleanup before commencing renting facility after renovations.

Facilities Updates: More work needs to be done on Centennial Hall in Easton's Corners. Toboggan hill and rinks in Merrickville and Easton's Corners being well used. Trails are being well utilized for hiking and cross-country skiing.

Old Business:

Action Items

- Recreation webpage needs to be updated with photos of facilities. Photos have been submitted to staff but nothing done with them as of meeting date.

Recreation Survey

- Recommend promotion on Village of Merrickville-Wolford facebook page directing the public to Survey Monkey. 100 hard copies to be printed and made available to those without computer/internet access. Committee members to promote by personal contacts.

New Business:

Planning for upcoming year – Recreation facility discussed on Collar Hill. At this point no budget expectations have come into play.

- Summer programs – beach program under Beach Buddies committee. Discussion on moving existing volleyball court or better to install a 2nd volleyball court at beach area which could be utilized by children's beach program.
- Recommend to council that funds be budgeted for sand and equipment so volleyball court be built to be used by Summer Sizzle program in conjunction with swimming and other activities.
- Request that more picnic tables be built for beach area, trails, H.F. McLean Park, Centennial Park and all other areas. Recommend at least 2 picnic tables per area.
- Contingent on William Earl's plans for baseball in Merrickville. Request that steel framed bleachers be repaired or replaced for the Merrickville Ball diamond.
- Discussion revolved around looking into hiring a student studying recreation to solely look after the recreation programs and maintenance for facilities in Merrickville-Wolford. Suggest adding a budget to be supplemented by student grants to help in expansion of the Summer Sizzle program. The request is that the student will be hired for at least a 12 week period.

Key elements of summer fun with new facilities include:

- Tennis in Easton's Corners;
- Baseball in Easton's Corners and Merrickville which will include T-ball, Coach pitch, slow and fast pitch;
- Beach Volleyball.

Correspondence: None

Notice of Motion: No motions at this time.

In Camera if required:

Next Meeting Date: February 5, 2014 at 7 P.M. in the Centennial Hall, Easton's Corners.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned