

08/2021

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON December 2, 2021
AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: Danielle Hansen
Jeff Bronsch
Brett McCoy
Councillor Brian Hildebrand
Councillor Joanne Sorensen
Councillor Jack Brewin (5:41 PM)

ABSENT: Darcy Firth

ALSO PRESENT:

Kory Ostrup, Assistant Recreation Manager
Brian Martin, Recreation Manager
Emily Hembrough, ACE Coordinator
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

D. Hansen called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Andrew Prokop was present to officiate the swearing in of Councillor Brian Hildebrand and Councillor Joanne Sorensen to the Town of Taber Recreation Board. Thank you Mayor Prokop and welcome Councillors to the Recreation Board.

CAO of the Town of Taber, Derrin Thibault, introduced Brian Martin as the new Recreation Manager. The Recreation Board welcomed Brian.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 47/2021 MOVED by J. Bronsch that the Recreation Board adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – November 4, 2021

RES. 48/2021 MOVED by B. McCoy that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on November 4, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS - None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

ACTION ITEMS

A) Recreation Fee Schedule

Every year, the Recreation Department reviews its Fee Bylaw and recommends to Council a new Fee Schedule for the upcoming year. The Administration is proposing that all user fees have a 0% increase for the upcoming year. COVID-19 has hit residents very hard and program attendance is down and hopefully by keeping the fees down, we can see things turn around.

Administration also is proposing that Community Centre Drop-in Fees be changed from \$4.00 to \$2.00. These programs are seeing a huge hit since COVID and the department would like to rebuild. It was reported that \$4.00 / person is a bit steep for a family. The only other change proposed is the addition of the Veteran Banner project. This project was a huge success and the Department would like to see it be made an annual event.

RES. 49/2021 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board recommends Council approve the rate fees proposed for inclusion in the 2022 Fee Schedule Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Disc Golf Location Proposal

Councillor J. Brewin arrived at 5:41pm

Administration has been looking for a suitable and desirable parcel of land within the Town of Taber to build a disc golf course for the last two years and has not been successful. It has been brought forward, that there is a desirable section of land within the MD of Taber, by the river bottom. Local enthusiasts who have been working with the town, would like to approach the MD of Taber for permission to build on this property and was looking for the Recreation Board's support. The land was reported to need a bit of work, however most of the work could be done by volunteers and little maintenance would be required as the nature of disc golf is to keep the course rustic and natural.

Disc golf is a booming sport, especially during COVID, as it's not costly, played outdoors, and almost anyone can play. The group looking to build/design the course believe that Taber would be a great location where many visitors would enjoy coming to play.

Taber does have equipment (Tee pads and holes) that was purchased with grant money at the beginning of this process early last year. Once a location has been determined for this project, and if the location is within the MD of Taber, the group was encouraged to come back and possibly the equipment could go toward the build.

RES. 50/2021 MOVED by B. McCoy that the Recreation Board supports the Disc Golf representatives to approach the MD of Taber for future conversation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) January Recreation Board Meeting

RES. 51/2021 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board accepts the cancellation of the January, 2022 Recreation Board meeting as presented and recognizes that should the need arise a meeting could be scheduled later in the month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) Information for the Recreation Board Meeting

K. Ostrup reviewed the information provided in the item. Also mentioned is that the department is planning to host the Live Leisure Guide on January 5th where individuals can shop around for activities and possible sign up as volunteers if they so choose.

The town also received a thank you card from the Taber & District Adult Learning for their grant received from the Recreation Board as part of their 2022 "Door to the World" event waiver.

It was suggested that the town consider having an indoor market all winter, similar to the summer. It was reported that our license has strict rules around the time of year, however administration agreed to look at logistics around the idea.

E) Recognition Awards

RES. 53/2021 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board recommend the following teams/individuals receive Recognition Awards:

1. Gold– Barnwell Trojan Boys – 2021 2J Boys Volleyball South Zone Championships
2. Gold– Barnwell Trojan Girls - 2021 2J Girls Volleyball South Zone Championship
3. Silver – WR Myer’s Rebels – 2021 Tier 4 High School Football Provincial Championship

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 54/2021 MOVED by Councillor B. Hildebrand that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6.07 PM



CHAIRMAN