

12/2013

MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON December 5, 2013
AT 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Luke Wijna
Councilor Randy Sparks
Councilor Merrill Harris
Councilor Andrew Prokop
Darcy Firth
Garrett Simmons (5:35 pm)

ALSO PRESENT:
Aline Holmen, Leisure Services Manager
Rob Cressman, Director of Community Services
Jan Seweryn, Recreation Facility Manager
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary
Greg Price, Taber Times

ABSENT: Danielle Hansen (Excused)

Mayor Henk DeVlieger swore in Darcy Firth as a Member at Large for the Taber Recreation Board at 5:15 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES. 78/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

L. Wijna welcomed the members of the Taber Splash Pad Committee to the meeting. Bruce Warkentin was on hand to introduce the committee members, explain their proposal, answer questions and ask the Recreation Board for their support. The committee was hand picked because of their expertise and believes a spray park would benefit the Town of Taber by drawing visitors, offer free entertainment, family orientated activity, add to quality of life, and possibly help bring in younger families to town.

G. Simmons arrived at 5:34 pm.

The committee explored many locations however would like to see the park be built at the Confederation Park to allow for easy access, it's central location and to make the area a hub of activity in town. It would be closer to the town amenities as well.

B. Warkentin also explained they would like to complete the project by this coming summer to ensure they have access to the funding commitments they have already received from many reported businesses in town. The group is afraid that the longer they wait, the greater chance of personnel/economy changes may effect future funding. He explained that they are not asking the Town of Taber for money, but only the land and future upkeep after the facility is built. For banking and grant application purposes the committee has partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Taber.

The committee stressed that they are looking for approval right away so that grant application process could begin by January which is critical for their timeline. They felt strongly that if the Council decided to go with the recommendation option by administration of forming a new committee to further investigate it would delay the project and add to frustration. They are confident with the expertise behind the group and agree that they would be seeking guidance from administration when needed.

R. Cressman reported the maintenance costs to the Town would come from water usage, regular inspections, maintenance, repair, and waste collection, to name a few. It was also noted that the proposed washroom cost could be offset by the eliminating the cost of porta potty annual rentals for that park. It was reported by the Taber Spray Pad Committee that the use of water would not be significant according to their research.

Discussion took place comparing the different water systems and after exploring the different options, the committee would like to go with a flow through system, because there is no cost of weekly water tests or risk of error in water treatment. It was suggested to the committee to consider a system that allows for the collection of the used water to be available for use in the washrooms and the watering of the trees and grass in the park. This would make the system more GREEN. Cost of treated water is high and it would be nice to use it efficiently.

The Recreation Board thanked Mr. Warkentin and the Taber Splash Pad Committee for its attendance and commended them for a great presentation and all their hard work.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – September 5, 2013

RES. 79/2013 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that the Recreation Board adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on November 7, 2013, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

A) January 2014 Recreation Board Meeting

A. Holmen reported that due to the holidays and the timing of the January meeting, there are no items for the agenda at this time and was asking the board to cancel the meeting unless something that is time sensitive comes forward.

RES. 80/2013 MOVED by G. Simmons that the Recreation Board accepts the cancellation of the January, 2014 Recreation Board meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS

A) Taber Splash Pad

The Recreation Board expressed appreciation for all the ground work the Taber Splash Pad Committee has completed to this point.

A. Holmen reported that the Committee was also asking the Town of Taber to prepare tax receipts for individuals who ask for a donation receipt. The Taber Kiwanis would be handling the business receipts.

The Recreation Board questioned whether or not the Kiwanis Club was asking for naming rights and it was reported that they would like recognition, however was not expecting the facility to be named after them and the agreement thus far between the Committee and the Kiwanis Club is the use of their bank account.

A. Holmen reported that the Town administration is requesting that they have a person join the Committee to allow for communication to be open between the Committee and administration and Town Council. The Committee agreed that they would seek guidance when required.

RES. 81/2013 MOVED by Councilor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board recommends the Taber Splash Pad proposal be submitted to Council for consideration and supports the proposal in principle.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

A) Reports

A. Holmen reported that Steven Furze is no longer with Sponsorship Connections and David Higgins has stepped in for the interim until a new representative is hired. Administration and the Sponsorship Connection management have had conversations on how this program is to move forward. The Recreation Board expressed they would like to have a representative from Sponsorship Connections report at the February Recreation Board Meeting.

A. Holmen reported that the Aquafun Centre renovations have been completed and has opened on schedule.

RES. 82/2013 MOVED by Councilor A. Prokop that the Recreation Board accepts the monthly Board/Staff reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOGNITION AWARDS

A) Recognition Awards

RES. 83/2013 MOVED by Councilor M. Harris that the Recreation Board recommends that the following team/individuals receive Recognition Awards:

1. Gold – Brad Wilson – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Unequipped Open 220 lbs. Division (Squat)
2. Gold – Brad Wilson – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Unequipped Open 220 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
3. Gold – Brad Wilson – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Unequipped Open 220 lbs. Division (Deadlift)
4. Gold– Braden Gardner – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Unequipped Open 242 lbs. Division (Squat)
5. Gold– Braden Gardner – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Unequipped Open 242 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
6. Gold– Braden Gardner – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Unequipped Open 242 lbs. Division (Deadlift)
7. Gold (Canadian Record) – Clay Sparks– 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Equipped Teenage 220 lbs. Division (Squat)
8. Gold (Canadian Record) – Clay Sparks– 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Equipped Teenage 220 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
9. Gold (Canadian Record) – Clay Sparks– 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Equipped Teenage 220 lbs. Division (Deadlift)
10. Gold (World Record) – Randy Sparks – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Equipped Masters 242 lbs. Division (Squat)

11. Gold (World Record) – Randy Sparks – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Equipped Masters 242 lbs. Division (Bench Press)
12. Gold (World Record) – Randy Sparks – 2013 AAU World Powerlifting and Feats of Strength Championships - Equipped Masters 242 lbs. Division (Deadlift)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 84/2013 MOVED by D. Firth that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board do now close.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:18 PM



CHAIRMAN