

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday October 3, 2018

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

Board Attendance	Board Member Regrets	Board Member No Regrets/Vacancy	Guests
Kevin Pullis- VP Dave Carty- Past President Karen Forrest, Treasurer Alex Izzo – Etob Valley/ Director Membership Mary Smith – Garnetwood Carol Mitchell- Parkway Belt Kim Miedema – Toto Jill Sellar – Q Park	Gaye Laws- President Krista Yeo- IT and Webmaster Colleen Connor- Lakeside	Secretary Fundraising and Events	Gavin Longmuir – City of Mississauga

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10. Since the President sent regrets, Kevin chaired the meeting and Alex took minutes.
2. There are no minutes from the September 2018 meeting as there was no quorum.

3. REPORTS

a) President's report: n/a

b) City of Mississauga Report: Gavin Longmuir advised on the following items

- A new Manager of Park Services has been appointed, his name is Jamie Ferguson. Part of his responsibility will be overseeing leash free parks and overseeing Hazel when she returns to her position. Jamie will join some board meetings.
- LFM will be provided with a new email address to send all city related correspondence to. This new email address will be monitored by both Hazel and Jamie.
- A new fence is being installed around the swamp area at Lakeside Park, estimated before the end of October. There will be an entrance gate and a service gate for access. There will be a partial park closure that will be fenced off. The main area will remain open during fence installation. There will be no cost to LFM for this fence with gates.

- The new lighting at Lakeside has been installed and lights up a good portion of the front gate area. Extra lights were added to an existing light post in the parking lot. There is no cost to LFM for this new lighting.
- New plastic tool sheds will be installed at each leash free park this fall, weather permitting.
- Poop pilot program is in the works. The city is waiting on approval to install the bins from the land owners at Q park and Jack Darling. The city is working with the bin contractor to arrange installation dates. Gavin to provide a list of parks being selected for the pilot program.
- The city has offered to install new benches at each park. The park benches will be set permanently on a concrete stone. Each park rep that would like a new bench installed at their park should let Gavin know asap. Please indicate how many benches and where you would like them located.
- Regrets towards the 3 year old child that was injured by a dog in the leash free zone. The city would like to reconsider the topic of children in the leash free zones. They note that Brampton bylaw prohibits children under 12 in their leash free parks. LFM's insight is requested. Members have different views. Gavin asks that LFM Board discussion it and advise how LFM would like to move forward in regards to children in the leash free zones. Our opinion will be brought to council for consideration. In the meantime, each park rep to ensure the code of conduct for children is posted on our park communication board.
- Sheridan Homelands - proposed leash free area. Gavin notes this is not on city property and so as per the new policy, the city will not be funding the set up of a leash free zone. Any further requests need to be directed to the Region of Peel.
- Paul Coffey Park - proposed leash free area. Looking at completion by 2020 or 2021.
- Marketing needs. Gavin suggests we reach out to college students looking for project opportunities to help us with any marketing needs we have

Park Inquiries with the City:

Parkway Belt - There is a volunteer that would like to install solar motion sensor lights to the bus shelter. Gavin advises that Carol puts through a service request through the city and they will see if it is something they can do/install. If it is successful at Parkway Belt we can look at adding them to all parks.

Q-park - Requesting to add lights onto some of the current light posts to direct new light into the park. Gavin suggests Jill puts the request through 311 and they will send someone out to take a look at the possibility.

EV - City workers entered the park with a truck, tractor and dump truck while the park was open and dogs were running around leash free. The service gates were left wide open during their time in the park. Gavin to investigate and reiterate the importance of closing a park during such projects.

- Inquiring about the water quality and whether it is being routinely tested. Gavin suggests calling Toronto Regional Conservation Authority.
- Inquiring about the fence to block off the path that leads dogs under the Dundas bridge and into the golf course. Gavin will investigate the status.
- Stickers are still posted on gate and signage from Barks and Rec. Garnetwood notes they have stickers posted at their park too. Q Park and Parkway Belt note they had stickers but

the city removed them. Alex to call 311 to ask them to remove the stickers at Garnetwood and EV.

Toto - People are flying model airplanes near the park and the planes are flying over the parks and coming close to the dogs and people in the parks, some have crashed and got trapped in trees. This is happening every weekend. Kim has called 311 several times to complain and nothing is being done about it. Asking Gavin to look into it - he will follow up and try to contact the president of the flying club.

Lakeside - An aggressive woman wearing a city of Mississauga sweater was reported at the park acting inappropriately. A photo has been provided to Gavin. Gavin has circulated the photo but has been unable to identify person but will continue his investigation.

- c) Financial Report by Treasurer: Financials were presented for Sept 2018
- d) Membership and Communications –no report
- e) Fundraising and Events –no report
- f) IT and Website—no report

Zone Updates: Items were raised in discussion with Gavin. Nothing more to add.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Park reps to think about where they want the benches to be placed so the city can be notified
- b) Park reps to make sure the Code of Conduct for Children in the parks are placed on all display boards
- c) LFM to review its code of conduct for children in the park and advise the city if its position changes
- d) Briefing from July meeting on strategy to deal with dog bites

Next meeting AGM on November 7 2018 and next board meeting Wednesday December 4, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Minutes taken by Alex Izzo