

HILLSDALE PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
7:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Gilbert Hall	Gail Hall
	Jim Drummond	Rusty McGinnis
	Tony Hope	Marc "Laddie" Ladouceur
	Mau Barbe	Reg Cowan
	Ron Belcourt	Tony Guergis
	Ian Bender	Jenny Richardson
	Allan Howard	Janet Yanuziello
	Brenda Stanley	

ABSENT:	Alf Bloomfield	Doug Ellsmere
	Tom Elliott	

Chairperson Gilbert called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
Members and guests were welcomed to the meeting.

Ian Bender, representing the Hillsdale Hotel Foundation spoke about their long range plans to do something with the old Simcoe House Hotel. The Foundation has a vision to restore this building to a condition that would demonstrate its history. They feel it could be a focus for activity in the village. They would need to raise money to restore the building.

They proposed having this building moved to the additional land that Springwater Township recently purchased. Springwater Township purchased this land with the intention to enhance the existing park. The Foundation suggested they might be able to rent out the building as a community center. Board members felt this was in direct competition with what we already do at the park.

The Foundation members also suggested they move the existing driveway to the park to line up with McFadden Drive.

The Foundation has the support of the Heritage Committee and is hoping to get support from Springwater Township and the Hillsdale community.

The Foundation is hoping to approach Council with their intent. They will need to have a viable business plan before they can proceed.

After a brief question and answer period, Chairperson Gilbert thanked the Hillsdale Hotel Foundation members for their presentation. Foundation members left before we began our regular meeting.

Board members discussed the proposal from the Hotel Foundation:
Mau moved that “The Simcoe House Hotel not be moved to Hillsdale Community Park”.
Seconded by Marc. This was carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from March 3 meeting

Moved by Mau that the minutes from March 3, 2010 meeting are adopted as circulated.
Seconded by Rusty. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

No report

Booking Report

Hall

Regular bookings continue.

Tues night Sparks & Brownies

Wed am Playgroup

Friday day Home School Group

April 10/11 Booked for Pancake Breakfast

Friday nights Girls Night Out (beginning April 16)

Wed afternoon Preschool Picasso (beginning May 5)

May 30 Baby Shower

Pavilion: Wed nights 7:30-9:30. Men’s over 40 Ball Hockey

Ball Diamond:

Beginning week of May 10

Mon, Tues nights Mixed League

Thurs nights Elmvale Men’s Fastball

Fri, Sun Nights Men’s SloPitch

Sign Committee Report

Invoices will be sent out in May.

Rink Committee Report

Boards and nets have been returned to the park. Agenda item for May meeting will be:
What needs to be done now to prepare the pavilion to have an ice rink there next winter.
Jim to get some advice from Ron about what’s safe and legal as well as ideas of costs.

Business Arising From Minutes

Gail to check with Alf and Doug to see if they want to remain on the Board. (Alf has agreed to stay on as Treasurer).

Gilbert & Gail attended Accessible Service Training at Springwater Township offices.

Reminder that spring clean up day is April 25th. Ron to have Township drop off a landscape trailer at park prior to clean up day so leaves and such can be put in it. Township will then take this yard waste away and dispose of it.
Reminder to teams that baseball rates were increased to \$250.00 per team for the season.
Gail to send letters to League representatives.

Pavilion Update

Pancake Breakfast

Jim and Laddie to meet at 2 pm Thursday to put up sign at road. Jim to pick up the letters.

Gilbert to pick up 3 grills from Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival (1 pm Saturday) and return them on Sunday.

Mau to pick up maple syrup from Tim Lalonde.

Gail to pick up donated orange drink from McDonald's Sunday morning.

Marc reported that all items were donated this year, but we may need to purchase some maple syrup.

There are a lot of people willing to help on Sunday including some students who will receive volunteer hours for their services.

Grand Opening

This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

New Business

Jim requested if we could get a couple of basketball nets for the pavilion. Ron to look into this.

Portable skateboard park will be in Hillsdale on Tuesdays in July (11 am to 7 pm).

We need to look into getting covers for pavilion lights.

Ron reported Township is planning on clearing out trees on lot they purchased, pulling out the fence line, and having an opening to access the park. They are also going to remove the scrub brush along the front of the park.

Retaining wall - all the wood is rotting. We need to look at replacing this wall.

Ron advised budget for next year will probably begin to be put together in September and we should have our requests in by then.

The outdoor water tap needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm.