

**MINUTES  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015  
6:30 PM  
INGREDION CENTRE**

Present: Councillor Karie Smail, Chair  
Larry Dishaw  
Don Deline  
Clint Cameron (arrived at 6:37 pm)  
Mayor Pat Sayeau, Ex-Officio

Regrets: Councillor Gerry Morrell  
Kristina Kinos

Staff: Shelbi Deacon, Community Development Coordinator  
Debra McKinstry, CAO/ Clerk

1. Call to Order – Chair, Karie Smail

Councillor Smail Called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: D. Deline, seconded by: L. Dishaw that Kendra McIntosh of the Spencerville Minor Baseball Association be added as a delegation.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof –None

4. Previous Meeting Minutes and Business Arising

Councillor Smail informed the Committee that she had followed up with the YMCA delegation from the February meeting regarding the seniors programming. She will be following up once again in 2-3 weeks as the YMCA is currently hiring a new staff member to fill the position.

5. Delegations

a) Kendra McIntosh- Spencerville Minor Baseball Association

Mrs. McIntosh discussed her involvement with the Baseball league in Spencerville and enrollment issues. She also explained an ongoing problem with the Kemptville league posting signs within the Township.

The Committee expressed their desire to support Mrs McIntosh and the league however they could, as it is the only organized children's baseball league in the Township. They directed that staff help with advertising upcoming registration dates and any additional information that Mrs. McIntosh could provide.

6. Discussion Items

a) Township Facilities List- Cost & Usage

Members discussed the facilities list provided, and noted that some further detail regarding specific costs may be helpful.

b) Facilities Tour Date

The Committee decided that they would like to have a facilities tour in place for their April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Tour will start at the Ingredion Centre at 5:30pm and finish in Spencerville.

It was also noted that the May meeting will take place in Johnstown.

c) Summer Walking Track Hours

The Committee discussed the logistics of reducing the walking track hours, including some issues that may arise from the decision. They directed staff to make a survey available to current users so walkers can express which time periods they would prefer the track be open in the summer.

**Moved by:** L. Dishaw, seconded by: C. Cameron that staff further explore condensed hours based on operational needs and the results of the survey.

Carried.

d) Walking Track Donation Box

Members discussed the idea of putting up a donation box on the walking track, and determined that, in general they did not support the idea. Instead, those looking to donate can contact the Township staff directly.

e) Facility Rental Fee for Programming

The fee rental charge was discussed, taking note of other private facilities throughout the Township. It was agreed that the current fee was not seen as prohibitive, and that instead staff should take action to raise awareness of the facilities that the Township has to offer.

Staff was directed to post on social media about Township facilities.

f) Baby Pool vs Splash Pad

The Committee discussed the background on the issue. It was decided that gathering public input would be vital for Council to be able to make an informed decision.

Staff was directed to create a mail out survey for the residents of Cardinal specifically to determine the preference for a baby pool or a splash pad.

Staff was further directed to create a second, Township wide survey surrounding various recreation issues, including the splash pad vs baby pool issue through an online portal such as Survey Monkey.

Drafts of both surveys will be brought back to the Committee at the May meeting.

7. Inquiries/Notices of Motion

Inquiries were raised regarding the following:

- Skateboard parks within the Township
- Basketball courts within Cardinal
- Snow tobogganing hill in Cardinal
- The Cardinal outdoor rink
- Lighting at the Canteen/Pavilion in Cardinal

8. Question Period –None

9. Closed Session – None

10. Adjournment

**Moved** by: D. Deline seconded by: C. Cameron that the meeting adjourn at 8:27 PM.

Carried.

These minutes approved in open Council this 23<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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Chair

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Community Development Coordinator