

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

PARCA MEETING

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April 27 2015

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Leslie GAMBLE **COUNCILLORS:** Patricia HNATUIK, Harry HOBBS, Glenda MASSICOTTE (absent), Thoma MIEDEMA, Charlie SMITH, Susan SONNENBURG **STAFF LIASONS:** Brady ROPP, Kelli BRACKEN

<u>Group</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Action</u>
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A) **GENERAL**

A1) **JUNIOR HOCKEY UPDATE**

Brady Ropp advised that the team in question is taking one year to re-group and set a new strategy for their position in the league. Harry Hobbs expressed his concern for the integrity of the owner/manager suggesting it may be good idea to re-think hosting this particular team in Massey.

B) **FACILITIES & PARKS**

B1) **TRAFFIC CONCERNS MASSEY MEMORIAL PARK**

Concern from residents on Imperial Street north of hwy 17 that traffic moves far beyond the 50km/hr limit in a playground zone. Charlie Smith suggested a drop in speed limit to 40km/hr and Susan Sonnenburg suggested implementing a Community Safety Zone. Signage in the area needs to improve by moving the speed limit sign at the base of the Tote Road closer to the playground area as a reminder of the speed limit. Also, to improve the visibility of the speed limit sign south of Chutes Confectionary. Improved signs stating Children at Play sign to be added at both the ends of the playground zone.

C) **PROGRAMS**

C1) **SPRING PRGRAMS REPORT**

Early Spring programs were highly successful. Free Teen Basketball averaged 11 kids per night from 6:30-8:00 seeing some 'youth at risk' participating. Free Family Volleyball averaged 17 participants per night seeing young children, teens and parents participating. The success of this program will be extended as the basis for application to RBC Learn to Play Grant which may help fund an outdoor volleyball sand court at the arena grounds in order to for residents to play in the summer months when the school gyms are closed.

Registration for Spring soccer/t-ball, youth soccer, youth baseball and teen baseball are now complete. With 37 registered for soccer/t-ball, 20 registered for youth soccer, 32 registered for youth baseball and 32 registered for teen baseball, with just over \$2,000.00 in program revenue.

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C2) **SUMMER PROGRAMS REPORT**

As seen in previous years, participation in summer programs is quite low. It was suggested by Kelli Bracken to host 'events' over the summer and perhaps an early summer program before vacation season starts. Such events include Sandcastle Building, Dodgeball Tournament and programs such as Fishing, Ball Hockey and the Township Community Garden.

D) **GOVERNMENT**

D1) **WEBBWOOD RECREATION COMMITTEE**

All in agreement to officially add the Webbwood Recreation Committee as a sub-committee to the Parks & Recreation Department. Kelli Bracken to work with Webbwood Recreation Committee Chair Tracey Vandergulik on programming and event ideas using the Webbwood Rink building as a base. Brady Ropp to work with Kim Sloss to have the committee officially added.

New Business:

Harry Hobbs enquired about the status of the Pan Am Torch Relay events. Kelli Bracken and Brady Ropp to meet with Pan Am representative on Wednesday, April 29th to discuss the details of day and finalize the schedule.

Susan Sonnenburg expressed a need for ashtrays at the entrance of the arena. Concern over the extensive cigarette ends laying on the ground. Brady Ropp assured that the litter will be cleaned and maintained over the remainder of the year and that early Spring is often quite dirty after the winter months. A new designated smoking section to be considered across from the arena entrance to attract smokers away from the door as the current placement of ashtrays are not working.