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MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING May 2, 2019 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: Danielle Hansen  
Darcy Firth  
Councillor John Turcato  
Councillor Garth Bekkering  
Brett McCoy (arrived at 5:38 PM)  
Rene Angermeier (arrived at 5:39 PM)

ABSENT: Councillor Louis Tams (excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Dawn Phillips, Director of Recreation  
Marty Planger, Recording Secretary  
Taber Times

**CALL TO ORDER**

D. Hansen called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:33 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RES. 21/2019 MOVED by Councilor G. Bekkering that the Recreation Board adopt the agenda as amended, with the following changes

*Move: 6. DELEGATIONS to 4.*

*Add: ITEM No.4.2 Baseball/Softball Enhancement Society*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A) Regular meeting – April 4, 2019**

RES. 22/2019 MOVED by D. Firth that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on April 4, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **A) Westview Playground**

Bruce Warkentin was present to answer any questions the board had regarding the request to have a playground installed at Westview Estates. The proposed project has received a lot of support from residents, with a couple of residents are opposed to the proposed location only (south of the pond off Westview Boulevard).

R. Angermeier arrived at 5:38 pm

B. McCoy arrived at 5:39 pm

The Town of Taber has no finances in the budget for this project at this time. B. Warkentin was seeking support for the project from The Recreation Board and Town Council and was not asking for funding at this time. Support for the project would allow for fundraising campaign to begin.

RES. 23/2019 MOVED by Councilor G. Bekkering that the Recreation Board support the Westview Playground in principle.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **B) RC Strategies – Recreation Master Plan**

Rob Parks, from RC Strategies, was at the meeting to introduce himself and outline the general process which will take place to formulate a Recreation Master Plan, specific to Taber. The process will include consideration for National, Provincial, and local recreation and economic strategies and trends, Citizens will be engaged through a household survey, while organizations that are recognized as key stakeholders will be met with to discuss.

Once a draft is complete, RC Strategies will then bring it back to key groups and solicit feedback, which will then be used to complete the final report which should be completed this fall.

RES. 24/2019 MOVED by D. Firth that the Recreation Board accepts the presentation from RC Strategies regarding the Recreation Master Plan as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **A) Dog Park**

At the Recreation Board Regular Meeting in April, there was a presentation from Danielle Ulrick with ideas to enhance the Off-Leash Dog Park and the board directed Administration to bring it back to the June meeting. Administration has been recently directed to bring this back to the May meeting.

Since the April meeting, D. Ulrick has begun looking for support from various groups in town. She was present at this meeting to answer any questions the board may have. She is looking for some fencing, fresh water supply, and a shelter to start with. She recognized that water will be available to the Trout Pond sometime this year and then possibly to the Dog Park in future. She asked if it could be run to the dog park first and then to the Trout Pond. D. Phillips agreed to bring that up as a possibility to her next West Trail Extension Meeting.

D. Ulrick asked if there were plans for the park to be moved, and if so she would like to know prior to putting more work into this one. The Mayor responded that there are no plans to move the park.

At this time, there is no finances in the budget for this project. D. Ulrick inquired if there are grants available if the applicant is not a society? She also wondered if people would like to donate to enhancing the dog park, how would they go about doing so? D. Phillips will look into both questions and get back to her.

RES. 25/2019 MOVED by Councillor G. Bekkering that the Recreation Board accepts the information provided by Danielle Ulrick for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor J. Turcato left the meeting at 6:34 PM.

#### **B) Baseball/Softball Enhancement Society**

D. Phillips reported that at the April 4, 2019 Recreation Board Meeting, the Board requested an accurate project budget from the Baseball/Softball Enhancement Society for the completion of the fourth diamond prior to this board making any recommendations. The president Suzanne Peter's and Treasurer Rick Popadynetz were present to answer any questions the Board may have on the budget presented and is asking for approval to continue with the project. They reported that the ground work has been completed by the MD of Taber and would like to proceed as soon as possible to avoid losing any more topsoil to wind.

The Society was also asking that all surplus funds which were earmarked for this project stay available to this Society to continue forward with the next phases (i.e. bathrooms, concessions, running water/sewer, work to other diamonds). Grants were discussed, and possibility of using the surplus money as well as any fundraising as matching funds for future projects. The

Society was directed to contact the Economic Development with the town to discuss grants and were encourage to plan ahead, as grant applications have deadlines and take time.

It was recognized that Council is the only authority that can make budget decisions and that there are Procurement Procedures in place that must be followed.

The Board acknowledged all the work put in by the Society and thanked them for all their efforts.

RES. 26/2019 MOVED by B. McCoy that the Recreation Board recommends sending the Baseball/Softball Enhancement Society's presentation back to Town Council and for Council to meet at its earliest convenience or at a Special Meeting for the Society to present to them.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES. 27/2019 MOVED by B. McCoy that the Recreation Board recommends that any remaining funds for this project be carried forward to be used on future development at Ken McDonald Memorial Sports Complex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A) Recreation Report**

The Recreation Board members had an opportunity to ask questions about the happenings within the department. It was reported:

- Trout Pond committee is waiting on MNP to finish an accurate project map along with rough costs
- Currently interviewing for a new Recreation Manager
- Summer staff have been hired and have started today
- The town is hosting the first BBQ Competition the same Saturday as Grad. The host committee has been carefully planning with WR Myers Administration right from the beginning. The park will be split up and there will be designated parking for grad. A media response has been prepared along with a map of the festivities.
- D. Phillips agreed to look into the gopher infestation at KMMSC and possibly leave out some shovels for the coaches
- The town is partnering with Agriplex staff to host some outside farmer's markets throughout the summer and plans are underway

RES. 28/2019 MOVED by Councillor G. Bekkering that the Recreation Board accepts the Recreation Report for information as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B) Information for the Recreation board**

The board reviewed the Recreation Activity Report.

RES. 29/2019 MOVED by D. Firth that the Recreation Board accepts the material received in this Agenda Item, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

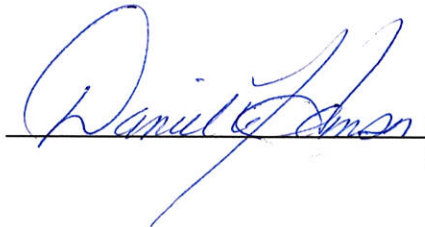
**MEDIA INQUIRIES** - None

**CLOSED SESSION** - None

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

RES. 30/2019 MOVED by R. Angermeier this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:25 PM

  
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CHAIRMAN