

Minutes of MacPheat Park Community Meeting June 9, 2012 – 10 a.m. – Silton Community Hall

1. Approval/Additions to the Agenda –

Three items added to agenda – Loraas disposal information item; setting of next community meeting; and, letter on property tax assessment.

Approval of Agenda as amended moved by: Nancy Markwart

Seconded by: Deb Kreklewich

Approved by show of hands

2. Meeting minutes of September Meeting of 2011 (second meeting of 2011)

Wayne mentioned the June, 2011 meeting minutes. A hard copy was not available as they had been prepared by the previous hamlet secretary who did not pass them on and who was not at the meeting. Sandy said she will try to get a copy from John.

Approval of the Sept Meeting Minutes (with clarification that it was the second meeting of 2011 – not second meeting of the hamlet) moved by: Gail Marino

Seconded by: Verna Dowie

Approved by show of hands

3. Financial Report and Annual Budget

Debbie Wilkie reviewed the financial statement provided by the R.M. Noted that statement shows the hamlet has about \$8,600 in its reserve account and that all debts are paid. She then reviewed the annual budget expenditures with the major operational expenditures being grasscutting, snow removal and road grading. Each is budgeted at \$1,000 annually based on previous year expenditures. However it is unlikely that the grasscutting and snow removal will be that much in 2012 as there were no bills for the winter snow removal and the R.M. will be undertaking both snow removal and grasscutting at what seems to be lower rate than was paid in the past few years. It is possible that the road grading this year may be as high as \$1,000 as we need to have new gravel put down since the road has not been done for several years. In future years, it should only be required once annually and should not cost as much. A copy of the budget will be provided to the R.M.

There was a question regarding the fire levy from Gail and it was explained that it is an annual charge from the R.M. for standby firefighting.

Question from Merle Sawatsky as to why they are not getting service to her lot. Wayne is going to check with R.M. as to status of her lot along with another near it as it was the

hamlet board's understanding that those were not in the hamlet. Merle felt they were so Wayne will check with the R.M. for clarification. It was also noted that those lots are zoned agricultural and are not in the corporate hamlet subdivision so it would be very costly to provide services. Merle noted that the road was graded which was an improvement.

An alternative to grasscutting expense was suggested by Jeff Semeniuk. He felt that we could all do our own ditches. There was no consensus on this.

4. Capital budget – D. Wilkie reviewed the capital budget, noting it was an attempt to begin development of a three-year plan.
 - a. The first item was the provision of streetlights. Costs from SaskPower are around \$400 each for lights to be placed on existing power poles but when new poles have to be put in place, it becomes very expensive – \$2,000 if wiring is already in place and \$4,200 if not. Wilkie researched solar alternatives and the options were to go with a very large streetlight, similar to a Saskpower light, at \$3,600 or a ten foot light for around \$1,200. There was some discussion and a general view that the ten foot solar lights would be a good option to try if new poles were needed. A vote was held.

Approved by show of hands: To put two Saskpower lights at the north end on existing poles and two more Saskpower lights on existing poles working southward in the Park in addition to a ten foot solar light at the boat launch and a ten foot solar light at the hamlet entrance.

- b. The next item was the filling in of ditch and moving of Loraas Bins. There was a question from Rod Semeniuk on the Loraas bins and the fees. It was decided to move the information item on the loraas bins that had been added to the agenda to the current discussion. Wayne Marino then explained about the tipping fee and that we get charged for a second bin. He asked whether or not we should lock one bin for November to May. Nancy raised whether we could we tell people to at least squish down the garbage. Paul raised drywall and Wayne said that it was him. It was agreed that we could put a sign on the bins with a few 'common-sense' rules and letting people know to fill the first bin before using the second. Deb K said she would do the sign if the board would provide the ruling. Debbie W will provide some wording to Deb K. There was general discussion that we should lock one from November to May but no vote was held. (This will be raised again for an official vote at the fall meeting.)

Wayne will talk to R.M. about whether we could get a coupon system for the dump.

Majority show of hands approved moving bins and re-levelling

- c. Community bulletin board at \$500. Collette – suggestion to just put one underneath. But the group then thought we need a free-standing sign beside the MacPheat park sign. Deb K is going to see if someone she works with is willing to do this for a couple of hundred dollars plus materials. Discussion regarding location. Consensus agreement to have it located west of the entrance on small incline.

Show of hands showed approval for community bulletin board.

- d. Fixing community well – This was on the capital plan for 2012, however D. Wilkie explained that after the copies were made, it was learned that the well was on Jim and Sandy MacPheat's lot, not on public reserve therefore it was being recommended that no expenditure be made for this.

N. Markwart said we need a well to sell property and someone mentioned that it was advertised. Lorraine said if there was a well then the province inspects on quality and there has to be a sign saying it's non-potable.

Wayne explained he had offered to help Jim and they will get together to pull the pump. Well will be fixed for free, but hamlet will not assume costs for this as it is on Sandy's property. Darcy Markwart also offered to help.

A question was raised about on doing an upgrade to the road that is on the east side of the hamlet. There was some discussion as to whether that is the R.M.'s responsibility. The road has been graded and it was decided to leave the road discussion for another meeting as it is quite costly and there are a number of issues with it.

- 5. Douglas Drive Street sign on south end of park. This sign has broken so the hamlet will order a new sign and Patsy will put it up. Merle asked if we could order a sign for the road going down the hill saying 'no thoroughfare' on the sign. There was no agreement on this
- 6. Clean-up day – Margaret Semeniuk asked if people would be willing to participate in a clean-up day and a show of hands suggested most people would be. Things to be done included cleaning up the weeds and putting in the dock. Date agreed on was June 16 at 11 a.m. with people gathering at the main beach. There was a question about rocks by the launch and what to do about them and this was not resolved. There was a discussion regarding whether we should put stairs in and it was decided to leave that decision until next year as there are already quite a few capital projects.

The Barbecue will be at 4 p.m. on the 23rd at the boat launch. D. Wilkie asked that people let her know whether or not they can attend so that she would have some idea as to numbers for picking up food.

Sandy Macpheat asked about the container on the beach. Verna Dowie said that is her wrecked boathouse. She is working on getting it removed.

7. Second 'guest' dock. The residents were asked if the old dock should be put in as a 'guest' dock. It was generally agreed that we should work on getting it out of there rather than re-using it. The Board agreed to do so, however will check with John Winter to see if he still wants it as he had expressed interest.

There was discussion regarding new boat dock and how we can anchor it. Paul, Dennis and Wayne will look at.

There was discussion as to whether we should do anything to prevent non residents from using the boat launch and it was generally agreed that this was extremely difficult to do and no action should be taken at this time.

8. Election of new Treasurer – Sandy MacPheat's term is over and she said she would be very happy to let someone else do the job.

Gale Marino nominated Margaret Semeniuk. Pauline Taylor seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received therefore Margaret was elected by acclamation and a show of hands showed support.

Margaret Semeniuk is the new Treasurer of the MacPheat Park hamlet.

9. Bylaws of R.M. and hamlet – R.M. has hired a bylaw officer and things will get stricter. An officer will be doing inspection. Two ten by ten sheds are allowed without permit. The R.M. will especially be going after unlicensed vehicles to do clean-up. A copy of the bylaw section on unsightly property was provided to meeting attendees. It was noted that the R.M. is now pushing forward with a case to increase the taxes on property that just has a trailer on it so that they are similar to property with a cottage. There was a question regarding whether or not we can make separate rules. As the hamlet is part of the R.M., unlike a town or village, we can't make rule that contravene the R.M.

10. Next community meeting. Group agreed that having a fall meeting is a good idea. Generally it was agreed that the weekend after Labour Day is a good day. The secretary will try to get community hall for that weekend and will let people know.

11. Taxation letter – Sandy Macpheat shared a copy of a letter being sent to the provincial government expressing concern about upcoming tax assessment. There was general discussion that likely it wouldn't make much sense to do anything about it therefore no action will be taken

Other - Merle asked about lot with barbed wire. It is at the south end of the park. Wayne will talk to Al to let him know about this to tell his brother about the issue and that he may be setting himself up for problems.

There was information provided about a well on a lot that is open and people should make sure their kids stay away from this as it is dangerous.

Wayne raised whether or not we should get a water tank in the park in case there is a fire. Rod suggested that we should be careful about fighting fire on our own as it is very hazardous. We should just leave it to the regular firefighting department. The water tank will be on the fall meeting agenda.

Motion for adjournment – Rod Semeniuk. Approved by show of hands. Meeting adjourned at noon.

Meeting Attendees (according to sign-in sheet and e-mail list)

Irma Pitkanen and Roy Jewell	Lorraine Laborge
Verna Dowie	Paul and Brenda Heine
Betty and Dennis Baer	Gail and Wayne Marino
Deb Kreklewich	Jeff Semeniuk
Nancy and Darcy Markwart	Russ Sensrud
Merle Sawatsky	Douglas Ridgeway
Drew and Debbie Wilkie	Patsy Garaluick
Pauline Taylor	Colette Garchinsky
Rod and Margaret Semeniuk	Brian Smith