

THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM #304
CITY HALL

AUGUST 8, 2019

2:00 p.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Councillor J. Herbert, Chair
B. McClure, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
A. Solsona
J. Lawrence, Director, Environmental Services
and City Engineer
D. Tarry, St. Thomas-Elgin Homebuilders

Officials

W. Graves, City Manager
A. Jefferson, Supervisor, Parks and Forestry
B. Pawlak, Corporate Customer Service
Assistant

Absent

H. Schraeder
J. Tucker, Urban Forester
P. Hontar

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES

Motion by B. McClure – J. Lawrence:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 2019 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Update: Parks and Recreation By-law

The City Manager advised that the Parks and Recreation By-law will be considered by Council on August 12, 2019 and discusses uses allowed at all parks and recreation facilities in the city.

The Chair lead a discussion on designated areas in the parks.

The members discussed water quality in the various parks, and potential impacts of allowing fishing and boating.

The City Manager advised that Council would consult with the Committee should any future changes be considered relating to permitted uses affecting environmental issues.

Fall Initiatives

B. McClure updated the members on the shoreline initiative and mentioned that there could be more planting done along the east end of Lake Margaret.

B. McClure noted that although there is some lawn mowing occurring around the lake, some areas are finally becoming naturalized.

Orchard Park Trail

D. Tarry advised the members that residents are cutting the grass on city property, backing on to Orchard Park Trail, which is severely damaging the meadow.

CONFIRMED _____ CHAIRMAN

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The City Manager suggested flyers being handed out to residents educating them on the significance of the butterfly meadow and that the land is city property.

Parkside Boat Dock

The Chair commented on the erosion of the Parkside Boat dock. This matter was referred to the Parks and Recreation department for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Sampling

B. McClure advised that the sampling is occurring monthly until November and that sampling would be undertaken every 2-3 years.

Fish Survey

The members agreed to remove this topic from the agenda, as the survey has concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

Canadian Environment Week

The City Manager suggested that the members come up with some initiatives that the Committee could take part in for Canadian Environment Week, taking place the first or second week of June each year.

The members discussed various initiatives including information talks, educational workshops, and a family night.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on September 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room #304, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned.