

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17, 2021

Virtual

Attendance:

Kris Larson – Chair
Kari Grandoni – Vice Chair
Mark Barber – Council
Faith Zachar – Member at large
Sabrina Ryans- Member at large
Judy Lee – Member at large
Sheena Adamson- Member at large
La Vonne Rideout – Community Services
Adam Grose – Parks and Recreation
Rhonda Oczkowski – Parks and Recreation

1. Call to Order

Kris Larson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Sabrina Ryans

That the Recreation Advisory Committee approve the March 17, 2021 agenda as presented

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes February 10, 2021

Correction- Judy Lee should be recorded as not present.

Kari Grandoni

That the Recreation Advisory Committee approve the February 10, 2021 minutes with corrections. **CARRIED**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Follow up on Delegation

Sabrina Ryans

The committee will support the basketball court in principle for the Friends of St. Michaels request. **CARRIED**

b. Recreation Master Plan

Adam Grose informed there was 2 virtual community consultations of the master plan draft beginning of March. The master plan will be presented at the Community Information Night on March 25. The final draft is being prepared to go to councils.

c. Re-opening of facilities-Update

Adam reported the ice arena will be closed on March 28th. Minor hockey, schools and private rentals have utilized the arena well during the short period it has been open. Swimming pool will be opening on March 22 with limited programming, JLC, schools, 1 to 1 lessons and aquawalk. Low intensity programs require adults to wear a mask in the water. The gym is open and offering Gym Walk, Community Keep Fit and Afternoon Fitness Break

d. Grants

- i. Community Foundation; Healthy Communities Initiative**
Community Services, Parks & Recreation have submitted a grant application for 8 parklets to include street furniture, garbage cans and flower planters. Ask is for \$218,000.
 - ii. Choosewell Grant**
Application for \$5000 to create Busy Bags – lending program of different equipment such a winter sports, summer sports, seniors, adapted sports, Indigenous games, and multicultural games and activities.
 - iii. Participaction Grant**
Application for \$1000 build and play Gaga Ball.
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Open House-Community Information Night**
Mark Barber will present a report on behalf of Recreation Advisory Committee
Adam Grose will present the Recreation Master Plan
 - b. Garbage Cans**
22 garbage cans have been removed from some parks and the walking trails as they were needed for residential replacements as they are short and waiting for inventory. Parks has temporarily replaced some of the garbage cans and budget request will be made and ordering of new garbage cans is being made.
 - c. Trail Maps**
The new trail map brochure is available. Signage on trails and website trail map access is a work in progress.
- 6. Open Discussion/Reports**
 - a. Department Reports**
 - i. Programming and Event Report**
Volunteer Week – Virtual Guest speaker Chris Koch to speak “If I can” on April 21 at 7:00pm
A total of 13 planters will be available for downtown businesses to rent this year.
Snow & Tell newsletter on FB which is published weekly will now be “Spring Action”
Communities in Bloom- There will be no judging again this year. The program is promoting “Hope is Growing” using the flower color yellow. Yellow will be our main theme color this year.
Napi Friendship Center would like to donate and plant trees for April 22 Earth Day. Location suggestions will be provided.
 - ii. Pool, Arena & Parks Report**
Lacrosse and Ball Hockey will be accessing the arena start of April.
Farmers Market will be held in the front boulevard in front of the Library.
Campground has Gordon and Lori MacIntosh back again this year. Already starting to book reservations. The campground plans to open May 17.

b. Member Reports

Sabrina Ryans- asked if bike routes signage might be a consideration by the Town and M.D.? There is ongoing discussions to change the chip pavement going out to Castle as it is preventing use for cyclists.

Sabrina would like to actively bring together the Town, M.D. SCAT and Parks together to discuss and move forward on a grooming plan for Syncline.

Kari Grandoni – Swim Club is planning and waiting in offering club activities this spring.

Judy Lee – Parks did not come through with grooming of Syncline this year. New formal signage has been approved and is in the process of being put up at Syncline. The area saw a huge increase in snow hikers and snowshoers at the park, cross-country skiing down due to ungroomed trails.

Mark Barber – no report

Faith Zachar- Football will be offering senior and flag football.

Sheena Adamson – High School is doing senior sports on a rotation basis of volleyball, basketball, and badminton. Cross-country skiing is finished for the season.

Kris Larson – Bike park is still frozen and unable to start clean up/maintenance.

Adam Grose – This year we will be hiring 6 parks/sports field persons, temporary pool clerk and a Park & Sports field Co-Ordinator.

7. Next Meeting

May 5, 2021 @ 6:00 pm -Virtual?

8. Adjournment

Kari Grandoni

7:20 pm

May 5, 2021

Date

Approved Virtually

Kris Larson, Chair