



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Morrisburg
Waterfront Committee
May 16, 2023 7:00 pm

Present:

- Trish Morrow – Chair
- Keith Robinson
- Nancy Waldroff
- Bert Marcellus
- Chris Moran
- Cole Veinotte (Councilor)

Absent: Nil.

Staff Present:

- David Jansen, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended. To include within item 6 (g) - Movies.

Changes to the Agenda moved by Nancy and Seconded by Chris

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting - April 26, 2023

Moved By - Nancy

Seconded By - Keith

THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting of the Morrisburg Waterfront Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

a. Project Updates:

David Jansen reported that the new ramp to the lookout is near completion with topsoil and seeding to be completed.

David Jansen reported that the pathway light pole bases will be backfilled and completed by the end of May.

David Jansen reported that David Brown has been hired to replace the beach sand and expects the work will be completed by the end of June.

The Official Pathway Opening is scheduled for Sunday June 11, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. at the parking lot on the north side of the park. Attendance is anticipated to be between 25 & 50 people. Keith has a BBQ, 200 hot dogs, Lion's Club tent and will set up Sunday at noon. David will advertise the event and invite MPP Nolan (Trillium Grant), MP Eric Duncan, South Dundas Council, former Morrisburg Waterfront Committee members, Lion's Club etc. David will buy ribbon and novelty scissors.

b. OPG Sign Event:

The committee is waiting for a response from Matthew Mulvihill from OPG to complete the organization of this event.

c. Fishing Line Disposal

Chris Moran circulated a photo of a fishing line disposal container from Blue Fish Canada and hopes to provide more information on obtaining a unit for next meeting.

d. Shoreline Plantings

Existing Watershed Canada Maintenance - David Jansen will speak to Rosemary regarding the planned maintenance for the additional shoreline planting.

2023 planting proposal is for 250 meters if waterfront. This will leave another 250 meters of planting to complete in 2024.

Chris to request funding from OPG for the planting. Keith indicated the Lion's may contribute if there is a shortfall.

e. Canada Goose Control in the Park

The committee is considering planting wildflowers in Earl Baker Park. The parameters of the planting have not been finalized but it would extend from east of the splash pad to west of the dog park. The vision is to have a gazebo in the center with mulch covered foot paths leading through it. This would enhance the beauty of the park, remove grazable grass for Canada Geese, and reduce grass cutting cost and carbon emissions.

Questions posed by the committee are:

What do wildflowers look like when mature? Is it necessary to spray out the grass before planting? What is the height of the flowers and how long do they last? Would a mechanized planter be required to seed the wildflowers?

f. Lookout Lighting

Chris Moran provided the committee with several lighting options including fixtures, light levels and power options. The committee will check existing light levels at the lookout after dark before deciding on installing additional lighting.

g. Amphitheatre Movie Night

The first movie night is planned for Saturday July 22nd @ dusk. The target audience is kids & parents. The movie would be offered free, and concessions would be offered at a cost (fundraiser). Nancy to review prices (licence cost) for various movies. Nancy has a contact that has shown movies previously in Brinston.

h. Boat Launch Area

Councillor Veinotte expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians at the boat ramp area when boats are being launched or removed from the water. He proposed that the public parking be removed from the boat ramp area and that the area be restricted to vehicles towing boats. Public parking would be relocated to the parking lot on the north side of the park and/or the beach parking lot. It was noted that the beach parking needs to be improved.

i. Planning Goals/Ideas

The committee needs more time to discuss this issue. An additional meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday May 30 @ 4pm at Waterfront Park to discuss planning. Councillor Veinotte is to inquire if any Council members would like to attend.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Cole Veinotte

Seconded By Nancy Waldroff

THAT Morrisburg Waterfront Committee now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CHAIR

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