

Minutes

Merrickville Wolford Recreation Advisory Committee

Centennial Hall, Easton's Corners

Date: February 5, 2014 7:00 PM

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

Gallery audience consisted of Christina Willoughby, resident of Easton's Corners.

Regrets: Gail Telford

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None

Additions to Agenda: Making Play Possible; Centennial Hall updates;

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Brian McDougall, 2nd by Marcia Wilson

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Moved by Marcia Wilson, 2nd by Brian McDougall

Delegations: Merrickville Lions Club concerning their Community Garden project – Could not come.

Old Business:

Action Items :

- Soccer – Staff is waiting on Soccer committee members to get in touch for tour of facilities on 2nd floor of Merrickville Community Center.
- Trails – Merrickville-Wolford Trails Subcommittee held their initial meeting with very good results. Have a 5 year Master plan with 2014 priorities being Woodland Trail Toboggan Hill Loop; Bird Sanctuary/French School Trail; Cycling paths; and Funding support.
- Beach Buddies – Meeting held in January 2014 not well attended. Next meeting will help to get the energy up for upcoming summer projects.
- Baseball – Kemptville Little League - Merrickville to be promoted as a subdivision for T-Ball and Coach pitch being promoted. Priority discussion at council to be put on Safety netting between backstop and play-structure near the Health Centre.
- Hockey – action item closed – decision to leave as is.
- Tennis – on going – to be better looked at once snow is gone.

- Volleyball – suggestion of swings in beach area to be moved as this is prime location for courts on beach. Other suggestion of sand to be brought in and level spot for possibly 2 volleyball courts. Perhaps the Beach Buddies Subcommittee could work on Volleyball project.
- Open House – June is Parks & Recreation month. Suggest promoting all recreational facilities available in Merrickville-Wolford on Village Website and Facebook.
- Budget items – changes in Provincial funding will affect how much can be spent on facilities.
- Recreation Website page has been updated with more photos to come

Recreation Survey:

- Article written to be put in Merrickville Phoenix, EMC covering Kemptville, Brockville and Smiths Falls zones. Councilor Snowdon suggested presentations to students at local schools to promote survey and facilities with info then going home to parents about survey. Information and Survey Monkey link to be put on Village of Merrickville-Wolford Website. Hard copy of surveys to be made available at Merrickville Library, Drummond's gas station, Township Office, Village Bean and Allan's Tool Shed.

Facilities Rentals and Procedures:

- Any and all complaints need to be put in writing so follow up can follow proper procedures.

New Business: Easton's Corners Recreation Association can continue with fundraising which could be put towards improvements and additions to the Centennial Hall and outdoor recreation facilities within Easton's Corners.

Correspondence:

- Community Gardens – Promotion by the Merrickville Lions Club to establish community gardens in the Merrickville proper community. Various locations under discussion by council and Lions Club.
- Making Play Possible – Leeds-Grenville Children's Mental Health - charity organization to promote access to meaningful recreational activities for all children of all capabilities.

Notice of Motion: No motions at this time.

In Camera if required: Not required.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday March 5, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall, Easton's Corners.

Adjourned: Chair) Rhys Knott.