



Town of LaSalle
Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday September 21, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Sandwich Room 236, Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: C. Meloche, Councillor
S. Desjarlais, Councillor
M. Akpata, Councillor
J. Columbus, Director Culture & Recreation
P. Funaro, Supervisor of Programming
J. Turnbull, Supervisor of Programming
M. Beggs, Manager Parks and Roads
M. Masanovich, Manager Facilities

Regrets: P. Marra, Director Public Works
T. Brydon, Supervisor of Parks

1. Call to Order

S. Desjarlais called the meeting to order at 9:00am

2. Approval of Minutes

C. Meloche/S. Desjarlais

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Tuesday June 20, 2017 and the Tuesday July 25, 2017 Culture and Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee meetings BE APPROVED. Carried.

3. Pickle Ball Presentation

J. Beneteau and B. Laramie did a presentation on pickle ball and indicated that they would like to bring pickle ball in LaSalle to a higher level. J. Beneteau suggested numerous items as a wish list for the pickle ball court which included: modification of the court size, relining & renumbering, new asphalt, rubberized resurfacing, fence repair, permanent posts for the nets which are currently held by sandbags, wind nets and consideration to move the location to the Vollmer complex.

C. Meloche requested a report that would go back to budget sessions. J. Columbus indicated that the things that we could do immediately have been done (grass cutting,

etc) and indicated that administration has a list of items on what needs to be done for budget and that Mark & her have been working in the background.

Akpata/Meloche

That a MOTION that the costing document that has been started for pickle ball improvements be completed and directed to budget deliberations for consideration as per the Culture & Recreation/Parks Advisory committee meeting on Sept 21, 2017.

4. 77 Classic Tournament

J. Columbus reported that she met with a gentleman who inquired if the Town would donate ice for the 77 Classic Tournament. J. Columbus informed him that the Town does not offer this, however we could provide assistance in other ways such as set up or offering the convenors room as a way to provide support without cutting into revenues.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

5. Craft Beer Festival Update

P. Funaro reported that everything is moving along, 9 breweries are confirmed and 3 others have provided verbal confirmation, staff is working with TWEPI Barrels, Bottles & Brews passport program and new this year will be a 1.5km beer fun run on Sat October 7.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

6. Indoor Pool Update

M. Masanovich indicated that he will be meeting with the pool manufacturer on September 25, 2017.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

7. Agreement Updates & Feedback

J. Columbus provided an update on the following:

- a. Joint Use Agreement: is going well and will serve as a flagship for the whole county as other municipalities are looking to get this.
- b. Windsor Model Yacht Club: passed thank you.
- c. Friendship Club: there is currently no formal paperwork for their existence in the building, they operate independently as a club. S. Desjarlais & M. Akpata indicated that they would like to see an agreement for them.

- d. LaSalle Vipers: the Agreement is in draft form. M. Masanovich & J. Columbus have both reviewed and will push this forward with minimal changes.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

9:50am – C. Meloche left the meeting

8. Accessible Swing, Rotary Signage

J. Columbus reported that the swing has been installed and that T. Brydon has created adhesive signs with the Rotary logo which will be put on each post of the swing and that Rotary provided just over \$1000 for the cost of the swing.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

9. Rental Contracts Update

J. Columbus reported that there have been some parks department complaints, indicating that people were using the baseball diamonds and leaving a mess behind and indicated that in the contract we have reminded them that no alcohol is to be consumed. This was not originally in the baseball rental contracts. K. Kirincic has updated the contract so that we have something to address if issues arise again.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

10. 2017 Summer Event Overview

P. Funaro presented a report to indicate that the LaSalle Stompers Day of Champs, the Unifor 444 Picnic and the Yoga for Hope events were all held at the outdoor pavilion in the summer and that everything went well and indicated that after 10 years, Yoga for Hope may be ready for a new venue.

M. Akpata/S. Desjarlais

It was moved and seconded that a MOTION be made to RECEIVE the report.

11. Playground, Concrete Pad and Construction Update

M. Beggs reported that onsite repairs are currently taking place and that the splash pad is being taken up, the concrete around the fixtures are up and pressure testing will be done and that green will be used to tie in trees & blue will be used underneath the saucer and that Coco paving will fix under the shade canopies.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

12. 2017 Splash Pad & Outdoor Concessions Operations Overview

J. Columbus reported that the splash pad was operational for the entire summer with minimal maintenance. J. Columbus reported that the costing for the outdoor concession was low, started up with 2 staff onsite and that HR suggested putting in 3rd person so it was overstaffed, that aesthetics were good with a focus on clean washrooms, clean concession area & consistent garbage pickup. S. Desjarlais indicated that residents have commented that we are a very tidy town and that people enjoy coming to LaSalle because we take care of things.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

13. Arena Concession Booth Operations for 2017/2018

J. Columbus reported that in 2015 concessions lost \$8,000 and in 2016 concessions lost \$30,000 in operations with arena concessions. J. Columbus indicated that she met with P. Funaro & J. Rafuse regarding sales, scheduling & they created new price points for product and reduced the number of items and indicated that a business plan to council will show reduction in hours, prices adjustments. J. Columbus reported an increase in revenue and indicated that on the Vipers 2017 opening night, more than \$1000 was made, indicating that a couple of minimal changes have improved sales. P. Funaro reported on M. Masanovich's suggestion to install a hot beverage machine near concession with a high quality product and indicated that there would be no cost to us and that in subsequent years we will receive a portion of the revenues. J. Columbus indicated that part of the Culture & Recreation strategic objective is to review this.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

14. Dog Park Open House

J. Columbus reported that the Dog Park Open House is on Thurs Sept 21 from 4-7pm and will serve to gather feedback and ideas from the public using comment cards. J. Columbus indicated that she will do a report back to council as this was the direction received from council. Two locations are on the master plan.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

15. Summer Day Camp Debrief

J. Turnbull provided a report to council mid-summer to give an idea of how summer day camps were doing and will create a report to show expenditures as per Councillor Burns request. J. Turnbull reported that the highest turnout for 1 day this summer was 194 participants, which is an attendance record, that there were a total of 7400 campers in 2017 and that on 23 days in the summer we met or exceeded our maximum. J. Turnbull indicated that as a whole, the percentage of participants has increased from 2016 to 2017 by 20% and reported that on 400 parent feedback forms, received, less than 10 had suggestions for improvement.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

16. Old Business

Drone Usage Update:

J. Columbus reported that local Recreation Directors meet every couple of months and that drone usage was recently discussed and indicated that some municipalities offer a facility space equal to the size of a soccer field for drone usage and reported that Amherstburg and Windsor host drone usage.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

17. New Business

High School Kids at Vollmer Complex:

M. Masanovich indicated that there have been some challenges at the Vollmer with high school kids from Sandwich Secondary School hanging out in the lobby during their lunch hour and leaving a mess behind. The influx of noisy teenagers has made it difficult for user groups as well as it has become a challenge for staff and indicated that LaSalle Police will occasionally walk through. M. Masanovich indicated that he would like to meet with the new principal to form a partnership with the school. M. Akpata indicated that the school has responsibility through The Safe School Act and that Legislative responsibility lies with the school.

It was generally agreed upon by the committee that the above-mentioned information be received. Note: no formal Motion was made.

18. Next Meeting Date: Thursday November 2, 2017 @ 9:00am

19. Adjournment:

S.Desjarlais adjourned the meeting at 10:20am