

**MINUTES  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016  
6:30 PM  
JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillor Morrell, Chair  
Mayor Sayeau (ex officio)  
Lucas Billet  
Clint Cameron  
Sandra Gibbons  
Ray Heuvel  
Pat Tierney

**Regrets:** Deputy Mayor Taylor  
Don Deline  
Kristina Kinos  
Liz Wood

**Staff:** Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator  
Rebecca Williams, Deputy Clerk Nominee

1. Call to Order

Councillor Morrell called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

**Moved** by: L. Billet seconded by: S. Gibbons that Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None

4. Business Arising from Previous Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes (if any)

Members discussed the Township and Facilities insurance coverage.

5. Delegations & Presentations

a) SERA – Lorne Bender

Mr. Bender provided members with an itemized list outlining various repair and update priorities at the South Edwardsburgh Recreation Complex. Members discussed various maintenance items from the list and how to best address some of the concerns.

**Moved** by: C. Cameron seconded by: P. Sayeau that Committee forward report from Mr. Bender to Council for review and remedial action as Township funds permit.

Carried

6. Discussion Items

a) Donations & Donation Signage

Members discussed signage options and how best collect funds from the public who use Township parks and facilities free of charge and might wish to donate. Members noted that in order for the public to consider donations the process must be quick and easy to access, such as a text to donate option. The Committee directed that the Community Development Coordinator follow up with the Treasurer to research viable donation options. This topic is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

b) Galop Healthy Lifestyle Area

Members commented on the mandates of the Community Development Committee and Recreation Advisory Committee regarding how they relate and affect each other. This topic is to be discussed further at the next meeting once Members review the Galop Canal Report.

c) Spencerville Facilities Review

Members briefly discussed the ongoing efforts for community beautification within Spencerville which have arisen from the First Impressions Community Exchange program. Areas of interest include the clock tower corner as well as the Township owned park at the Spencerville Mill.

d) Cardinal Facilities Review – Boat Launch

Members commented on the need for garbage cans near the Galop Canal and boat launch areas, as well as the lack of weed cutting on Dundas Street East. This topic is to be discussed further at the next meeting in order for Members to review area and make further suggestions to improve the Cardinal Facilities.

e) Johnstown Facilities Review

Members briefly discussed the importance of SERA beautification and maintenance of Millennium Park.

f) New Ideas Brainstorming

It was the direction of the Committee to add “Eyes in the Community” as a recurring discussion item to the agenda.

7. Information Items

a) Recreation Fee Schedule

Members commented on the Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Grant, received by the Cardinal Youth Centre that was used to provide free skating and bowling to children in the Township, noting an issue with transportation of children from Spencerville to Johnstown for the activities pick-up location.

b) Recreation Coordinator Job Description

Members commented on the Recreation Coordinator job description noting the possibility for the Coordinator to liaise with neighbouring municipalities’ parks and recreation programming.

c) Recreation Budget

Members noted that changes to the recreation budget are in part due to the increasing cost of Hydro rates, which resulted in a \$72,000 increase between the Spencerville and Cardinal arenas.

d) Rural Recreation Association

Members requested more information be circulated electronically as it is received by staff throughout the year.

e) Meeting Location

The next meeting will be held at the Municipal Office in Spencerville on April 14, 2016.

8. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members - None

9. Question Period

A question was raised regarding ward representation on the Committee.

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

**Moved** by: R. Heuvel seconded by: S. Gibbons that Committee does now adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Carried

These minutes were approved in open Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

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**Chair**

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**Deputy Clerk**