



**PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Present: Chris Margetts, Chair,
Sandy Finamore, Councillor/Member
Bob Blewett, Member
Rebecca Ewald, Member
Paul Torrance, Member
Mary Caverly, Member

Regrets: D. Marchisella, Mayor/Ex Officio

Resources: Kari Kluge, Director of Recreation and Culture
Steve Antunes, Manager of Economic Development
Amelia D'Amato, Interim Manager of Recreation & Culture

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of September 21, 2021

Res#: 01/22

Moved By: S. Finamore

Seconded By: P. Torrance, Member

THAT the minutes of the September 21, 2021, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be approved as presented.

Carried**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATION****6. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS****6.1 Verbal Update from the Director of Recreation & Culture**

Re: Department Updates

Two new staff in Department: Megan Hammond as Recreation Secretary, and Miranda MacLeod as the Temporary Aquatic Assistant. Goal is to rebuild accessible recreation programming.

Res#: 02/22

Moved By: M. Caverly, Member

Seconded By: Rebecca Ewald

THAT the verbal update from the Director of Recreation and Culture be received.

Carried

Councillor Finamore became acting chair of the meeting due to technical difficulties.

7. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**7.1 Memo from a Member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee**

Re: Addition of Pickleball Courts to Kiwanis Park

Tennis Club adopted pickleball into its facility in 2018. Only room for two courts (allowance for eight players); not enough space to accommodate the 20+ people who signed up for the sport. Approached City staff in 2021 to request converting two thirds of the skatepark at Kiwanis Park into pickleball courts. Would like to level ground and install pickleball courts, see permanent posts, and possibly nets, installed, and perhaps keep area locked to avoid vandalism and set up a membership program. Weekly indoor pickleball drop-in programming is being offered through the City at the Collins Hall facility.

Reasoning: Pickleball is increasing in popularity and we are already struggling to accommodate the demand for playing space; the skatepark sees minimal use.

Concerns: Do not want to prematurely take away space from the skatepark, and the youth who use it, or install permanent courts (potentially \$20,000 cost) before we have evaluated usage for each; the skatepark at Kiwanis is dedicated in memoriam so there is hesitance to alter; do not want to privatize an area of a public park--not feasible or manageable.

Decision: will refer to staff to work out logistics and determine whether this project would come from Facilities' or Recreation's budget.

Res#: 03/22

Moved By: P. Torrance, Member

Seconded By: Rebecca Ewald

THAT the memo from Paul Torrance, re: addition of Pickleball courts at Kiwanis Park, be received;

AND THAT this matter be directed to staff to work out logistics and budget.

Carried

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADDENDUM

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting will be determined at the call of the chair.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Res#: 04/22

Moved By: Rebecca Ewald

Seconded By: P. Torrance, Member

THAT the March 15, 2022, meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be adjourned at the hour of 7:42pm.

Carried