

04/2024

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON June 6, 2024 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Councillor Joanne Sorensen
Councillor Brian Hildebrand
Brett McCoy
Cody Fletcher

ABSENT:

Taylor Gouw
Darcy Firth (excused)
Councillor Jack Brewin

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian Martin, Recreation Manager
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary
Derrin Thibault, CAO

CALL TO ORDER

Brett McCoy called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:34 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 16/2024 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board adopt the agenda, with the amendment of moving Delegation to ITEM No 5.0.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – May 2, 2024

RES. 17/2024 MOVED by C. Fletcher that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on May 2, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

DELEGATIONS

A) Norcrest Little League Board

Dale Tilleman was available to present, on behalf of the Norcrest Society, a proposed project. They are hoping to reestablish the Society to allow them to fundraise with the purpose to build a turf baseball field at the Lon Ferguson Diamond, which then could be used earlier and later in the year.

Ways they hope to fundraise is through grants, casino, selling of square footage, service groups, funding from the municipality and loans from the user groups to be paid annually with a loan payment fee on each membership. He would hope that other groups like soccer, rugby, etc would also contribute and benefit from this turf field. Mr. Tilleman reported that the MD of Taber would also be willing to do some of the preparation work in kind.

Estimated cost of the project would run over \$900,000. When questioned, the turf is said to last about 20 years and would be \$150,000-\$200,000.00 to replace. Bases and home plates would require replacing about every 10 years. Maintenance would require sand filler to be applied as well as a special equipment to spread and rake in. When asked how he planned for cost recovery, he agreed it would not physically be recovered over the 20 years with the current fees, and reported that he didn't see any concerns with their fees increasing to use the proposed facility. Mr. Tilleman also reported that future tourism would increase significantly. There would be some cost savings on watering, however there would be an additional cost of equipment.

When asked how many games are played on the facility and he projected 50 games/year with everyday of the week practices.

The delegation was looking for support to go to council and the Recreation Board thanked Mr. Tilleman for his presentation.

RES. 18/2024 MOVED by Councillor J. Sorensen that the Recreation Board approves the renovations for the Lon Ferguson, in principle and recommends that Council issues a letter of support to the Norcrest Little League Board for the purpose to be used for grant applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Taber West Trail Expansion Project Committee

Councillor Firth and Mayor Prokop were at the meeting to give a bit of history of the creation of the East Trail Expansion Committee and where the Taber Trout Pond is today, in an effort to make the transfer of the Taber Trout Pond Park over to the Recreation Board, more seamless. The area is meant to remain a recreational focus point, as it is now with fishing, trails, biking, walking/running, horses, gardening, dog park, and camping.

The new Taber Trout Pond Master Plan has been completed and approved by Council, which will be a working guide to be used by Administration to bring forward suggested budget projects to the Board. The area is still to get trees planted, and a picnic shelter in 2024. Any further projects moving forward will require a recommendation from the Recreation Board to Council.

The Board Members thanked the former East Trail Expansion Committee for the presentation and all the progress made to the park to date. Everyone agreed the transition to the Recreation Board makes sense at this time, and the offer was made to bring the delegation back in the future, if any further information is required.

No Motion was made at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION FOR THE RECREATION BOARD

The Members reviewed the items presented and were given the opportunity to ask for any of these topics to be expanded on or to discuss any other topic of interest.

The Members reviewed all items in this agenda item, line by line.

A few additional items raised during discussion:

18. There have been many irrigation breaks and have been dealt with as soon as possible.
19. Japanese Gardens are being upgraded through the Japanese Society.
20. Southern Alberta Summer Games registration is open and closes this week. The MD of Taber have purchased the shirts and there seems to be a lot of interest to date.

No motions were made at this time.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

RES.19/2024 MOVED by Councillor B. Hildebrand that the Recreation Board recommend the following teams/individuals receive Recognition Awards:

1. *Gold– Grace Holowiski – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Specialty Breaking*
2. *Gold– Grace Holowiski – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Sparring*
3. *Gold– Grace Holowiski – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Team Sparring*
4. *Silver – Jocelyn Planger – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Power Breaking*
5. *Bronze – Jocelyn Planger – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Patterns*
6. *Bronze – Jocelyn Planger – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships - Sparring*
7. *Gold – Jocelyn Planger – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Team Sparring*
8. *Gold – Brennan Abela – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Power Breaking*
9. *Bronze – Brennan Abela – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Patterns*
10. *Bronze – Brennan Abela – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships - Sparring*
11. *Gold – Abby Abela – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Power Breaking*
12. *Silver– Abby Abela – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Patterns*
13. *Bronze – Abby Abela – 2024 North American Taekwon-Do Championships – Sparring*
14. *Gold – WR Myer’s Rebels – 2024 SAHSBL Tier III Basketball Provincial Championships*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

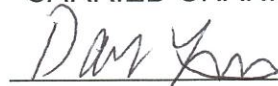
MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 20/2024 MOVED by Councillor B. Hildebrand that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:36 PM



CHAIRMAN