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MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday March 2nd, 2022

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"> - Kevin Pullis – Vice President & Meeting Chair - Rose Shao – Treasurer - Hugo Reinoso – IT & Webmaster - Bruce Hunter – Secretary - Veronica Cheng – Social Media - Margaret Hempstead – Garnetwood - Catherine Williams – Etobicoke Valley - Sarah Craig – Quenippenon - Carol Mitchell – Parkway Belt - Bob Dowling – Totoredaca 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela Puliyodil – President - Alice Liu – Fundraising and Events - Rodrigo Sandoval – Membership and Communications - Ellen Lockley – Lakeside - Sue Walsh – Jack Darling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vacant – Paul Coffey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jenna Prokop, Community Development Coordinator, Community Services Department Park Operations, Parks, Forestry, and Environment Division - City of Mississauga

- ❖ Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM and seconded.
- ❖ Introductions – None
- ❖ Apologies and Regrets: Angela Puliyodil – President, Alice Liu – Fundraising and Events, Rodrigo Sandoval – Membership and Communications, Ellen Lockley – Lakeside, Sue Walsh – Jack Darling
- ❖ Quorum
There being 9 of 14 or 64% directors present, more than minimum 2/5th or 40% directors in attendance, a quorum was declared at 7:11pm.
- ❖ Minutes from February 2nd, 2022, Board Meeting
Moved and seconded at 7:11pm that the minutes be approved.

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❖ Agenda

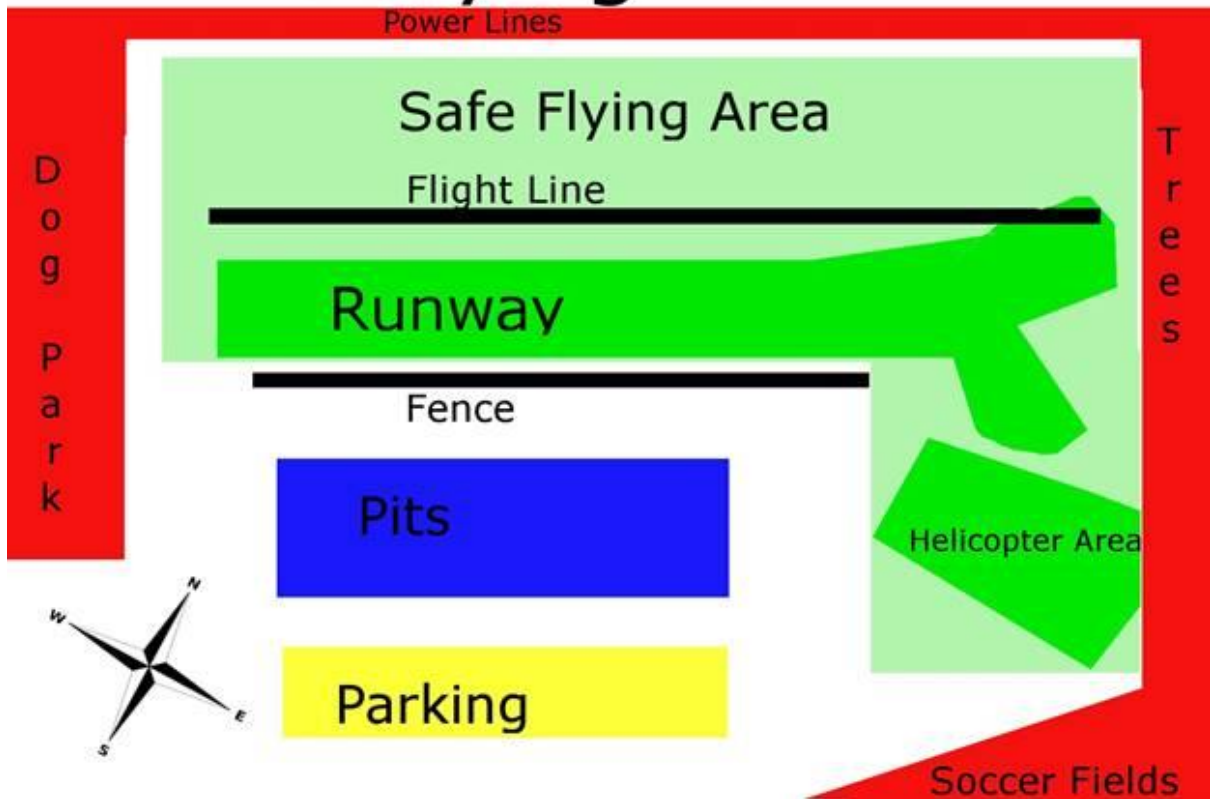
Moved and seconded at 7:12pm that the agenda be approved.

❖ City of Mississauga – Jenna Prokop:

- Visited some of the parks
- Etobicoke Valley
 - Presentation by Region of Peel on project to be scheduled for next meeting or near future
 - Region of Peel project, update received 6 weeks ago
 - Park to be shut down for 18 months
 - Tree removals to be scheduled first, 1 week closure, waiting for Forestry permit
 - Jamie working on communication plan
 - There will be signage directing to eparks.ca for alternate parks
 - Signs on gates indicating Push or Pull need replacing
 - Southern-most part of park has tree nursery with snow fence protection to protect young trees, snow fence has fallen apart, Jenna will follow up with park supervisor
- Parkway Belt fencing around pool of muddy water south side, scheduled for spring
- Quenippenon spring work planning:
 - lights and water requests, waiting for Realty team and Region of Peel feedback
 - move gate to north pathway and chicken wire fence work approved
 - move mulch outside big gate into park
 - Possible to get garbage can near north end gate of park
- Totoredaca
 - front parking lot construction, any update from Region of Peel
 - ◆ Notice board build new at back gate when starts
 - Jenna meeting end of March with some of the supervisors for Toto regarding all the community groups there (RC cars, RC flying club)
 - ◆ Complaints to bylaw about flying club have been made
 - Flying club allowed to fly by Transport Canada
 - Not allowed directly over dog park
 - Multiple planes have come down in the park, Lady was hit in 2021
 - Possible might just be a visitor not an MMFC member or member of their group
 - Every time bylaw has visited recently after call there have been no issues by the time they arrive, plane and operator has already left the park
 - See map of approved flying area:



MMFC Flying Zones

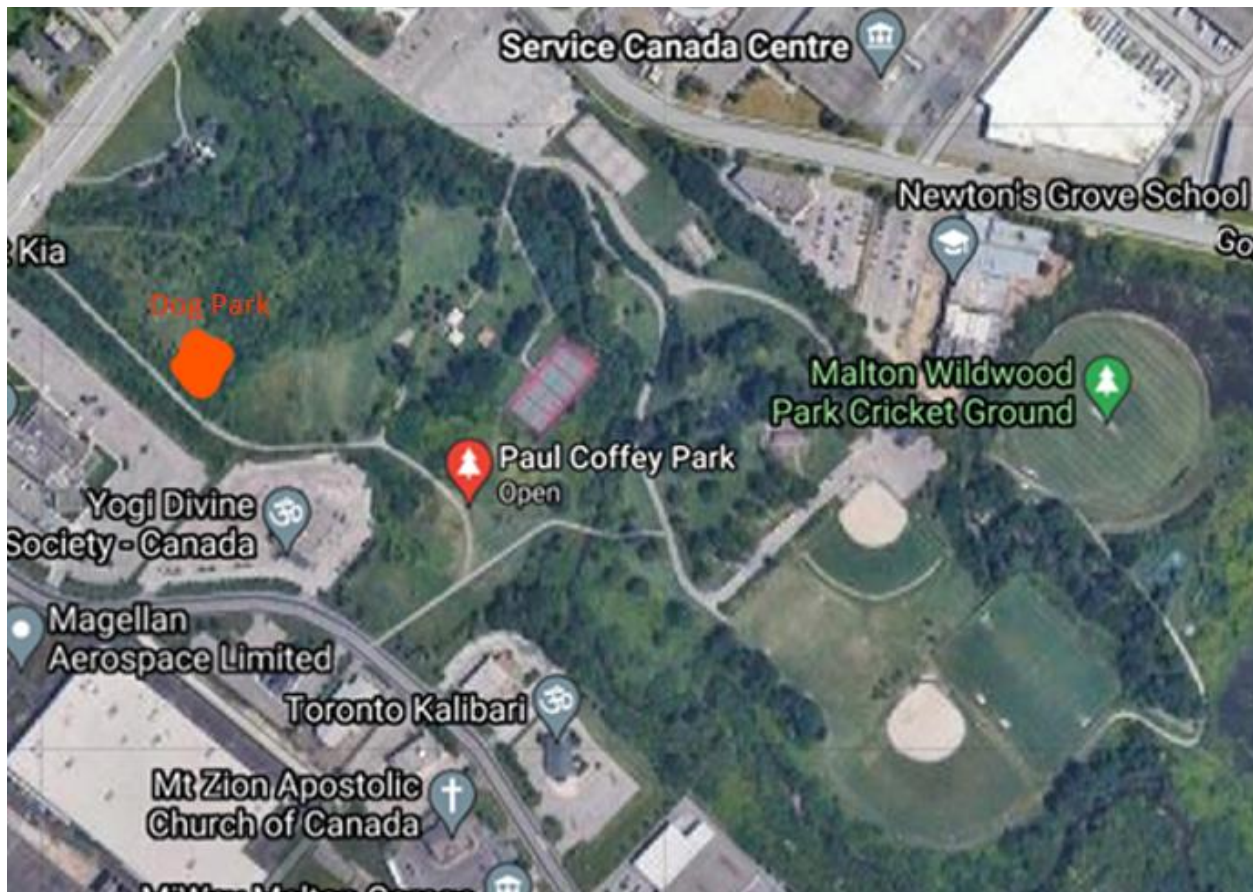


- Some of the dead trees in back forested area were cut down, and tree from small dog area, rest will wait for spring
- gates and latches still to be worked on
- Paul Coffey
 - Jenna visited, quite remote
 - Are working on road signs with instructions how to get to leash-free park
 - Parking is Goreway west side, just south of Derry, southside of arena
 - Walk in either from Derry Road pathways, or across bridge near tennis courts
 - Benches and tables requested for spring
 - See map for location:

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- Garnetwood
 - Front gate was repaired
 - spring work planning:
 - ◆ Back inside gate needs repair, falling apart
 - ◆ possible to please move shed away from back gate corner where lawnmower comes in, getting hit and knocked around by lawnmowers, platform available beside willow tree
 - ◆ 2 big muddy pools back by the trees
- Jack Darling Sutera
 - overflowing update
 - ◆ Clogged again Feb.26/27 weekend
 - ◆ First occurrence was cleared
 - ◆ Anything going that is not dog poop bags can clog it, coffee cups, big shopping bags
 - ◆ Jenna will report back the Sutera emptying schedule
 - ◆ Emptying involves flipping back cover, removing big bag with crane, and installing new big bag
 - ◆ Call 311 for emptying

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- Tobogganing area has been busy
 - ◆ Call Mississauga Security Services if people are tobogganing inside dog park, or send them to the tobogganing area
 - Possible to have garbage can next to Sutera, help prevent coffee cups going into Sutera unit
 - Wind shelters, update, park planning and development teams, benchmarking
 - Jenna has put together benchmarking of wind shelters from surrounding communities, will be reviewed in April
 - Shed locks refresh, new locks to be provided with new code in near future
 - Jenna meeting with director tomorrow about revitalizing all park signs including small dog areas, and no smoking signs
 - Woodchip outstanding requests on hold until spring thaw dries up
 - Community Group Registry renewal update
 - Jenna met Jamie yesterday, with Jamie for his approval
 - Feedback from park users about ecoTraction
 - Working well inside parks
 - Call 311 if icy outside gates
 - Gate audits, checking hinges and latches working properly follow up
 - Jamie asked general maintenance team to research and benchmark other leash-free parks across Canada to see what others use for gates and automatic hinges and latches to see if there is better options, anything a bit more robust, because ours seem to break down pretty quickly, maybe pay a bit more for equipment that will stand up to the use
- ❖ Vacancies
- Paul Coffey – still vacant
 - Wanted posters for park gates – Kevin will put in the spring
- ❖ Park Rep Updates
- a) Etobicoke Valley: Catherine:
 - Items covered with Jenna
 - Many questions for upcoming project Peel Region
 - possibly sanitary sewer and watermain by Mattawa and Wharton Way
 - has not been telling members yet
 - Kevin still has winter hats for Catherine
 - b) Garnetwood: Margaret:
 - items covered with Jenna
 - in past put up hanging buckets for cigarette butts on fences, park rep empties
 - has business cards for Bob
 - c) Jack Darling: Sue: regrets
 - Sutera units blocked again
 - Kevin still has winter hats for Sue
 - Website still “Children – Code of Conduct”, Hugo will correct after meeting
 - Asked about no smoking signs

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- d) Lakeside: Ellen: regrets
- e) Parkway Belt: Carol: no additional updates
- f) Paul Coffey: Vacant
- g) Quenippenon: Sarah:
 - Mulch pile outside gate to be moved in spring
 - Ask city for sign so that future mulch deliveries always inside park
 - Bulletin board repair quotes
 - In the past a school made the bulletin boards years ago
 - Dead tree fell over a fence, truck got stuck trying to remove
- h) Totoredaca: Bob:
 - In good shape
 - Gates and latches still need work, tension bars slipping and dragging, front and back, inner and outer gates
 - Trees in back, some were cut down

❖ Board Updates

- President – Angie: regrets
- Vice President – Kevin:
 - will put wanted poster at Paul Coffey in the spring
 - received insurance renewal
 - Winter hats, 16 for Etobicoke Valley, and 30 for Jack Darling still available
 - Kevin will meet Catherine at Etobicoke Valley to hand over
 - Kevin will message Sue to meet up and hand over for Jack Darling
 - Member found \$100 at Garnetwood, could not find owner, gave to Kevin for donation
- Treasurer – Rose:
 - Will complete tax return before tax season is over
 - Donation income down versus last and year before
 - Purina grant handled by Ellen last year
 - Ask Alice to prepare letter, involve Ellen
 - Will send Kevin balance from Bluehost payment, less \$100 donation, will book donation
- Fundraising and Events – Alice: regrets
 - Bruce will follow up with Alice about Purina
- IT and Website – Hugo:
 - Website ok
 - Possible improvements or new, good idea, possibly an app, make more intuitive and community friendly
 - Hugo will put up Catherine's bio and picture

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- Social Media – Veronica:
 - Noticing a few followers on facebook, and some tags on Instagram
 - Created facebook account for Paul Coffey, and link on LFM facebook, but not much engagement yet
 - Possible facebook marketing campaign in the spring
 - Membership and Communications – Rod: regrets
- ❖ 2022 Planning
- Strategy: achieve membership growth and donation targets, take in new parks, maintain full board membership
 - Membership: grow by at least 200 members
 - Fundraising: raise at least \$10K donation income including Purina
 - TBD: Budget for fundraising goals / park capital / expenses, plans for Events, IT initiatives, Social Media initiatives, Membership and Communications initiatives, idea generation follow-up meeting to review and prioritize to be scheduled
- ❖ DogPack app
- Free, maps of every dog park, option to check in to the park as well as see who is already there, offers a unique social experience for dog owners in which you will get to create a profile, add other dogs to your pack, post pictures and videos to the feed, and message your friends, points for free prizes by using
 - Bruce will send referral emails for the app
 - Possibly leverage the app, maybe separate instance for LFM

Next Meeting is the April Board Meeting on Wednesday April 6th, 2022, at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Minutes taken by Bruce Hunter, Secretary.

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Current Code of Conduct signage:

