

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday June 7, 2017

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

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05. Jennifer moved and Carol seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried.
2. The minutes from May 3, 2017 were reviewed.
Kevin moved and Carol seconded that the minutes be approved and posted on the website. Carried
3. REPORTS:
 - a) President; James Aiken, VP, as per Gayle Laws
No report. Newsletter has not been sent out yet.
 - b) City Report by Hazel McColl:
 - Hazel reported that water is not available at Lakeside due to repairs at the adjacent children’s park.
 - The new fence at Q-Park will be installed shortly.
 - The new "code of conduct" sign that the City of Mississauga will be installing at the Leash Free parks was presented for Board review. The single sign will replace the many different signs and reduce "sign clutter". The wording of this new sign has passed the City’s internal approval processes, including the Legal Department. Some LFM board members thought the wording could be softened and Hazel undertook to forward our comments to the City to see if any changes could be incorporated.
 - On June 24th, Animal Services will be hosting a promotion for dog care at the Community common Park, City Hall. 8:30 – 12 noon. LFM has been invited to attend and volunteers are needed. James is coordinating this request.
 - A Community Support Policy has been developed which will affect LFM’s constitution and to the level of support offered by the City Liaison (Hazel). Hazel reported that the new community support policy is designed to provide support and services to volunteer organisations, and that there are templates available for developing constitutions and

other documents. MBEC has offered to assist groups with Business Plans &/or constitutions.

- Status of new leash-free parks: Paul Coffey Park has reached the public consultation phase of development and Park 459, Churchill Meadows has a dog park planned. Union Park is also open but not part of LFM.
- Hazel collected comments and opinions from the individual park representatives to determine the effectiveness of the on-going grass cutting of the parks. This is an ongoing process and adjustments may be necessary. Hazel reminded the board to call Mississauga 311 to report any issues, and request that the 311 operator copy Hazel on any reports so that she can help out and speed up the resolution.
- The City of Mississauga has had to re-tender the Parkway Belt bus shelter installation as the previously selected contractor backed away from the project. Hazel will continue to provide updates as the job progresses.
- The shipping container at Toto needs to be removed from the park. The park reps are attempting to connect with a buyer who will remove it.
- The Toto Park rep noted that they do not have any garbage containers outside the entrances into the leash free park. Hazel said that she would report this back to the City so that garbage containers would be added.

c) Financial:
No report.

d) Secretary
Irene presented LFM meeting dates for November, noting that a regular meeting would be held as well as the AGM. The last 2017 meeting will be Dec. 6, for transition to the new Board. No meeting has been planned for January 2018. LFM resumes meeting the first Wednesday of the month on Feb. 7, 2018.

Irene updated the names of LFM Directors to Service Ontario as per the Corporations Act.

The revision of LFM Constitution is a large project. The Corporate Report of 2016 made major changes to the financial structure and Hazel announced further policy changes that will have to be addressed. It may be best to continue this discussion through the summer with a sub-committee. Irene has mentioned her interest and any other members are welcome to participate.

e) Membership and Communications
No report.

e) IT and Website
No report.

f) Fundraising and Event Planning

No report

4. Zone Updates:

- a) Etobicoke Valley: Jennifer reports that new trees have been planted.
- b) Garnetwood: Kevin reports that he has made improvements to the sign board by adding a cork board but it still needs a new lock. People are needed to move wood chips around the park. He is still discussing art work for the signs which were agreed to be installed in all parks to encourage membership. He will check if they can be double sided.
- c) Parkway Belt: Carol reported a dog fight recently, otherwise everything is fine.
- d) Toto: Mairi (as per Kim Miedema) reported that several clean ups have taken place. All existing garbage cans are inside park, contrary to city's agreement.

5. Action items:

- Kevin will provide requested information on the signs and then the Board can make a decision.
- James will coordinate LFM participation with volunteers for the June 24th event organized by Animal Services.
- Contact Irene to participate on the review of the Constitution so this review will commence during the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, September 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Minutes taken by Irene Hill, Secretary