

Emo Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Phil Whatley, Arena/Parks Manager Jamie Booth, CAO/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer Crystal Gray, Public Works Superintendent Jason Smith, Administrative Services Clerk Ceri Schraa, John Laplante, Maria Fuhrer, Ken Brown, Guest Katy Esselink and Marni Redford.

Absent: Deb Degroot

Resolutions:

- 23-8** **Brown - Laplante:** That we hereby approve the agenda for Monday, May 1, 2023, Regular Emo Recreational Committee meeting.
- Addition to Agenda: Sports Field Fees
- CARRIED**
- 23-9** **Fuhrer – Brown:** That we hereby approve the Emo Recreational Committee April 3, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- CARRIED**
- 23-10** **Laplante – Fuhrer:** Be it resolved that Recreation recommends that soccer nets start to be replaced, at least two sets per year.
- CARRIED**
- 23-11** **Laplante – Brown:** That we hereby adjourn to meet again on June 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- CARRIED**

The Committee discussed the following:

Spring Fever Days:

- Donations/Sponsors revenue was \$3050, and expenses were \$1406.58.
- Leftover slushie mix will be kept for future activities.
- Substantial amount of popcorn kernels still available to use.
- Coupons aren't needed.
- Bouncy castles were well used. Four hours was plenty of time, possibly less time for next year as towards the end of the afternoon they were not used as much.

- Nestor Falls Marine expressed they would not share the space again unless there are some measures taken to stop kids from climbing all over the boats. Dividers could potentially be put up, would need a separate entrance to control this.
- Draw prizes – very well entered.
- The average child age was 12 and under. Generally 4- to 8-year-olds.
- For the future – have more games, would need volunteers to arrange and run them.

Soccer:

- More balls and bags were ordered by Maria.
- Jamie reports that we need at least four new 8-foot nets.
- Maria to arrange volunteers to help with lines at the Sports Field.
- John will spearhead the painting of the lines.
- Maria needs a key to the bathroom.

Baseball:

- 81 kids total registered.
- Ages 4-6, 2 teams for a total of 18 kids.
- Ages 7-9, 3 teams for a total of 27 kids.
- Ages 10-14, 3 teams for a total of 36 kids.
- The coaches are meeting on Wednesday to work out the details. Katy believes they will have enough coaches and volunteers for the season.
- Katy has been working on coaches' courses through the Soft Ball Organization.
- Helmets, chest protectors, balls and bats have been purchased.
- More volunteers would be required if they allowed further registrations.
- Potentially starting next Monday depending on field conditions.
- Katy needs keys for the garage and bathrooms.
- May need to get more keys cut.

Sports Field Garage:

- Lockers/cupboards need to be made for each sport to keep everything organized.
- Jamie and Matt started cleaning out the garage to remove items that were not usable.

Tennis Courts/Multi-Use Facility:

- History from the past minutes was provided to the Recreation Committee about the Tennis Courts and Multi-Use Facility along with Council.
 - a. Nov 18, 2020, Rec Minutes
 - b. Oct 7, 2020, Rec Minutes
 - c. Sep 10, 2020, Rec Minutes
 - d. Nov 6, 2019, Rec Minutes
 - e. Sep 9, 2019, Rec Minutes
 - f. Feb 7, 2019, Rec Minutes
 - g. Jan 29, 2018, Rec Minutes

- h. Mar 10, 2021, Resolution 7 – Township of Emo Council -Administration Report to Emo Municipal Council – Bridget Foster.
 - i. Jul 14, 2021, Resolution 4 – Township of Emo Council Resolution NOHFC Schedule “F” Multi-Use Facility Grant info.
- Maria reported that Cornerstone School is willing to go into an agreement with the town for use of their outdoor rink.
 - Ken expressed his frustration with the fact that the Committee keeps going back to the same discussion from 2 years ago when decisions were made for moving forward with the Multi-Use Facility.
 - Concern for people is maintenance costs.

Sports Field Fees:

- Ken wants to know why we charge \$150 for the baseball diamond and feels there should be no charge. This charge is for the season. The current rental is for 4 months which works out to \$25/month. This fee covers use of the bathrooms, supplies and any equipment used.
- Marni Redford expressed this was a very fair and low fee from her experience of renting other municipalities ball diamonds. The rest of the Recreation Committee agreed.

Facebook:

- Ceri asked Lori Ann to shut down the soccer page she had created.
- Any items will go on the Municipal Facebook page until a new page has been created for Emo Recreation.

Future Meetings:

- Meetings will be changed to the last Monday of the month to accommodate committee members' schedules.

Next meeting is June 26, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16 p.m.