



Minutes

Municipality of Thames Centre

Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee

May 7, 2024, 3:30 P.M.

Hybrid Council Meeting (Virtual and In-Person)

Municipal Office - Council Chambers

4305 Hamilton Road Dorchester, ON

- Members Present: T. Heeman, Chair/Council Representative
M. Smibert, Council Representative
J. Wischlinski, Community Representative
S. Williams, Community Representative
- Members Absent: K. Hallman, Vice-Chair/Community Representative
L. Barnes, Community Representative
- Staff Present: S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services & Facilities
J. Nethercott, Recording Secretary
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1. Call To Order

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Resolution# TDPAC- 03-2024

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: S. Williams

THAT the May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee be **APPROVED** as circulated.

Carried.

3. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

No pecuniary interests were disclosed

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution# TDPAC- 04-2024

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: J. Wischlinski

THAT the minutes of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on February 5, 2024, **BE RECEIVED**.

5. Committee Business

5.1 Discussion on Grand Opening

Discussion around the date and planning for the Grand Opening of the park

Discussion was held around the possible date for the event and it was determined that until the availability of some of the added features is determined no concrete date can be set. Direction was provided to Staff that the Grand Opening date be tentatively set for June 22, 2024 at 11 a.m.

S. Williams brought for an inquiry she had received about the possibility of hosting vendors as part of the Dog Park Grand Opening. There was discussion and it was decided due to the short time of the event and parking concerns to not have vendors.

S. Williams will be contacting the donors to provide an invitation to the grand opening once the date has been confirmed.

The Committee provided direction to S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services and Facilities to organize the grand opening.

5.2 Fundraising Efforts Update

S. Williams provided an update on the donations collected to date. Discussion was had around the last date for donations to be able to have their name on the recognition sign for the grand opening and Director of Community Services and Facilities said he would look into this and provide an update.

There was discussion around the fact that "I Love Thorndale" group had provided contributions and there was direction to staff to ensure they are recognized officially.

S. Williams requested clarification as to which benches are being used in the dog park, the Lion's bench or the staff sourced ones.

Chair Heeman recused himself from this discussion as he has purchased a bench.

After some discussion direction was provided that One Lion's Bench (at the request of purchaser) is placed out front of fenced area and two standard benches be placed within the fenced area.

Chair Heeman resumed the chair.

S. Williams reported that Franklin's Dog Spa will be donating a dog poop bag dispenser and that there has been a donation of red maple trees. Staff will be in contact with the tree donor.

5.3 Advertising at Dog Park

S. Williams reported that she had been approached about the possibility of advertising signs at the Dog Park. There was a discussion and staff advised that it would need to follow the current procedures already created for selling space at the baseball diamonds and other facilities.

5.4 Agility Equipment

J. Wischlinksy left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

The Committee discussed their preferences for the purchase of agility equipment and amenities with the donated funds for the park and ranked them as follows:

1. Picnic Table
2. Tunnel
3. Ramps/walking bridge
4. weave poles
5. horizontal bars
6. teeter totters

Direction was provided to staff to purchase whatever equipment they can with the funds available, within the provided list.

6. New Business

None.

7. Scheduling of Meetings

No future meetings scheduled.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Resolution# TDPAC- 05-2024

Moved by: M. Smibert

Seconded by: S. Williams

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:48 p.m.

Carried.