

**MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015
6:30 PM
INGREDION CENTRE, CARDINAL**

Present: Councillor Gerry Morrell, Chair
Don Deline
Larry Dishaw
Kristina Kinos
Mayor Pat Sayeau, Ex Officio

Regrets: Councillor Karie Smail
Clint Cameron

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator
Mike Spencer, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities
Sheena Earl, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order – Chair, Councillor Morrell

Councillor Morrell called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm. He noted that he had been asked to Chair the meeting as Councillor Smail was unable to attend.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: P. Sayeau seconded by: D. Deline that Committee approve the agenda as amended with the addition of a delegation from Ms. Sue Turner regarding recreation programming in the Township under item 5a).

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest –None

Members proceeded to item 6a) Cardinal Facilities Tour. Members toured the baseball diamonds, tennis and basketball courts and discussed parking at the Ingredion Centre.

4. Business Arising from Previous Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

Members noted that a discussion item regarding a dog park was listed on the agenda.

5. Delegations

a) Ms. Sue Turner - Township Recreation Programming

As Ms. Turner was not present at this point of the meeting, the Chair proceeded with the agenda noting that Committee would return to item 5a) once Ms. Turner arrived.

6. Discussion Items

a) Cardinal Facilities Tour

Members toured the facilities earlier in the meeting as mentioned above.

b) Dog Park

Members briefly discussed whether a desire or need for a dog park had been identified by the public. It was the consensus of members to await the results of the Township Wide Recreation Survey prior to discussing the potential park in any detail.

c) Township Wide Recreation Survey

Committee reviewed the draft survey prepared by staff based on the input of members. It was the consensus of members that the following changes be made to the survey:

- A focus on use by families, rather than individuals;
- Separate responses based on residency (in Township versus out of Township);
- Ask respondents what the Township can do to encourage them to use current facilities & what types of programs they wish to see offered;
- Seek out trained and/or experienced coaches, leaders etc. willing to participate and offer expertise to Township programming, should it be offered

Members discussed survey costs and distribution methods.

Moved by: L. Dishaw seconded by: D. Deline that Committee recommends that Council authorize the purchase of a "Professional Subscription" to Survey Monkey to allow for more than 10 recreation survey questions and that the surveys be distributed through a Township-wide mail-out at a cost of approximately \$530.00.

Carried

Staff was requested to make edits to the survey as suggested and distribute to members electronically for their review.

At this point in the agenda, members returned to item 5a) as Ms. Turner had arrived to make her delegation.

5. Delegations

a) Ms. Sue Turner – Township Recreation Programming

Ms. Turner outlined her previous profession as a Health Promoter outside of the Township and identified a perceived need for Township recreation programming in our communities. She mentioned the programming offered by other municipalities and the impact that this programming has on the lifestyles of residents.

Ms. Turner encouraged members to seek out additional trainers and coaches in a variety of areas and spoke of her desire for Township leadership in providing space for programming, suggesting a pilot program.

Members discussed recreation programming in detail with Ms. Turner. Questions were raised with respect to administration capacity at the Township level as well as hiring instructors from within and around the Township.

Committee proceeded through the remainder of the agenda.

6. c) Cardinal Baby Pool vs Splash Pad Survey

Staff was requested to include staffing requirements of each of the two types of facilities on the survey and their hourly rates of pay. Staff was also requested to change the estimated price of the splash pad to more accurately reflect pricing based on new information provided. Insertion of a line indicating that the Township is “exploring options for a future project” will also be included in the survey.

The potential to install a splash pad at locations in Cardinal other than at the site of the baby pool was discussed as was survey distribution. It was the consensus of members that the survey be distributed to all residents by mail with the Township Wide Recreation Survey.

Staff was requested to make suggested edits and circulate the survey electronically to members for any additional comments.

7. Inquiries/Notices of Motion from Committee Members – None

8. Question Period

Questions were raised and comments were provided with respect to the following items:

- Timeline for survey distribution
- General purpose of survey
- Public notification methods
- Lighting at the Legion Park
- Galop Canal restoration

The next RAC meeting will be held at the Johnstown Community Centre on July 9th.

10. Closed Session – None

11. Adjournment

Moved by: K. Kinos that the meeting adjourns at 8:24pm.

Carried

These minutes approved in open Council this 22nd day of June, 2015

Chair

Secretary