

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK BOARD
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, May 10, 2022

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board held a meeting on the 10th day of May 2022 at 7:00 pm at the park. Members present were Councillor James McLean, Mayor Darren White, Jim Hill, and Lynn Hodgson. Nanci Malek was present via speakerphone.

CALL TO ORDER:

James McLean, Councillor/Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:

Councillor McLean recited the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of the Agenda was moved by Malek, seconded by Hill. Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:

The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, were reviewed and approved as circulated - moved by Mayor White, seconded by Hill. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Melancthon Day - June 25, 2022

The joint meeting of the Horning's Mills Community Hall Board and Park Board for May 11, 2022, to discuss Melancthon Day was cancelled, as Councillor McLean will provide an update to all members in the next few days via email. The Boards will discuss the activities in more detail and assign responsibility for the various events at the next meeting, scheduled for late May to early June.

Discussion was brought forth regarding the Park Board's budget for Melancthon Day. Councillor McLean communicated that at the last Council meeting, Melancthon Township had graciously agreed to cover the cost of the fireworks. However, significant expenses remain, such as for the live music and bouncy castle. It was reported that Melancthon Township had set aside \$2500 in the budget this year for the park. Councillor McLean will follow up with Denise Holmes regarding the balance of the account prior to this year's allotted budget amount.

Councillor McLean noted that Gary Heaslip and his band, as well as another performer, have offered to perform at the park for three to four hours at a cost of \$300. Will bring own equipment. Heaslip is awaiting the Park Board's final decision and confirmed booking.

Hodgson distributed information of the businesses she had reached out to concerning bouncy castles and dunk tanks. Three responded, of which two provided detailed quotes. The Park Board agreed to move forward with the bouncy castle rental from Inflatable Fun Angus and to forgo the rental of the dunk tank for this year. Councillor McLean will inquire if the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department (MMFD) truck could serve as the power source for the bouncy castle or if a generator rental from the company would be preferred. Councillor McLean will confirm the rental of the bouncy castle with Inflatable Fun and has spoken to Holmes about covering the cost. Hodgson will resend Councillor McLean an email with the itemized quote.

Malek will purchase kids' games from the dollar store to spread around the park, and Councillor McLean noted that Blaise Meunier will be helping to organize traditional kids' games such as bean bag races, etc.

Councillor McLean also mentioned that Ruth Plowright was organizing the market at the hall and was still seeking vendors. Of the fifteen she had reached out to, only five had responded.

The MMFD will be organizing and running the BBQ, offering hamburgers, hot dogs, pop, and potentially sausages and ice cream, with monies raised being used to help purchase new equipment.

Councillor McLean continues to work on getting participants for the First Responders Challenge and will provide an update in a couple of weeks.

Malek is working on a social media post and press release. Will reach out to local radio station and newspapers. May potentially invite Country 105.

Plans for 2022

Community Garden

The idea of a community garden was brought forth to Councillor McLean by a local individual who has done a similar project in the Town of Collingwood. The in-ground vegetable garden would have a marigold perimeter and a centre flowerbed to attract bees for pollination. The individual has the donated plants and seeds and is eager to start in the next couple of weeks if possible. Interested community participants would meet regularly at the park to learn about and maintain the garden, with produce being available at harvest. Watering of the garden will be the biggest hurdle. It was suggested that two rain barrels with spouts be purchased and an eavestrough potentially installed along the west side of the pavilion with a downspout to the rain barrels. The rain barrels would initially be filled, and water would need to be transported to the garden. Councillor McLean will follow up with prices and purchasing of the rain barrels. Mayor White expressed concern about the pollination section of the garden in a park where children play and the potential liability issues of allergic reactions to stings. Discussion followed, recommending locating the garden potentially along the west side of the park, far from the play equipment.

Mansfield Minor Ball

Mansfield Minor Ball has been using the diamond for practices and potentially for games. A request was made if they could store some of their equipment in the locked room of the pavilion. The organization would need a key and would be required to sign a release form. It was also reported to Councillor McLean that the ball club has been using an electric pitching machine during batting practice. The club has offered to cover the expense of installing a power outlet at the diamond. Mayor White voiced that a permit would be required and a licensed electrician would need to do the installation. Councillor McLean will follow up with Mansfield Minor Ball about obtaining a detailed request.

Other/Additions

None

DELEGATIONS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

None

CONFIRMATION MOTION:

None

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting date will be decided upon by the call of Councillor/Chair McLean.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. Moved by Malek, seconded by Hodgson. Carried.