

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday April 4, 2018

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 Kevin Pulis – Vice President Karen Forest, Treasurer Krista Yeo- Webmaster Alex Izzo – Etob. Valley Carol Mitchell- Parkway Belt Kim Mediera – Toto Elaine Theriault – Q Park Mary Smith – Garnetwood Julia Fiddes	Colleen Connor	Jack Darling rep	Hazel McColl – City Liaison Jeff Meiusi Jessica Baker

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00.
2. Moved by Alex and seconded Kim, March 7 2018 minutes were approved as amended and posted on the LFM website.

3. REPORTS:

a) President: no report

b) City:

Hazel reported that:

Status of new parks—no update from last meeting

City of Mississauga Leash-free policy-- hope to have it reviewed and passed on April 12 with effective date in June. No impact to LF. It does say that lighting is a capital expense.

Grass cutting schedule for 2018 was distributed to each park rep and will be posted in website.

Waste diversion container program—recycled dog poop containers will be installed at Lakeside, Toto, Q Park, JD. No date confirmed. It is hoped the containers will be located inside the park. It will be diverted to energy via Elmira facility.

JD Easter Egg hunt—mixed up over permission. Hazel followed up

Lakeside lighting—Hazel getting a project price for it (Park Planning)

Lakeside draining—Hazel is looking into it via Park Planning

Toto-- city will arrange to take the container out, probably in June when the ground is firm.

Action—moved by Kevin and seconded by Elaine, that Gayle write to the city requesting that each park be allowed to have a hut to store items such as shovels, etc, since volunteers are expected to spread the wood chips and to fill holes.

Reminder: Call 311 for the city to fill in holes

Community Group program—passed by Council last week. LFM will now become a registered group. Hazel may provide updates by email unless invited to the meetings. GPS in maps. Kevin noted that the LF parks are not noted on the maps. Hazel said no wifi in the parks so not ready to connect to maps. EV is not on google maps. Hazel will follow up. Kevin and Julia will see if LFM can contact google for the maps.

Kim noted that whoever ploughed the parking lot damaged the dog wash at the front entrance. The only thing salvageable is the sign. Kim is putting patio stones for now.

- c) Financial: Financial reports were distributed. Very few expenses have been incurred.. Karen sent out emails to those members who have signed up online and asked them which park they want their membership attached to, so she can allocate the funds accordingly. \$10 of the \$15 goes directly to the park for enhancements. The online form did let members assigned a park but this link broke last summer. Krista is investigating to see how the correct form can be linked. Karen reminded the Board that all funds must go to the LFM bank account and expenditures are done via a cheque, for transparency and accountability. Forms to submit money and to request repayments are in the LFM manual.
- d) Events—Need a permit or permission whenever a canopy is used. Gayle will store the canopy, table, chairs, signage and map for people to use for events. We can put LFM business cards in pet food stores, City of Mississauga shelter, etc. Everyone can do this. For events we need lots of volunteers to ask people to be members and collect funds. LFM has a square now. Everyone can have the account set up on their phone via an app, to collect funds by credit card.
- e) Website: The membership form is not linked properly so the park name is not captured for treasurer reports. Krista is looking at connecting with a volunteer to do this programming, and if not we will have to pay someone to do this

Send announcements to Krista to post on the website and events for the calendar.

Board members page—please send in your photo and a blurb to Krista.

Business friend—Krista to think about making it easy to sign up. Needs to be revamped.

Global Pet Foods in Clarkson should have a business card on the Business Friends to thank them for their generous donation at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Confirmed \$100 for a business card for a year. Will look at having ability to link to their businesses.

Gayle is following up with Purina for annual donation.

All email addresses are generic. If you want to be connected, send your personal email to Krista.

Leashfreemississauga.ca domain was renewed for 10 years at a cost of \$132

- f) Membership and communications. New members signed up – need to send an email to thank them. Membership drives April 22--- during Earth Clean up days. Gayle has the cards and will give to Julia, Mary, Kim.
- g) Fundraising and events. Request for Yoga in the park. Not feasible due to the requirement for additional insurance. Julia will respond to the volunteer. JD Easter Egg hunt was a success—need more volunteers for next year.
Kim – have rescue dog days. Big on Beagles, Labs, Greyhounds, Pugs, etc and encourage events at the parks, and then encourage memberships. Check Meet-ups.

4. Zone Updates:

- a) Etobicoke Valley: Cleanup day coinciding with Earth Day, April 22. Sign up for 20 minute makeover on line at City website. Garbage bags and gloves can be picked up at any community centre. EV gates are being replaced first week in April. Hazel will look into fencing at bottom of the hill to the left. The parking lot was to be scrapped because of the mud. Volunteers needed for April 22 10 to 2, to bring membership forms and business cards. Alex met with a welcomed volunteer and will manage the display board, with key messaging. Gayle to add her to the distribution list.
- b) Lakeside Park: Julia will arrange a park clean up in consultation with Colleen. City is looking at further solutions for drainage. One idea is for a temporary fence. City will monitor the area after each rainfall. The gates locks are broken. (May be affected by the weather—freezing and thawing) Colleen and Jessica has called 311 repeatedly. Great job spreading the wood chips. Fundraising for lighting will be on June 3. Remind dog owners to put lights on their dog in the interim.
- c) Garnetwood: latch needs to be fixed—front and back gate. Wood chips arrived and Mary will request more. Fundraiser June 16.
- d) Jack Darling: Karen filled Jeff in on the history of JD. Wood chips were delivered but not yet spread. And a tree has blown over during the wind storm so this was called in. Holes need to be filled.
- e) Parkway Belt: Carol is arranging for park cleanup April 22. Wind shelter is fixed. Wondering if the gates can be moved away from the stream. Hazel will meet with Carol to look at the stream. There does not seem to be support from park users to dedicate an area for small dogs. Hazel confirmed that LFM would have to pay for the fencing.
- f) Q Park: Elaine arranges a clean up every week (clean up the poop) and will order wood chips. Display board in bad shape. Idea to remove the plexi glass. Alex to assist with finding a volunteer to help Elaine to fix up the board
- g) Toto: Many trees were removed last Fall. A drainage ditch has been filled in. It helped dry up the park. Spring clean up around May 5.

5. New Business items:

- a) Board members should try to attend events at parks, such as park clean up and fundraisers, as this is a good opportunity to speak with park users and put a face to the board—communicate that we are all volunteers and we need their support.

- b) Moved by Karen and seconded by Alex that Jeff Meiusi be appointed Jack Darling Park Rep. Carried.
- c) Karen demonstrated how electronic payments can be made via the phone using an app.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, May 2, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Minutes taken by Gayle Laws/ Secretary