

TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 19th, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

The Ninth Regular 2010 Recreation Committee meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Alf Hales Room at the Puslinch Community Centre.

ATTENDANCE: All members of the Committee (except John Alexander) and the Secretary Colleen Sutton were in attendance.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Dennis Lever
2. Susan Fielding
3. Mark Tibbetts
4. Krista Godhina
5. Lynn Weller
6. Fern Donaldson
7. Peter Tonin
8. Teresa Tibbetts

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion: MOVED by Fred Law and SECONDED by Norm Hughes;
THAT: The Minutes of the Eighth Regular 2010 Recreation Committee Meeting dated September 21, 2010 be and are hereby adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: MOVED by Lorraine Hayden and SECONDED by Councillor Visser;
THAT: We accept payment of the attached statement of expenses for September 2010.
CARRIED.

BOOKING AGENT REPORT:

- Lisa has had some requests for booking the MURF and she has penciled some in – waiting for official availability date
- Mats and basketball nets have been ordered for gym
- No tables or chairs planned for gym at this point
- First gym booking is December 5, 2010
- No food is to be allowed – gym opening is up in the air – no firm date
- No policy for the gym yet but we have to deal with it soon
- We may have to re-address the free ice time (some think it is too much)
- Concerns from residents on Maple Leaf Lane – worried about alcohol use. No plans for alcohol use at this time
- Sign can be rented for functions at the MURF

DELEGATION:

Mark Tibbetts, Krista Godhina, Lynn Weller, Teresa Tibbetts, Fern Donaldson, Peter Tonin from Puslinch Minor Soccer attended the meeting to have a discussion with the Recreation Commission regarding 2010 and into the future.

- The Recreation Commission were concerned about the invoices that were received for over \$8,000.00 for payment and asked for an explanation.

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- The field work invoice was for painting the lines, hanging of nets, repairing nets, etc.
- Three teenagers are hired to paint the lines on the fields when required
- The cost of the paint for the lines
- Minor Soccer purchased a new set of nets for Arkell. The other invoices were general maintenance and probably not an issue but Soccer should have asked permission to spend that kind of money for the nets and would have been included in the budget.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was never signed with Calvary Baptist Church
- Soccer would like to have another soccer pitch
- MOU says Township and soccer will cover all maintenance and capital costs at Arkell and it was stated that it should be split 50-50
- Should we reimburse Soccer ½ the cost of the nets from next year's budget?
- Grass cutting will probably double in cost next year at Arkell as it will have to be out-sourced (if the Township is paying for grass cutting in Arkell, it will have to be tendered)
- Calvary Church is very happy with the way soccer has been looking after the pitch there
- To make capital investments, the majority of the players should be from the Township
- The bottom diamond at Morrison Meadows could be used for a practice field (it would have to be measured out because there is a basketball court pad that could interfere)
- Recreation Commission Chairman stressed that the Recreation Commission should be advised and should approve of all expenses and/or purchases before Soccer proceeds with them
- Soccer would like a protocol set-up for possible new pitches, lighted field, etc.
- If soccer was under the impression that they could purchase the nets, we should pay the bills received from soccer
- We need to have a five year plan that is agreed upon by the Church-Soccer-Township; we need to set up a meeting
- MOTION by Councillor Visser and SECONDED by Fred Law, that Soccer be re-imbursed the \$8232.64 invoices provided to us by Soccer. CARRIED.
- Can the user fee be waived for the Tim Bit Program (4 and 5 years). We cannot set precedent like that.
- After the Municipal Election, we should set up a meeting to discuss the signing of the MOU with the Church and other issues such as a five year protocol
- If it looks like soccer is subsidizing say Minor Ball, soccer is going to be looking at being re-imbursed some of the user fees paid by them. It was pointed out that we have set the user fees for 2011, and we will look at the situation again in the Fall of 2011.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Snow removal tenders are due in for next month. The tender and the site plan are posted on our website and available at the office for viewing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. User Fees to be implemented for the Spring of 2011 for all users of our facilities. The resident/non-resident rates seem to be the issue last year. Should we charge each group a flat fee? Send a letter to each group (same as last year) and advise them of the implementation of the user fees. Should we ask tennis to cover their hydro bills as that is the only expense involved as operating costs?

MOTION by Fred Law and SECONDED by Lorraine Hayden;

THAT : we implement the charge of a User Fee at \$10.00 for resident registration and \$20.00 for non-resident registration and we re-evaluate this issue again each year.

CARRIED.

2. Rental Fee Structure – It was suggested that it was time to look at eliminating the resident/non-resident fee schedule. One way was to leave the non-resident rate the same and increase the resident rate slowly. This way we can close the rate difference. The expenses are the same for both groups. The original difference was to give the residents who made donations towards to the building of the Community Centre a bit of a break but that was almost 30 years ago and it is time to make some changes.

MOTION by Fred Law and SECONDED by Councillor Visser;

THAT: we raise the Friday-Saturday, Resident rate to \$385.00. This will be the only rental increase this year. Look at the rental fees again next year and maybe raise both resident and non-resident rate then. CARRIED.

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MOTION by Mary Helen Hohenadel and SECONDED by Norm Hughes;
THAT : The Commercial rental fee to be increase to \$700.00.
CARRIED.

3. Insurance Risk Summary was received from our Insurance Company with a number of recommendations made to manage our liability risks. The light standard at Badenoch that was noted has been removed by the Township Roads Department. Ask Glenn to provide copies of his playground inspection log. The issue of chairs/storage will have to be dealt with next year.
4. Storage Room Addition – copies of tenders were provided for the Committee members. As the lowest tender was double the anticipated costs, the storage room addition has been put on hold and we will try again next year.
5. MURF – Facility Manager has been hired for the MURF. Richard Hoover has been hired under a 6 month contract. The Fire Department has asked for a discounted rate for ice time. This request was denied. The ice time schedule has been adjusted and a copy of the new schedule is attached. Jim McMillan has talked to Richard Hoover about any signage that may be required.

Chairman

Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 16, 2010