

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday Nov 2nd, 2016

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 Leslie Jamieson- Secretary Karen Forrest- Treasurer/JD rep Marc LeBlanc- IT and Website Kira Wilkinson- Membership Irene Hill- Board member Carol Mitchell- Parkway Belt Al Barnett- Quenippenon Jennifer Reid-Kuess- Etobicoke Valley Marianne Mowbry- Vice President	Cathy Hunt- Lakeside Kim Midiema-Toto Hazel McColl- City		George Mattachione – Lakeside Judy Midgley-Toto small dog

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05. Agenda was approved.
2. The minutes were not distributed so were not reviewed. Approval will be deferred to AGM.
3. REPORTS:
 - a) Presidents Report:
 - Nothing to report since the weekly Presidents Report.
 - b) City:
 - Hazel sent her regrets and a report on the shelter at Parkway Belt. Due to timing the contractor cannot complete the installation before winter. Hazel will get back to us with any new information.
 - The ash trees at Lakeside have been cut down. To replace them we can buy or have trees donated, plant them and maintain them. Marianne noted that any new trees would need protection from dogs for several years to keep them viable.
 - A memorandum of understanding between the city and LFM is currently under development and will be ready to be signed by Jan/Feb.
 - c) Financial:
 - Karen presented a report.
 - Moved by Marianne and seconded by Carol to accept the financial report to be presented at the AGM. Carried: Unanimous

- Irene wondered if in 2017 in light of the new funding agreement with the city, will we be able to have some input in the contract details with the landscapers. We have been assured that service standards will be developed with our input
- There was another request for a list of members and membership due dates to be posted in each park as in the past.
- It was also noted that the financials from 2014 were not approved at the 2015 AGM and will have to be approved at the coming 2016 AGM.
- Moved by Marianne and seconded by Kevin to change the current 30/70 split of membership fees to 50/50 and that it be reviewed on an annual basis.
Carried; Unanimous

d) Membership and Communications:

- As of this week we have 588 members
- The breakdown per park will be included in the AGM information
- The new website is expected to launch January 2017
- With the launch we will be reverting back to year to year memberships. We will need to develop a cover letter and renewal letter explaining the new system to members.
- It was suggested that we raise membership fees for the coming year. We will need to make a motion at the AGM and have it voted on by the membership.
- Moved by Irene and seconded by Kevin to take the fee increase to \$20/\$25 to the AGM for a vote. Carried; Unanimous
- The newsletter will be ready for distribution November 18th
- The AGM agenda must be sent out 10 days prior to the 23rd

e) IT and website:

- The .com domain name has been registered and the .ca expires March 2017
- The minutes have been updated to the website

f) Fundraising and Event Planning:

- No report

4. Zone Updates:

- Jennifer had a member ask if the creek water is ever tested
- People are looking for shelter with winter on it's way.
- Picture day was successful with \$220 being raised. A Santa day is being planned. Karen is looking for a new rep to take over her role and has been speaking with Leslie Peres, who is considering it. Mr Manny is available to make one more notice board before his retirement and it will be made for JD. There are ongoing issues with broken locks and gaps in the fences.
Small dog area: Welcome Judy, who has agreed to be the small dog park rep. Judy reports that the area has been well received and she is busy talking to members about appropriate use of the area.
- Sadly Lakeside lost 6 ash trees recently but did receive a new picnic table. They are waiting on mulch to be delivered by the city. Cathy will call 311 and find out when the water will be shut off for the season and will report back.
- Carol noticed that the 2 garbage cans have been removed and will investigate with 311 and report back.

- f) Q has recently lost their blue bin.
- g) Boxer day was a great success with approximately 30 dogs in attendance. Hound Day will be Saturday Nov 5th. 40 dogs are already registered for Santa pics, Nov 19/20 from 10-2 pm. A \$5 donation is being requested for each photo. Ren's Pet Depot has donated a basket for a raffle on Santa pic day. Toto is dealing with ongoing issues with rough treatment of some of the dogs and Corporate Security is currently refusing to deal with the situation. Kim is dealing with Gayle and Hazel in hopes of coming up with some solutions.

New Business:

5) The Annual General Meeting 2016 will be held in Program Room # 1 on Wednesday November 23rd.

- Gayle, Marc and Karen are all at the end of their 2-year term. Marc has made his intentions to not run again public. Marianne was appointed and must be voted into her position. Kira has one year left on her term and would prefer to continue as communication director only leaving a membership position open. Irene has 1 year left and will make her intentions known at the meeting. Leslie has 1 year left and will continue in her role as secretary. Anna has tendered her resignation. Once the board members are elected at the AGM then the specific roles will be decided at the January meeting.
- The constitution as it reads now requires 3 directors at large. Gayle is suggesting that we identify the 2 as 1) Events/fundraising 2) Communications 3) Membership.
- Motion to be voted on at the AGM; a) to work on constitution revisions and report back at the AGM in 2017 b) to amend the constitution that all funds raised in any manner be deposited to the LFM bank account (all donations need to be recorded)
- Irene was appointed as the constitution rewrite chair; she will strike a committee at the January meeting.
- A motion that everyone on the board is to sign a conflict of interest disclosure will be taken to the AGM.

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7) Food Bank Donations: Gayle has suggested that we run a food drive through the month of December, suggesting that each park coordinate a food bank day. It would up to the rep how it be run, 1 day or ongoing or 1 hour. Ideally Gayle would like to see a coordinated effort on the part of all 7 parks with a food drive being run in each park on the same day. The food can then be delivered to one or more of the local food banks. We should also look into more details for possible ongoing support in the next year.

Toto will ask for food donations along with a monetary donation at their Santa picture day and the donated items will be dropped off at a food bank on Erin Mills near the park.

The results of the food drive should be reported on the Facebook pages along with a photo.

Irene will look into local food banks and report back on options.

9) Update on Website:

- Looking to launch in 2 weeks. The board will see a test launch prior to it going live. There is still text to update, such as the constitution (may be under construction at launch)
- A request for photos of dogs at the parks will go out to members, with submissions going to Marianne.
- The volunteer section is still being developed. Will be asking for LFM volunteers with park specific volunteer information.
- A member's log in section will be included.
- Looking for input from the board before it goes live.

10) Summary of Action Items:

- AGM: Could board members please arrive at 6:30
- Follow up with Hazel re the wind shelter at Parkway Belt

Next meeting AGM Wednesday November 23rd @ 7:00 PM

Minutes taken by Leslie Jamieson, Secretary