

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK BOARD
Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 13, 2021

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board held a meeting on the 13th day of September 2021 at 5:00 pm. Members present were Councillor James McLean, Mayor Darren White, Jim Hill, and Lynn Hodgson. Nanci Malek was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER:

James McLean, Councillor/Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:

The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, were reviewed and approved as circulated - moved by Mayor White, seconded by Hodgson. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

GENERAL BUSINESS:

September 2nd Council Meeting – Approval and Installation of Bleachers:

During the September 2nd meeting, Melancthon Council gave approval to move forward with the purchase and installation of a 5-row, 15-foot-long, double footboard GTG Aluminum Bleacher with Mid – Aisle and Guardrail valued at \$12,118.11 (HST included). The installation could be completed by the end of September or early October.

Kevin Fawcett was to meet with the board members at the park to discuss the placement and installation of the concrete pad to house the bleachers. Fawcett has generously offered to donate his time and labour to prepare the concrete pad. Follow-up with Fawcett will be required as he was not in attendance.

A plaque recognizing the monetary donation towards the new bleachers in memory of Mr. Doug Newell was also discussed with plans for the plaque to be mounted to the bleachers.

Discussion by the Park Board ensued on what to do with the existing bleachers. A suggestion was put forth to remove the centre bleacher and insert the new set, leaving an older bleacher on both sides. Safety issues were brought forth concerning the current bleachers and their noncompliance with safety standards. It was decided that all existing bleachers would be removed by the Public Works Department. The new bleachers will be centred behind home plate, with thoughts that a second set may need to be purchased in the future.

Gate in North Fence:

The Park Board discussed creating an entrance in the north fence of the park located by the ball diamond, which would allow for easy access to the diamond and bleachers as well as for those with mobility issues. The question brought forth was whether an actual gate would be needed or if an opening in the fence would serve the purpose. It was decided that a gate would be necessary in order to deter unwanted motorized vehicles from entering and driving on the diamond and in the park. A suggestion was made to replace and relocate the old score board to a

more useable site. A new Horning's Mills Community Park sign is also needed, as the existing one is extremely weathered. Hill offered to provide a quote for the steel frame work for the new entrance approximately 14-16 feet high. Mayor White suggested a covered pavilion/gazebo with an entrance through the middle, which could house some picnic tables and provide shelter from the elements. Councillor McLean will meet with Craig Micks in the following weeks to see about creating a temporary gate in the north fence.

Pavilion – Plexiglass:

Mayor White obtained a quote for Lexan to replace the plexiglass windows that have been vandalized in the park pavilion. At \$200.00 per sheet and requiring at least 2 sheets of Lexan of 3/16" thickness, it would cost approximately \$500.00 in materials. Mayor White offered to cut and install the Lexan. The Park Board will request that the materials be purchased and the project be completed this fall.

Walkway:

Discussion concerning the walkway will be postponed until next year, as the placement will depend on the location and construction of the potential pavilion/gazebo.

Projects for Fall/Winter 2021-2022:

The following future projects will be up for further discussion in the spring:

1. Construction of a pavilion/gazebo with new signage
2. Installing pole-mounted solar lights near the play equipment (similar to that at the County Yard)
3. Security cameras to monitor vandalism in the park
4. Replacing the chain link fence

Other:

Park Water Pump/Well:

Hill spoke with Neumann Well Drilling Ltd. concerning the water pump/well located north of the pavilion. The Park Board was questioning what would be needed to make the pump/well useable again even if the water is not fit for human consumption. Neumann inquired how big the casing was, the depth of the well, and when it was last used. Assessing the well would require a machine to pull up the 15- to 20-foot-long casing, costing approximately \$2,500-\$3,000. Councillor McLean will reach out to Debbie Fawcett and Mayor White will touch base with Denise Holmes to see if they can provide any knowledge of or insight into the details of the water pump/well. Neumann will come to the park to look at the site and will then communicate with Hill.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board puts forth a recommendation that Melancthon Council consider the construction of a pavilion/gazebo-type structure, to be located between the ball diamond and the children's play equipment.

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board puts forth a recommendation that Melancthon Council consider the purchase and installation of Lexan for the pavilion, estimated at \$500.

CONFIRMATION MOTION:

Read by Councillor McLean. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting date will be decided upon the call of Councillor/Chair McLean. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm. Moved by Hill, seconded by Mayor White.