

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

North Augusta: Bill Tennant, Amy Finucan and Sherry Peters;
Roebuck: Laurie King and Marlene Neddo;
MERC: Jane Van de Hoef and Sarah Castillo;
Maynard: Mike Horan, Kathy Jodoin
Township: Councillor Bowman, Steve McDonald and Matthijs van der Veen

REGRETS

Roebuck: Steve Polite
Domville: No representatives

A. Call to Order

Councillor Bowman called the meeting to order at 7.04 p.m.

B. Chairman's Opening Remarks

C. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved – Jane Van de Hoef and Bill Tennant

D. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes Approved – Laurie King and Jane Van de Hoef

E. Disclosure of Interest

F. Business Arising from the Minutes

G. Delegations

H. Correspondence

I. New and Unfinished Business

8.1 Recreation Updates

- Staff update
 - The staff member temporarily replaced by Matthijs van der Veen resigned and won't come back in her position. She will return to study. Many members of the different recreation committees spoke out their gratitude for a great job done and wish her all the best in the future.
 - The 'Maintenance schedules' that were created by staff in cooperation with the recreation committees last year and the improvements made at several recreational sites in the Township,

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show that this is a good way of working together. Staff asked the recreation committees to continue sharing their input to keep working together on necessary improvements and repairs.

- Playgrounds – The RFP went out on December 13, 2021, followed by a mandatory site visit on December 22, 2021. The Township received bids from two organizations, entering two bids each per playground, resulting in four options to choose from per playground. These options are presented to the recreation committees and residents to answer questions, receive feedback and/or an opinion on their favorite option. The final decision will be made soon and staff will follow up in order to get to the next step in the process.
- Grants (See 8.2)

- Maitland
 - The MERC board has welcomed new board members.
 - The hall is available for rentals.
 - Successful Winter Carnival organized on Saturday February 19th. Many visitors 125+ were attracted to the event and participated in the activities that were organized.
 - A Disc Golf course is installed in the woods around the rink. Currently there are eight holes and two more will be installed in spring. The official opening took place during the Winter Carnival where both the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Mayor of Prescott were present to throw the ‘first official disc’.
 - The Augusta Township Library successfully supported the Winter Carnival with a ‘pop-up library’, offering their recreational equipment like cross country skis, snowshoes, and disc golf discs for visitors to try.
 - Playground plans for MERC and Cedar Park were available at the Winter Carnival for visitors to see.
 - Soccer registration starts on Friday March 4, 2022 for the eight week program run in May and June.
 - The rink and trails are open and used a lot.

- Maynard
 - The hall is available for rentals.
 - The rink has been open and used a lot. With the recent fluctuation in temperatures, it has been hard to maintain the ice and keep the rink open. Hopefully it can be maintained into March break to offer a holiday activity.

- North Augusta
 - The hall is available for rentals.
 - Successful Winter Carnival organized on Saturday February 26th.
 - Many visitors were attracted to the event and participated in the activities that were organized.

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- 'Snow ball' was organized and 35+ participants enjoyed playing ball in the snow.
 - The Augusta Township Library successfully supported the Winter Carnival with a 'pop-up library', offering their recreational equipment like snowshoes, skates, and disc golf discs for visitors to try.
 - The rink is open and used a lot.
- Roebuck
 - The hall is available for rentals. Bookings are picking up.
 - Playground plans for Roebuck were available at a 'walk-in' at Roebuck Hall on Wednesday February 23, 2022.

8.2 Grants / Funds

- Staff, together with the Recreation Committees, applied for Grants/ Funds:
 - Healthy Community Initiative:
Application approved. With this support we can look at improving the IT hardware in community halls. Site visits to examine the current situation and the possibilities/needs are planned. Based on the findings and available budget an improvement plan will be made.
 - Canada Community Revitalization Fund:
We are waiting for the result.
 - In the meantime, we are keeping our eyes open for possible interesting grants / funds.

J. **Next Meeting – Wednesday June 1st, 2022, at 7:00pm**

K. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.