

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday April 5, 2017

Mississauga Valley Community Centre, Program Room 2 from 7-9 pm

Board Attendance	Board Member Regrets	Board Member No Regrets/Vacancy	Guests
Gayle Laws- President James Aiken, Vice President Karen Forrest, Treasurer Irene Hill- Secretary Jennifer Reid-Kuess – Etob Valley Kevin Pulis – Garnetwood Carol Mitchell- Parkway Belt	Marianne Mowbray – Website Leslie Peres - JD Kim Miedema - Toto Elaine Theriault – Q Park	Cathy Hunt - Lakeside	Hazel McColl – City Liaison

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08. Agenda was approved.
2. The minutes from March 1, 2017 were reviewed.

Moved by: Kevin Seconded by: Carol,
 that the March 1, 2017 minutes be approved and posted on the website.
 Motion: Carried

3. REPORTS:

- a) President: No report.
- b) City: Hazel reported that the first grass cutting will be end of May.
 The wind shelter at Parkway Belt has been delayed.
 New fencing at Q Park will include a 10 ft service gate.
 Storage container at Toto will be removed. Toto will be closed to visitors on Friday March 3 for maintenance.
 The Corporate Policy on leash-free parks has been drafted for Leash-Free parks and will be completed in a month. This will include recommendations for parking, fences, buffers, etc.
 The Mississauga Master Plan, 'Future direction' will be completed in 2019 and will include leash free dog parks as an option for the redesign of city parks which is done once every 10 years for every park.
 Paul Caffey (also known as Wildwood) proposed leash-free park in Malton is still under development.
- c) Financial: Karen noted that there are still no park assignments per membership so park members cannot be calculated. Action: Gayle and Karen will follow up with Anna, the webmaster, and Marianne.
- d) Membership and Communications: No report due to no director assigned to this position.
- e) Fundraising and Event Planning: No report.
- f) Events have been organized by Irene:
 - Pet Expo will be April 14/15/16 over the Easter weekend. Volunteers are required for two people for two shifts each day, four hours each. This promises to be a beneficial venue to solicit new members because the location is in Mississauga. We have been granted a table at no charge!!

- Dog Fest will be Sunday, April 30 and volunteers are needed to solicit new memberships. The organizer encourages us to develop some internal competitions to attract more attention and more visitors to Dog Fest. This is also a no charge arrangement but anything we can do to draw attention is appreciated.

Irene asks that each park rep take an attractive photo of their park so that new or prospective members can view the available parks. **These photos are required asap and should be provided to Irene.**

Action: determine what items LFM can purchase as give-aways to promote membership.

4. ZONE UPDATES:

- a) Etobicoke Valley: Jennifer says 'all good'.
- b) Garnetwood: Kevin reports many activities for volunteers to pick up all around park. Many Frisbees were donated throughout parks and he distributed them to board members. Thank you!
- c) Jack Darling: Karen reports that the annual Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday will be from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Help is appreciated. Leslie received two \$25 Gift Certificates from Pet Valu for Park Clean Up day which will be held between April 15 – 23.
- d) Parkway Belt: Carol will stage a spring park clean up most likely on Earth Day April 22.
- e) Q-Park: Elaine provided a report saying she will obtain the keys to the display board from the former park rep and will post items of interest for the park users.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ✓ Irene to ask Kira for LFM Operation Manual
- ✓ Ask Anna how to process \$100 payments for 'Business Friends of LFM'
- ✓ Park reps to advise how many signs they wish for their parks; approx. 1' x 5' displaying our logo and 'Join LFM'. Kevin will move this forward.
- ✓ Park reps to post the Board policy of Children in the LFM parks due to an unfortunate incident at JD between a boy who was running in the park and a dog, which later escalated a dispute between the parent and dog owner. Need to inform park users with children to closely supervise their children at all times.
- ✓ Newsletter to go out in early May to promote the website, the dog memorial, membership, Business Friends of LFM and donations.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 3, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Minutes taken by Irene Hill, Secretary