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MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday September 1st, 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"> - Angela Puliyodil – President and Communications - Kevin Pullis – VP - Rose Shao – Treasurer - Bruce Hunter - Secretary - Margaret Hempstead – Garnetwood - Ellen Lockley – Lakeside - Carol Mitchell – Parkway Belt - Bob Dowling – Totoredaca 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ryan Verwymeren – Etobicoke Valley - Shannon Pawlick – Quenippenon - Veronica Cheng – Social Media - Hugo Reinoso – Webmaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gayle Laws – Past President - Sue Walch – Jack Darling Park Rep Candidate – scheduling mix-up - Jill Sellar – Past Secretary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smriti C, Member - Jamie Ferguson, M. Sc., Manager, Park Services Park Operations, Parks, Forestry, and Environment Division - City of Mississauga

❖ Call to Order

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

❖ Approval of Minutes

The minutes from August 4th, 2021, were reviewed offline, Kevin moved, and Bob seconded that the minutes be approved.

❖ Permits / Mississauga Humane Society

- MHS information package to be sent out
- Asked Jamie about possible joint photo shoot / fundraising event at couple parks, Jack Darling first, city approval necessary?
- Jamie said many other parks also hold events like walkathons, need to go through permit process, needs dates, times, parks, fees being fundraised, letter of permission from President permitting event to happen, what event will look like, then can run through system to get approvals
- Asked about Pictures with Santa at Toto with draws and tickets for different things, permit necessary from now on? Jamie said technically yes, unless possibly if money collected going directly back to LFM that is one thing, but if third party like MHS involved then permit required

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❖ Small Dog Areas

- Jamie, while off, had staff benchmarking surrounding municipalities if they had small dog areas and what they look like, city is sifting through that information, will analyze and bring forward any recommendation on how they would like small dog areas operated to ensure in line with other municipalities
- City will take down LFM signs and put-up city signs that indicate how it goes regulations
- Just before Jamie's vacation, there were flurry of emails from residents to various councillors complaining about Small Dog Areas
- Jamie will bring forward city recommendations for small dog areas at the October 6th, 2021 meeting
- Asked Jamie how many parks do we need small dog areas for, Jamie said unknown and is part of benchmarking process to determine, city is the one installing fences and managing, probably recommend that all new leash-frees created will have accommodations for a small dog area, then look at grandfathering existing parks or go back and retrofit, look at fences if upgrading needed, probably become standards for new leash-frees going forward
- Smriti C, member, said
 - had been to JD small dog area which is really big and lot of users do not realize so there are bigger dogs in there
 - at Toto has seen small dog area and agility area, and when there are dogs in there that get nervous, generally the other dogs are pulled out
 - Is advocating for similar size small dog area at JD, as difficult to do similar because area is so big
 - Feels areas for small dogs only is important, for nervous or anxious dogs not so much

❖ Flashlights / Poop Bag Dispensers

- Approximately 125 available for distribution, Marg – Garnetwood already has and does not need more, Bruce will distribute to other 6 parks

❖ Jack Darling Park Rep

- Sue Walch is candidate Park Rep, will attend next meet for acclamation vote, scheduling mix-up, Kevin met with at JD

❖ Committee to finalize constitution and manual update

- Form committee to complete constitution etc. worked on by previous board
- Carol, Ellen and Rose volunteered, Bruce will get soft copy ready to share and work on and distribute when ready, borrow Angie's Zoom account

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❖ Road signs

- Sent Jamie email with locations for Jack Darling, Parkway Belt and Quenippenon
- Jamie said out for feedback review, once received will let us know, hopefully end of next week

❖ City of Mississauga

- Community Group Registry Program
 - ◆ Jamie said Community Development team reviewing and will give recommendations to him, then for director approval, whom Jamie met with last week to explain what happened and next steps going forward
 - ◆ Next couple of months to address outstanding items to get back in line with policy, should be done before AGM in November for member and board review and vote
 - ◆ Jamie will help us what needs to be done or another member of Community Development team if specific questions, to help tidy this up or setup meeting to walkthrough what needs to be looked at for policy compliance
 - ◆ LFM is back on Support with Conditions, back in the program, insurance coverage should be OK, standing by if any Risk Management recommendations or if just continue as is
 - ◆ 2 years to reach compliance but should be by AGM in November
- Toto Portapotty – Secretary from Mississauga Model Flying Club approached Bob about cost-sharing to have a Porta Potty at Toto; Jamie said put request through 311; sports groups covered through their permit fees, other groups pay for it, possible cost share with city
- Toto parking lot work this fall, front lot will be expanded for this winter, back lot will be maintained this winter
- Toto forest area east of flying club and longhouses will be protected and fenced off this fall, not designated off-leash, woodlot designated pretty sensitive and being negatively impacted, not due just to off-leash, lots of people use this area, for 10 to 15 years for area to regenerate and bounce back
- Asked Jamie about Toto back lot road paint markings and stakes, possibly related to remove defunct lights that are there
- Asked Jamie about willow trees at south end of Parkway Belt and fencing for wet area, should be this fall, also Lakeside fencing
- Asked Jamie about trees at Toto marked in forested area, branch fell last week, will follow-up with forestry supervisor
- Asked Jamie about weeds around signs at Toto north entrance, cannot see the signs, not trimming along fence lines, Jamie will contact supervisor to have turf crew deal with as soon as possible; also low areas waterfilled to fill in, will follow-up with work plan to see when; also more sand to fill holes
- Jamie said recreation staff did sign review across all city parks, will continue sign audit into 2022, to ensure signage is consistent across all parks

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- Asked Jamie about rock gardens at Toto boardwalk front to be removed, no one is working on them, gets over-run
- Asked Jamie about Toto gate latches, cannot be adjusted anymore, call into 311, send Jamie ticket numbers for follow-up
- Kevin asked Jamie about bees, got stung at JD, call location of nest in the ground into 311
- Asked Jamie about fixing gate and fencing at Garnetwood, Jamie will request all gates get looked at before winter, will work with general maintenance supervisor to build spring-fall latch gate blitz into work plans, and fencing contractor
- Asked Jamie about Garnetwood benches placed too close to fences, some bigger dogs stand on bench and jump over
- Asked Jamie about garbage cans not available along trail at Etobicoke Valley, reason because trucks cannot get in to service them, only at entrance to park
- Asked Jamie about Malton new park, will update next meeting

❖ Park Rep Updates

- a) Etobicoke Valley: Ryan: regrets
- b) Garnetwood: Margaret: Jamie is aware the benches are too close to fence and dogs can jump out, checking if benches are bolted to ground like Toto, or not like Lakeside per Ellen
- c) Jack Darling: vacant
- d) Lakeside: Ellen: city did grass-cutting and wasp-sprayed the shed, and with good volunteers taking care of the park and trimming fence lines with manual clippers
- e) Parkway Belt: Carol: city grass-cutting every 2 weeks, all good, has no Sutera, Kevin said only parks in west got due to system being in trial basis
- f) Q-Park: Shannon: regrets
- g) Toto: Bob: not trimming along fence lines, burr bushes, moved empty bag box to outside front gate

❖ Board Updates:

- a) President: Angela: turned off Toto facebook comment link, her only access
- b) Vice President: Kevin: has access to most park facebook links, will give access to Ellen so she can friend her park and see comments
- c) Treasurer: Rose: Purina \$5K cheque received and deposited, thanks Ellen, continue Purina partnership going forward
- d) Webmaster: Hugo: regrets
- e) Social Media: Veronica: regrets

Next Meeting is on Wednesday October 6th, 2021, at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Minutes taken by Bruce Hunter, Secretary