

**Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

14 Blake St. Heritage Park – Livestream Township YouTube Channel

**Date:** Sept 12, 2022

**Start Time:** 7:01

**Present:** James Scott, Shelly Foote, Shawn Hughes, Kathy Shaw, Liz Moore, Andrew Barry, Steph Duchesne

**Regrets:** Ron Phillips

**Absent:**

1. Meeting Called to Order James Scott
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None
3. Acceptance of Agenda: Liz Moore, Shawn Hughes
4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Kathy Shaw, Shelly Foote
5. Business Items from Previous Meeting:
  - I. **Trunk Sales (Sept 10, 2022)**
    - 16 Vendors – lots of good feedback
    - Good traffic, Hot Dog Vendor seemed happy
    - Popcorn raised from money will go to the Powassan Foodbank
    - If possible and enough vendors next year vendors asked to move to soccer fields area.
  - II. **Spaghetti Dinner/ Movie Night**
    - Spaghetti dinner was successful – warming unit worked well.
    - Dishwasher worked well with a pre-rinse
    - Money raised will go to purchase garbage cans or benches for the park – total raised yet to be determined.
    - Lots of people attended the movie night even with it being chilly
    - Glow sticks were a huge hit with the kids
    - Next year we need to think about booking a second date in case of rain.
6. **New Business (Ideas)**
  - I. **Halloween**
    - Both Fire stations to be set up as a place for the kids to trick or treat – interacting with the volunteer fire fighters.
    - Times – 5:30 – 8:00 pm
    - Museum has offered left over candy
    - Template flyer to be used to reach out for donations of candy
  - II. **Further Development (Strat Plan)**

- Playground Stage 2 – Park Benches, Garbage Cans – Metal vs wood & suggested benches are placed on concrete pads
- Walkway from the municipal office to playground to aid in accessibility for wheelchairs
- Suggested seating for 15-20 possible picnic tables
- Bleaches suggested for watching soccer or other sports
- Fund Raising – playground places to sit (sponsors or donate) – Reach out to community Businesses
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- Gazebo – something to provide shade or a Pergola
- Suggested Portable Potty for both beaches (costs \$50 per cleaning every 2 weeks)
- Rink 5 year plan needed – concrete foundation , engineered roof to allow other events for example farmers market
- Suggested upgrading electrical and rink shack
- Storage needed as a high priority (expanding rink shack or possible Sea Can on Commercial property)
- Improved parking area (set out and detailed parking) sod & grass identified lines & Signage.
- More defined field area, level out & seed for better grass/
- **Community Center Thoughts**
- New updated tiles & tables – better sound & lighting
- Making it more retable is preferable – creating a book to show pictures of what it could look like – ask events if we could take pictures at an event
- Upgraded finishes – more permanence for council meetings – mike permanently installed & electrical in the floor.
- Rental amounts need to be looked at
- Possibly looking at better storage by removing bar area.
- **Thoughts for Fitness Center**
- One treadmill needs replaced
- Put in a suggestion box or ask members when renewing what they would like to see
- Thoughts are more weights are needed
- Keyless Entry system needs upgraded
- **Thoughts for Lynx Beach & Wolfe Lake**
- Remove building for more parking at Lynx Beach
- Washroom/ Change rooms are in rough shape and need to come down this year
- Extremely dirty and not nice to clean
- Discussed Portable Potty for both locations (bigger needed for changing)
- Recycling bins needed at Park & Beaches
- Thoughts on Lake Nipissing Rd & Chapmans Landing
- Chapmans landing will need attention in the near future – Lake Nipissing Rd in good shape currently
- McQuaby Lake – needs attention cement needs to come out and make it gravel

**7. Bottle Drive**

- To date approximately \$1800 raised
- Biggest Challenge is to stay on top of it and empty regularly
- Discussion around signing up to volunteer
- More structure needed to explain what is involved in sorting – Andrew, Shelly, Will & James to help create a document

**8. Next Meeting**                      Oct 3, 2022

**9. Adjournment**                      Liz Moore, Chris Johnson