

Agenda / Minutes

October 1, 2016

Towne Hall Meeting of the Organized Hamlet of MacPheat Park

Present agenda – Doug Clark

Approve AGM minutes – all

- Acceptance moved by Mrs Baer, seconded Nancy Markwart, all in favour

Review the financial statements

- Provided RM Financial Statement for MacPheat Park
- Now have \$49K with more coming in the new year
- Will spend some on roads and gravel this fall

Introduction of RM Councillors attending.

- Reeve Gilbert was in attendance
- Councillors Thompson, LaBatte and Kuderewko were in attendance and all provided valuable insights on various topics.
- We thank them all for their interest and participation

Review of discussion topics and collection of AOB. Prioritization.

1. Dust control on Douglas

- Since dust is caused by excessive speed, suggestions were offered as how to limit vehicle speed such as rumble strips
- Speed limits if observed is the best way
- rumble strips cause problems for road maintenance
- This is an issue for the people with homes on Douglas
- RM cost estimate for spray on material of \$7 – 10 / metre. ½ a km would cost appr. \$5K. Other Hamlets experience: \$13,000 for 3 Km of roads (Lignite)
- effectiveness of dust control depends on traffic volume
- grading will destroy control therefore grade before placement
- Show of hands was not in favour

2. Garbage bins / fence, location – snow removal

- Councillors noted garbage is still being hauled back to Regina

- Councillors noted new sewage lagoon not in operation yet.
 - Concern was voiced by residents over the \$100 charge on the tax bill. Councillors acknowledged that advance notice should have been provided.
 - We understand the issue that the RM faces and do want to manage control of our bins better but have no place to set bins within a fence due to land constraints within the park. We will ask the RM if locking the bins will be an acceptable substitute to fencing so that the \$100 surcharge can be lifted.
 - We will also request bins with plastic lids
 - Last request is to supply a "Lorass" bin to the park in the spring for spring clean up materials so that residents that have one or two items to dispose of don't have to travel to the landfill.
 - Request made to distribute a list of acceptable material deposits
3. Grass cutting / tractor / contractor
- Residents have asked the board to look for another grass cutting contractor
 - Current cutting contractor is no longer available
4. Signs – parking/park entrance/park sign at boat launch
- Discussed signs at some length but when asked for a show of hands for signs at the park entrance and boat launch the clear majority said "no".
 - Despite the "no" vote Merv Baer will have a look at and estimate what he could supply the signs for.
 - Jim and Sandy committed to sending Doug the signage material they have so it can be sent out to the MacPheat Park email list for all to review.
5. Gravel on Merle and James Bay and gravel and grading of boat launch hill
- Gravel has been ordered for Merle and James and should be spread on Monday October 3rd.
 - The boat launch hill will be graded and gravelled as well.

6. Land for parking vehicle/trailer units

- There seems to be no good solution to our boat launch parking problem
- Residents are cooperating to keep the area clear but non residents are parking without consideration for others, restricting vehicle movement and access
- some discussion on limiting access to MacPheat Park residents only. Boat launch is on public land and public access cannot be limited according to the RM office. Continue discussion at spring 2017 AGM.

7. All ER re-designation to Park

- The RM has advised that we can request a small change in usage to the ER within the park. We will submit, as we were directed to do, a request to change the ER to ER Park. This would allow us to mow the hilltop flat portion of the ER's so that they don't become unsightly.
- issue with changing designation to Park may cause a new set of rules and regulations to come into effect. A "park" has to comply with laws that are more expansive and restrictive than those applied to a "reserve"
- RM Councillor indicated a meeting is coming up that will communicate applicable laws for ER's and Parks.

8. Animal control

- Some park residents would like an animal control bylaw as they have been startled and approached by loose dogs. We don't know if the dogs are from within the park or not.
- By these minutes we are asking those who have dogs to keep them leashed so that we don't need to request a special animal control bylaw from the RM.
- RM Councillor indicated Hamlets can ask the RM for a bylaw. Whether or not a bylaw is enacted is at the discretion of the RM.

Additional Notes

1. Request was made to follow Robertson Rules in the case of financial decisions at our AGM and Fall Meetings. All agreed.
2. We are going to communicate with the RM regarding the following:
 - Garbage bins with plastic lids, locks
 - ER re-designation
 - Request a large Lorass bin dropped in the park in the spring for 4 weeks
3. Look for a new contractor for grass mowing
4. Look for another pier removal company
5. Suggestion made to install a grating alongside the concrete boat launch pad to reduce gravel material moving onto the concrete.
6. Suggestion made to look into a street light at the park entrance.
7. Request was made at the meeting for the RM to consider some maintenance to the road passing just east of the park. Councillors explained the concerns from their perspective. Doesn't look positive for action at the moment.
8. Break Wall/Boat Launch: RM Administrator has agreed to arrange a meeting with an engineering company to obtain advice on construction and cost. We will be called to attend the meeting. No indication yet of when this meeting will be. We will follow up after the fall election. A show of hands indicated that break wall is still a priority for the residents.
9. 2017 Annual General Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2017. Location to be determined.