

Leash Free Mississauga Board Meeting - Minutes

7-9 PM, March 6, 2013 (Approved April 3, 2013)- Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 2

Debra Buckler - Treasurer	Barbara Hanson - Secretary, PPC, Rep JD.
Richard Bramwell - Rep Totoredaca	Jim Harper - Director
Dave Carty - Member Totoredaca	Brad Buckler - Visitor Toto
Jerry Kucheran - Member, Jack Darling	Shane McNeil - Rep Garnetwood
Lynne Hind - Rep. Etobicoke Valley	Gary Molson, - Rep. Parkway Belt
	Patricia Pierpoint, Pres. Rep. Lakeside, Meeting Chair
Regrets: Nancy Gorelle, Andrea Casale	

Motion (by Shane, 2nd Richard) to Approve Agenda
Carried

Approval of Minutes- Feb 6, 2013 Amendments will be circulated to Board by March 11 for review and approval and we will approve at April board meeting.

Reports and Business Arising from Reports

City of Mississauga

No report

Financial

Debra reported that nothing much happened - got Parkway donation
Discussion of the Purina donation and the Apotex Tool donation
Details on term deposits available upon request from Debra

Motion (by Richard, 2nd Shane) to accept financial statement
Carried

Membership

Membership Ratio discussed

Motion (by Debra, 2nd Gary Molson) to accept membership report.
Carried

Zones

Etobicoke Valley

Lynne - muddy and everything seems fine.

Garnetwood

Shane - - Park is slippery but mostly frozen and very usable.

- Attendance a bit on the low side, but expected for this time of year.
- Garbage has been building-up outside both of our entrances; emailed park Super.
- No complaints to deal with, for the month.
- Special thanks to a certain park patron/employee from Global Pet Foods, for leaving us a good supply of poop bags.

Jack Darling

Problems with ice build up on paths and around gates. All eyes are on the new zone. We eagerly await news of an opening date.

Lakeside

Patricia· Despite the cold and windy weather and a few muddy areas, Lakeside LFZ continues to

be a popular destination for dogs, owners and walkers at all times of the day.

- Arrests have been made in the case of two vehicle break-ins in the Lakeside parking lot last October and November. Peel Regional Police informed me that 2 parties are in custody, arrested by Toronto Police, and linked to numerous incidents between Toronto and Burlington. Both Peel and Halton Police Services will be charging these parties. Further, a lone individual was linked to 22 counts in late November but has since been released.

- The thieves worked in an organized team, with someone possibly inside the park keeping an eye out, while another broke into the vehicles. A third would be ready to receive what ever was taken and drive off and possible others were involved to hand off to down the road.

- While it is good to hear of these arrests, we must be mindful of others still perpetrating these crimes. Below is a link to the Peel Police Crime Prevention website, which provides tips about preventing theft/crimes, protecting valuables, etc.

<http://www.peelpolice.ca/en/crimeprevention/factsheets.asp>

Parkway Belt

Gary - What initiated my involvement with this LFM group back in December was a dog, while in my care, jumping the fence at Parkway when she saw a rabbit. There were no dire consequences but it got me thinking. I met up with Patricia at the park shortly afterwards to discuss the fencing issues. We decided it was inadequate only for the south & west boundaries which border on Eglinton Avenue & the walking/biking path respectively. The north & east portions of the perimeter fencing have the proper chain-link style. Since then, it has also become a priority of mine to enlist paid memberships for Parkway. So far, it has been very frustrating, although one member did round up some substantial donations through business contacts. I continue to pester those 'regulars' that I know are avoiding the payments.

Parkway Belt is basically a barren, elevated wasteland....very cold & windy. First-timers are never prepared for the difference in temperature just walking from the parking lot. (However it does drain well due to the elevation & the wind...so we are in pretty good shape during wet conditions while most other parks would be 'mud bowls'.) Although days are gradually

becoming longer as we head into spring, for most of the winter all I see there are a handful of 'regulars', even on weekends. Lately the winding path from the parking lot (approx. 200m) has been very icy, almost too dangerous for most people with their dogs to even attempt it. Ice has also formed at the park entrance, & the inner gate is permanently jammed with snow / ice & frozen in an open position. There is nothing on the bulletin board these days other than an outdated membership roster, & a poster for an already past Lab fundraiser. We have 3 decrepit picnic tables within the park where people congregate. My own dog cut himself for stitches a few weeks ago on the sharp, jagged corner of the bench portion when he slipped while playing.

There was also an unsuccessful attempt to plant some small trees in the park last year. These saplings have now been all chewed down to just small twigs sticking out of the ground & peed on so much that they will probably never grow again. Although having some shade in the park would be a great idea, planting these young trees was a total waste of money in my opinion.

Quenippenon Meadows

No Report

Totoredaca

Richard - City has approved use of dog friendly salt in the Zone working on storage and distribution.

- slush problems at park injuring paws
- drainage system helps drain the park

Other Business

1. Policy Procedures and Constitution - Signage

Will finalize signage when we finalize Code of Conduct

Possibly do flyers on Cars on key points

Look at what size of sign is most effective for what issue

Types of Signs - durability, cost

Bulletin Boards - the issue of who decides what goes up was discussed

We are forming a Signage committee. Will seek volunteers

2. 2013 Planning

Looked at budget for 2013.

3. Calendars

\$2240 total revenue expected

Still selling

Reducing price to \$5

Motion (by Patricia, 2nd Shane) that we do a LFM 2014 calendar and begin work on it in April 2013

Carried

4. Corporate Records

Need to update corporate information reports. Shane and Patricia are working on it.

5. Conduct of Board Members

Motion (by Richard, 2nd Debra) That the LFM Board censure Jim Harper for his written statement in an e-mail (February, 8 2013 10:21PM) copied to the LFM Board and he be dismissed if this kind of behaviour is repeated.

In Favour 3

Abstained 3

Carried

9:15 Motion (by Patricia, 2nd Barbara) to extend for 5 minutes.

Carried

Discussion of remaining items on agenda. Agreed that these items would be added to the agenda for the April Board meeting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

April 3, 2013 7 - 9 pm Mississauga Valley Community Centre

Adjournment 9:26 PM

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These minutes were approved April 3, 2013