

# LEASH FREE MISSISSAUGA

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## MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday July 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

7:00 PM to 9:00 pm

Board Attendance	Board Member Regrets	Board Member No Regrets/Vacancy	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Angela Puliyodil - President and Communications</li> <li>- Kevin Pullis – VP</li> <li>- Hugo Reinoso – IT</li> <li>- Rose Shao - Treasurer</li> <li>- Jill Sellar – Secretary</li> <li>- Margaret Hempstead – Garnetwood</li> <li>- Ryan Verwymeren - Etobicoke Valley</li> <li>- Carol Mitchell - Parkway Belt</li> <li>- Bob Dowling – Totoredaca</li> <li>- Shannon Pawlick – Quenippenon</li> <li>- Ellen Lockley - Lakeside</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gayle Laws - Past President</li> <li>- Vacant – Jack Darling</li> <li>- Veronica Cheng – Social Media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bruce Hunter - IT Volunteer</li> <li>- Robert Perry</li> </ul>

1. Call to Order

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM seconded by Angela, with a quorum being present. Margaret moved and Carol seconded that the agenda be approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 2, 2021, were reviewed. Bob moved and Margaret seconded that the minutes be approved.

3. City of Mississauga

- Jamie was unable to join, but forwarded this message to Angela:
- Benches installed at all parks except Qpark and EV. Shannon to forward location of benches to Jamie. EV installation scheduled for spring 2022 due to construction.
- Holes in back parking lot at Toto should be fixed next week. Holes within the park are the responsibility of the park users. Call 311 to request soil or gravel.
- Jamie needs to know if we want to remain in the City's Community Registry Program. We need to regulate quorum and voting procedures at meetings and AGM if we want to

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remain with a conditional membership. If we remain, we get our meeting room for free and some other considerations. We would need permission from members to forward their personal info to the City. We need more information from Jamie before we decide. Angela to arrange a meeting with Jamie and someone else from the City who understands the program better. Angela will try to book meeting for July 19 or 21, evening.

- May be insurance coverage issues as well. Ryan wants to review our insurance policies.

#### 4. Park Rep Updates

- Etobicoke Valley: Ryan: waiting to see how construction will change the park.
- Garnetwood: Margaret: Wants the City to remove lock to the fenced area that was protecting the bunnies. Robert noted that the benches are too close to fence and dogs could climb out. Bolt came off large gate latch, so Robert put a stick in to hold it closed. Fire ants present. Margaret to call 311 and forward ticket numbers to Jamie to monitor. Robert asked about having a washroom installed closer to leash free area. Washroom is at the other end of park.
- Jack Darling: vacant; Ellen reported that someone made a cute bench out of logs.
- Lakeside: Ellen reported that children are there every day. There are too many signs on the gates (more than 10) so no one reads them.
- Parkway Belt: Carol likes the new benches. Haven't received new Code of Conduct sign yet.
- Q-Park: Shannon photographed the many signs on the gates and will forward to Jamie. Sent an email to Jamie with a long wish list.
- Toto: Bob: benches not well placed. Flying club using many parking spaces in back lot.

#### 5. Reports:

- President Report: Angela would like everyone to let her know who has control of Facebook pages, and make sure the reps have access.
- Vice President: Kevin had an incident regarding the JD Facebook page, anyone can make a post. Lady posted a video of a human physical altercation. Content was blaming, abusive and profanity was used. Kevin removed the post. Kevin doesn't have access to Qpark or Toto's Facebook page. Jill would like to give Kevin access to Qpark Facebook.
- Financial Update: Rose. Purina to send \$5000 grant to Rose's home address in the next few weeks. Since donation amount (\$15) was removed from membership sign up, we are now getting larger donations. Rose to send financial reports to Bruce to post on website.
- Director of IT and Webmaster: Hugo: Veronica was supposed to reach out to Facebook page administrators to consolidate them. She was able to get access to some of them but is missing others. Robert said that we can get verified Facebook page status.  
-Hugo reported that we are not generating many new members, but current members are renewing.
- Director of Fundraising and Event Planning: vacant
- Social Media: Veronica was absent.

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6. Membership Strategy

– Shannon presented the membership strategy she emailed to the board.

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- Robert volunteered to make QR code stickers for existing signs at the park.
- We need to let Jamie know so that the stickers are not removed.
- Hugo to change 'subscribe' to 'sign up' on the homepage of website.
- Shannon to help redesign website with Hugo's help.
- Shannon suggested adding our link to City's Park website.
- Rose suggested that she and Veronica restart the newsletters.
- Robert suggested a raffle for new members. Perhaps Hugo can create an algorithm that could be set up automatically on the website.
- Ryan suggested linking all social media sites together and people may start to use #.
- Ryan said we should link the Code of Conduct to our social media.
- Robert suggested intertwining our # with others.

7. Road Side Signs: Hugo has nothing new to report, but will send more information to Rose. Board agreed that Rose could go ahead and order the signs. JD, Parkway, Q-park will each get a sign to start. Budget will be \$1500. Angela approved and Jill seconded. Rose will order signs and see if signs can be moved part way through the month. Signs will say:

Does your Dog enjoy Leash Free Parks?  
Become a Member for FREE!  
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Support Leash Free Parks  
Your Dog will Thank You  
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8. Other Business

The board agreed that Bruce would take over the Secretary role from Jill.

Next Meeting is on August 4, 2021, at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Minutes taken by Jill Sellar, Secretary