

DUNDAS PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 28, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Dundas City Hall

ROLL CALL

Present: Kathy Sidla, Deb Rasmussen, Eric Sieger, Tom Seesz

Absent: Tresa Mazurek, Julie Kasal, Shari Sneary

Also Present: City Administrator John McCarthy

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sieger opened the regular meeting of the Dundas Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at 7:05 p.m. at Dundas City Hall. Roll call taken; quorum was present.

Motion by Seesz, second by Sidla, to approve the agenda. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Sieger, second by Sidla, to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2008, regular meeting. All present in favor. Motion carried.

GREEN TEAM APPLICATIONS

Motion by Sieger, second by Sidla, to approve Full O’Pep 4-H for October-December 2008. All present in favor. Motion carried.

MILLSTONE PARK

As a whole, the Board felt the installation of Millstone Park went very well.

The Board extends a heartfelt thank you to Doug Sonnee and his company, Gleason Excavating, Duane Meliza, Tom McMahan, John McCarthy and the whole City staff for the wonderful help. All the volunteers were greatly appreciated.

Members agreed benches and picnic tables will be needed eventually. This will be looked into for the fiscal year of 2009.

UPDATE ON DUNDASFOOTPRINT.ORG WEBSITE

Seesz is prepared to transfer all needed information on to the person taking over the maintenance of site. He stated communication regarding contact information is all that is required at this point to have things move forward.

REVIEW OF CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS RELATED TO PARKS

Sieger recommended the Board review the plans of cities similar in size for comparison. Members agreed a work session in the near future should be held to update existing plan. Sieger suggests making the plan more specific as far as what the goal is for each park in town. The importance of giving details explaining each park, their locations, plans and vision will be the focus. Rasmussen stated the goals for future parks and pathways, specifically the Bridgewater Heights Park and pathways in and out of the neighborhood, needs to be looked at closely at this time also. All members were committed to working on the plan.

REVIEW OF CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS RELATED TO PARKS (con't)

Seesz discussed the idea of also working on a brainstorming plan for a possible proposal of a recreation center coming to Dundas. This could include an indoor ice arena, restaurant and dual occupancy with the YMCA and could create additional revenue for the town.

NEW BUSINESS

The condition of the Pavilion after renters left was frequently unacceptable over the summer. The board recommends a higher deposit policy to cover possible cleaning charges. Police Chief Gordy Mincke will be asked if the police officers on duty are willing to patrol area and check Pavilion after use. Members agreed stricter policies are needed. Sidla stated more oversight and a back up cleaning system to EPIC are important. No motion on rental rates/deposit policy until decisions are made regarding these issues.

OTHER BUSINESS

Finance Committee is working hard at City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting, will be Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seesz, seconded by Sidla, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Eric Sieger

Julie Kasal, Secretary