

09/2015

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 10,
2015 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: Luke Wijna, Chairperson
Danielle Hansen, Vice Chairperson
Councilor Andrew Prokop
Councilor Randy Sparks
Darcy Firth
Councilor Merrill Harris

ALSO PRESENT:
Aline Holmen, Recreation Manager
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary
Taber Times

CALL TO ORDER

L. Wijna called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order
at 5:31 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES.52/2015 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

A) Baseball Community

Representatives for many of the local baseball organizations were present to speak on the benefits of constructing a fourth baseball diamond out at KMMSC. A quad set up would allow for larger tournaments and could result in more tournaments being held locally as well, which brings people into town. Another advantage would be that the older TMBA (Taber Minor Baseball Association) kids would be able to play there instead of on the Confederation Diamonds which are starting to pose a safety concern for the playground and skatepark users. The younger TMBA children could then utilize the Confederation diamonds instead of the Westlake and Central School ones which currently are not meeting regulations for certain leagues.

Most of the discussion was in agreement that the quad needed to be completed however no one could decide on the type of field which should be built. The size of the field required would depend on what the town was trying to accomplish. More tournaments would require a slow-pitch diamond, building the sport would require a hardball or smaller field for the

minor leagues. Discussion was had on how they could make it a multilevel field with temporary fences which other communities have done.

It was suggested by one delegate that the Lon Ferguson be made into a hardball field, however it was stated the original intention was to build it as a slo-pitch diamond.

The group discussed the possibility of utilizing volunteers to bring the labor costs down as done in the past. It was mentioned that the cost to build is not the only cost to consider as maintenance is ongoing.

A delegate also suggested that the Town of Taber sell signs for the fences to help offset the building costs, however currently the town is in an agreement with a company which has negotiating rights for all sponsorship and naming rights, however this may be something to consider in the future.

Delegates also reported that with larger tournaments being held at the facility it would also make sense to expand the RV park as currently it is barely accommodating the current number of teams attending tournaments.

It was asked of the delegation as to whether they would require a washroom/concession building built at the same time or did they feel that could wait and the response was they felt it should be done at the same time.

The Recreation Board thanked the individuals for their input and attendance.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – June 4, 2015

RES.53/2015 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on June 4, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) Ken McDonald Memorial Sportsfield 4th Ball Diamond

The Recreation Board discussed that the addition of the ball field should be separate from the addition of the washroom/concession building. Administration cautions not to rely on volunteers too much for all costs when setting the budget as there are still a lot of areas which must be done by professionals (i.e. fencing, dugouts) and there are a lot of materials to be

purchased. Also, Administration would insist on sod be used instead of seeding as it would allow for use a lot sooner and to avoid the problems that were had in the past. It was also mentioned that even though the topsoil was originally put in place, administration has be advised to do testing to ensure erosion over time hasn't destroyed the quality of the soil. It has been over ten years since that area was originally built. Other things to consider is there is only power installed, no other utilities.

The Recreation Board also discussed the possibility of relocating some of the trees in the nursery and create more RV stalls there. The board discussed the possibility of forming a committee from the user groups to decide what they would want (excluding the washroom/concessions) and have them present what they decided would be best as they are in a better position to decide.

The Recreation Board liked the idea that a forth diamond would solve the safety concerns which are starting to arise at the Confederation fields. The addition of a fourth diamond would open Confederation diamonds up for under 12's and the high school girls and slow-pitch girls, who prefer to use the downtown fields.

RES.54/2015 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board recommends to town council that \$250, 000 be set aside in budget for the completion of the fourth baseball diamond and that a committee be struck from the baseball community to inform the Recreation Board of what they would like to see as a baseball diamond.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) Bid Request 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games

A. Holmen reported that the cost to host these games are approximately \$600 000 and the host is allotted \$200 000 grant.

The Recreation Board discussed the many different ongoing projects and the strain on the volunteers already made this venture not feasible at this time.

RES. 55/2015 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board recommends to council to decline the invitation from the Minister of Culture and Tourism regarding bid applications for the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Bid Request 2018 Alberta Summer Games

A. Holmen reported that the cost to host these games are approximately \$1.5 million and the host is allotted \$500 thousand grant.

The Recreation Board discussed the many upgrades which would be required to host this event.

RES.56/2015 MOVED by Councilor A. Prokop that the Recreation Board recommends to Taber Town Council to decline the invitation from the Minister of Culture and Tourism regarding bid applications for the 2018 Alberta Games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C) Bid Request 2016/2017 Southern Alberta Recreation Association

A. Holmen reported that the 2017-2019 have communities interested in hosting however there has been no bids for 2016 as of yet.

The Recreation Board discussed reviewed the previous years that Taber has hosted and how it may be too soon to host again for the volunteers are already tasked with many upcoming projects.

RES. 57/2015 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board recommends to council that they deny the invitation from the Southern Alberta Recreation Association regarding bid applications for the 2016 and 2017 Southern Alberta Summer Games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D) Information Items

1. Recreation Master Plan – A. Holmen explained that the 2nd Household survey deadline is September 16th and the data will be compiled and then the Masterplan will be formulated. Completion looks to be December.
2. Special Events – A. Holmen was excited to report that there are a few Corporate Events coming up at the pool.
3. Volkssport Association of Alberta – Taber has been added to their organization as a destination. This is a walking organization which has passports that get checked off by their members as they visit the various destinations within the province. This is another great way to add Taber to “The Tourism Map”
4. Arena Dressing Rooms Addition Update – After a slight delay in the beginning, the project is reported to be moving along nicely and the completion date is scheduled to be Dec 16, 2015. The crew is

working hard and the Board will be invited to tour the facility upon completion.

5. Confederation Park Playground –the equipment which is to be replaced will be torn down in the next couple of weeks while the Parks staff are still available outside. The build date is scheduled for October 24, 2015 (weather permitting). Any and all volunteers are welcome. The Kiwanis Club has graciously accepted D. Firth's offer of assistance and use of equipment and A. Holmen will let Darcy know the details of the upcoming site meeting. The new equipment will be on a floating base so the frost will no longer cause problems with frost heaving and will have a gravel base.

RES. 58/2015 MOVED by D. Firth that the Recreation Board accepts the material received in this Agenda Item, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E) Recreation Report

A board member commented on how important the sponsored swims/skates have become for members of the community who would otherwise not be able to afford the admission and again wanted to thank the Taber Kinsmen Club and other serves clubs in town who are making a huge difference.

A discussion took place regarding a complaint received from Taber Football regarding the condition of the fields at the beginning of their season. A. Holmen reported that the situation is currently being investigated. One of the things they do know which would have been a factor is the late notice given by the association of the game, which staff worked overtime to prepare the fields once they had been made aware.

A. Holmen also addressed the use of whisker biscuits on the field which are used to line the fields or used instead of lines and these were pulled out sometime during the weekend in question. She said she stands behind her staff and will complete the investigation and address the complaint. The department will work with the Football Association to resolve the issues.

RES. 59/2015 MOVED by D. Hansen that the Recreation Board accepts the Recreation Report received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F) Recognition Awards

- 1. Bronze- Kaleb Muller - 2015 Mountain Biking Provincials
- 2. Silver - Darci Wright- 2015 ASSA Provincials - 11-12 girls 50-metre fly
- 3. Bronze - Renae Saunders- 2015 ASSA Provincials - 13-14 girls 100-metre fly
- 4. Bronze- Taber U-16 Girls Soccer - 2015 Tier IV Cities Soccer Provincials
- 5. Gold - Taber U-12 Boys Soccer- 2015 Tier IV Cities Soccer Provincials
- 6. Gold- Norcrest - 2015 Major AA Prairie Little League Championships

RES. 60/2015 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that the Recreation Board recommends that the listed team/individuals receive Recognition Awards:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES – NONE

CLOSED SESSION – FOIPP ACT, SECTION 16: DISCLOSURE HARMFUL TO BUSINESS INTERESTS OF A THIRD PARTY

RES. 61/2015 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that the Recreation Board meeting be moved into Closed Session at 7:24 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 62/2015 MOVED by Councilor A. Prokop that the Recreation Board meeting be moved into Open Session at 9:00 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 63/2015 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board accepts the confidential detailed update provided by Sponsorship Connections for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 64/2015 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that the Recreation Board recommends that Council approve the following Community Grant applications for 2016:

Angels in the Outfield	Cornfest Slo-pitch Tournament	KMMSC	\$1000.00
Community Keep Fit	Exercise Program	Auditorium	\$2574.00
Community Vacation Bible Camp	Youth Bible Camp	Aud/mtg rms	\$2380.00
Taber Community Against Drugs	Wellness Walk	Auditorium	\$231.00
Taber Food Bank	Spaghetti Supper	Auditorium	\$506.50
Taber Kinsmen Club	Heritage Senior Dinner	Auditorium	\$429.00
Terry Fox Run Committee	Terry Fox Run	Auditorium	\$231.00

St. Mary's School
St. Patrick's School
Safe Haven Women's Shelter
WR Myers School

Graduation
Christmas Concert
Halloween Howler
Graduation

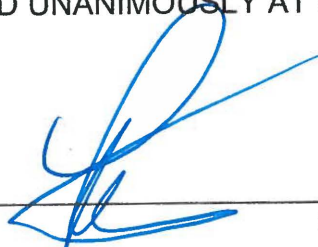
Auditorium	\$1519.50
Auditorium	\$1138.50
Auditorium	\$803.50
Lg Ice	\$1519.50

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 65/2015 MOVED by D. Hansen that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:06 PM



CHAIRMAN