

Horning's Mills Community Park Board
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 14, 2020

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board held a Zoom meeting on the 14th day of October 2020 at 2:00 pm. Members present were Nanci Malek, Mayor Darren White, Councillor Margaret Mercer, Jim Hill, and Lynn Hodgson. Denise Holmes AMCT, CAO/Clerk of Melancthon Township, was also in attendance.

Hodgson was asked to assume role of secretary for meeting and accepted.

CALL TO ORDER:

Nanci Malek – Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of the Agenda was moved by Councillor Mercer, seconded by Mayor White. Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:

The Draft Minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday, February 2, 2020 were reviewed and approved as circulated – moved by Mayor White, seconded by Hodgson. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Hodgson mentioned to Board that the two lights on the Community Park pavilion were not working. An email was sent to Malek in February, which was then forwarded to Holmes at Melancthon Township.

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

None

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Financials:

The Horning's Mills Community Park financial balance sheet for 2020 to date was reviewed as circulated.

Malek requested information regarding the Money From Sale of Property in Horning's Mills (Kammerer) dated March 18, 2020 in the amount of \$7,218.17 as shown on the balance sheet. Mayor White unable to provide many details except that it was requested that the money from the sale of the small piece of property be donated to the Community Park rather than the township. Holmes provided further clarification. Malek asking that she be notified of similar situations in the future.

Councillor Mercer brought forth the discussion of the financial balance of the Community Park and inquired if the balance could be further invested to promote growth. Holmes noted that interest rates are low at present. It was decided to leave the money in existing account. Will discuss further in the future.

Motion to approve the Financials – moved by Councillor Mercer, seconded by Mayor White. Carried.

2021 PLANS:

The planning of any Community Park events for 2021 are currently on hold due to COVID-19. Will discuss at a meeting closer to spring.

Councillor Mercer inquired if park is currently open and if being used by many. Holmes shared that park is open with signage posted "Use At Own Risk," including the children's play equipment area. There is no portable toilet present. Will discuss in spring potentially opening the park for ball diamond rentals.

Hodgson has noted that young children have been riding mini bikes on the ball diamond. Mayor White requested that Holmes have staff post signs on ball diamond cage – i.e. no unauthorized/motorized vehicles – dirt bikes, ATVs.

Quote From Delmar Electric:

A quote from Delmar Electric for the installation of lighting for the ball diamond was reviewed by board members and discussed. Mayor White brought forth that Melancthon Township has been given funding from two different provincial models. After discussion by council the park will receive \$15,000 from each of the two funds for park improvements. One provincial fund must be used by October 31, 2020. The installation of lights has been discussed for several years and the board feels the use of the park would increase.

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board recommends to council they approve the quote from Delmar Electric for the installation of two lights – moved by Malek, seconded by Hodgson. Carried.

The installation of two additional basic light poles on the hillside was mentioned by Mayor White.

Holmes added that a local ball team has requested that the left field be leveled as it poses a hazard for players. Will have Works Department assess to see if they are able to perform work or if it will need to be contracted out.

Mayor White mentioned the current condition of the bleachers. Malek to get and follow up with quotes.

Councillor Wayne Hannon had brought forth the interest in a walking trail. The need for a walking trail path was discussed at a previous meeting.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS/ADDITIONS:

Hodgson informed fellow board members of a dead tree by the north entrance gate as a potential safety issue. Holmes to direct Works Department to assess.

Holmes will contact Craig Micks concerning Poop n Scoop signs to post in the park.

Holmes to follow up with lights not working on the pavilion.

CONFIRMATION MOTION:

Read by Chair Malek – moved by Mayor White, seconded by Malek. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.