

**Briarwood Community Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday Oct 10, 2017  
Briarwood Community Centre**

Present: Eldon Ortman, Jeff Taylor, Mark Planchot, Bruce Richet, Wally Leis, Nora Ortman, Liana Gaspers, Sarina G

Regrets: Prem Sharma, Shirley Zhou, Lou Anne Turcotte, Jordan Turcotte

Guest: Councillor Sarina Gersher

1. Call to order at 7:15 pm.
2. Approval of agenda – Motion by Jeff, seconded by Bruce.
3. Adoption of June 2017 minutes. Motion by Nora, seconded by Liana.
4. Welcome to Councillor Gersher.

Councillor Gersher provided some feedback on 35 Brookmore via Roger Bradley. He went during the first week of October to check the property out. There was a sump pump violation, which will be reported to the Inspector of Bylaws Enforcement. Councillor Gersher could not get into too much detail (privacy rules), but there is potential for new enforcement ability due to bylaw changes.

Councillor Gersher will be hosting events at Mystic Java on Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 13 at 6-8 pm to listen to concerns citizens might have. These are posted on her FaceBook. Eldon will ask Jordan to post on BCA website as well.

5. Business arising from minutes
  - a) Park Enhancement Grant

Bruce provided some updates. If we do not maintain any pond rink on Briarwood Lake then we need a surface around 100' x 100'. Only logical place for this would be on the soccer pitch. We talked about appropriate liners for this, as in, are breathable ones needed? This would prevent the grass from dying. Mark noted that COS has approved designs, so we would have to submit our design if it differs from that standard format. A concern is still finding a Rink Coordinator and volunteers to set up, maintain and demobilize the rink in spring each year. Due to the significant cost associated with the removable rink combined additional storage space, approval for expenditure would require membership approval at the AGM next spring. Due to this requirement, Eldon felt that we should continue with a pond rink for this winter although potentially scaled back from prior years due to the large amount of work required. We will update the

membership on our plans for this winter along with the limitations of the pond rink and solicit feedback on the proposed temporary rink near the Community Centre. Mark advised that if the earliest for a go/no go decision would be the AGM next spring then it may not be possible to complete the project in 2018, specifically expansion of the shed due to construction permits, engineered drawings, etc. required. BCA view is that this would not be a complex project and completion in 2018 should still be possible. However, delay of a decision by BCA may jeopardize COS funding although at this point no specific amount has been committed. Mark will update us on standard pond policies.

b) Crosswalk markings for Briarwood Road at Briarwood Park/Beechmont Cres

No new news. It was determined by CofS that zebra-lines were not needed. The city is monitoring the crosswalk to determine if any further action is required; this will be a complaint-based process.

6. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

7. Community Consultant Report – Mark Planchot

- report submitted prior to the meeting
- applications are open for Youth Grant of \$500 until November 15
- time to start thinking about a new Park Enhancement Grant – deadline April 30, 2018
- upcoming training workshops are free for executive volunteers
- Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health is teaming up with the Running Room to host a “**Zombie Run**” through Donna Birkmaier Park on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Mark gave us a tree inventory/condition update. Regarding the general condition of trees in the parks, Mark provided the following information from COS:

*“The park trees in question are black/mancana ash trees. Many of these ash trees in the city have been declining rapidly, mainly due to Cottony ash psyllid infestations. Urban Forestry is currently planning the removal of many of the black/Manchurian ash trees in serious decline. We will replant with other appropriate species of trees over the next few years.*

*We will need the publics patience as there are 1000 trees already planned for removal and replacement. This number is likely to escalate in 2018, unless we have a population crash of this insect over the winter. Please advise the **Community Association** that we are aware of the issue in the parks and on the boulevards and will be assessing trees each year and replacing as quickly as possible within our budget, equipment and staffing restraints.”*

Regarding the trees planted around the spray pad last year that were paid for by BCA, Mark advised that COS had inspected and suggested that the poor condition of trees may be due to poor soil condition and excessive water from spray pad. BCA feels that the poor condition is due to lack of watering even though COS provided assurance that trees were monitored and watered appropriately. Wally pointed out that we received significantly more rain in 2016 and

the trees did very well in spite of the spray pad also operating. Excess moisture typically results in yellow tree leaves rather than leaves drying up prematurely. COS will inspect the trees next spring and determine health at that time. BCA's position is that the trees need to be replaced this should be at the expense of COS as they were responsible for planting and maintaining.

#### 8. Director Reports –

- a) Various reports submitted prior to the meeting
- b) Bruce:  
A previous capital budget request was for a pathway/walkway for 8<sup>th</sup> street from Boychuck Drive to Briargate Road. Now that traffic is more intense along this stretch, we think such a move makes even more sense now.

The need for formal approval for dedicated park benches in the event of deaths was discussed. Mark assured us that such a move needed formal COS approval.

- c) Nora:  
Submitted. Financials currently show positive net income for the year however after payments to instructors for fall indoor programs and insurance we will likely show a loss for the year.

#### 9. Old Business

- a) Memberships are down a bit this year as there was no membership drive this year due to lack of Coordinator.
- b) Sask Lottery grant application for the BBQ have been sent to Shirley for submission.
- c) Nora noted that the payment for vehicles being used in a park are no longer online.
- d) Fall Fitness – changes in enrollment this year, but almost at break-even.
- e) Indoor Soccer update: 17 parents signed their kids up (a drop from about 134), but this was not enough for a Briarwood team. Liana got them all on other teams. But since some were quite dispersed, some parents wanted refunds. 14 eventually got linked with other zones. Liana mentioned some of the concerns arising from the rules by Stoon Youth Soccer (eg coaching workshops that require the person to pay, only parents allowed to coach, etc.)

#### 10. New Business

- A membership survey is being contemplated regarding the outdoor rink and other possibilities for indoor programs. Availability of space at the new school in Rosewood was discussed however at this point booking is not available due to the recent opening. May be possible to book space in future if we want to run programs requiring more space than the

community centre.

- the youth program grant was covered by Mark in his report; Nov 15 is the deadline. Last year, Rocks and Rings was well received. We discussed new ideas but no decision made.

- Amy Sturgeon (former Membership Coordinator) offered to coordinate a membership drive this fall. After some discussion it was decided that it is likely getting a little too late to run however if we can fill the Membership Coordinator position this should be reconsidered next fall.

11. Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14 at 7:15 PM.

12. Motion for Adjournment at 8:30 by Wally, seconded by Bruce.