

**Briarwood Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday Sept 5, 2017
Briarwood Community Centre**

Present: Lou Anne Turcotte, Eldon Ortman, Jordan Turcotte, Jeff Taylor, Mark Planchot,
Bruce Richet, Shirley Zhou, Wally Leis, Prem Sharma

Regrets: Liana Gaspers, Nora Ortman

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Approval of agenda – Motion by Wally, seconded by Shirley
3. Adoption of June 2017 minutes. Motion by Jordan, seconded by Jeff.
4. Business arising from minutes

a) Park Enhancement Grant

Mark discussed feedback from COS regarding our proposal. Three sites were proposed:

- Basketball Court:
 - a liner would be needed if the basketball court was used
 - significant elevation change from one end to another would result in large buildup of ice on one end – approx. 18-20 inches
- Ball Diamond
 - COS has rejected this site due to drainage issues which would have to be corrected at BCA expense
 - Given the proximity to community centre and relatively level topography BCA felt this was the most promising location. If the diamond has drainage issues this should be addressed by COS regardless of whether or not an outdoor rink is placed there
- Soccer Field
 - Relatively level site and with the liner there would not be a concern with damage to playing field, however distance from community centre would be an issue for water pressure.

Getting power to any of the three locations would be an issue as would require underground lines which would be very high cost. However, if rink does not have lighting then usage would be restricted to daylight hours.

We are short on storage, so storage expansion would be needed for boards and such. Zoning would not be an issue, but we would need building permits for expansion of the existing shed. A temporary shed on skids could be built. Mark shared some examples sheds used by other Community Associations.

As part of the storage discussion, Mark asked if setup of a temporary rink near the community centre would free up space in the existing shed. Eldon indicated that if we were to continue to maintain any skating surface on the Briarwood Lake (even a skating oval) the quad would still be required along with the front blade and sweeper. If we did not maintain any skating surface on the lake then we would not require the quad and attachments however we would require a walk behind sweeper to go along with the walk behind snowblower we already have. Bruce pointed out that if we did not have any skating surface on the lake then the temporary skating surface we are currently proposing may not be large enough and would not be suitable for hockey given the low profile boards.

Mark indicated that for construction of shed addition to happen next spring the permit applications should be done this fall. Construction of a temporary shed (separate building) does not require a permit if under 100 sq ft and we are not allowed to build larger than that. Eldon reminded the board that given the expected cost of this project approval would be required at the AGM next spring and as a result he was concerned with proceeding very far before then including incurring costs for permits. Wally expressed concern with proceeding with this type of project that requires not only significant BCA funds but would require significant volunteer support for setup, winter maintenance and teardown. Given the number of open positions currently on the board and challenges of getting support he wondered if we should consider not maintaining the skating surface on the lake this winter and see what kind of response we would get and if people concerned about not having the outdoor rink would be prepared to provide volunteer support to either the pond rink or the temporary rink we are proposing. As this discussion had taken significant time and there are additional agenda items to address the decision was made to shelve this issue until the next meeting so board members could consider further the issues we are facing.

Mark advises that COS may contribute funds to the project depending on final scope and costs.

b) Basketball court line painting

- the work has been done and Bruce indicated there was almost instant uptake by the public; a success!

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

- the city is monitoring that crosswalk to determine if any action is required ie: "zebra line painting". Eldon and Bruce reiterated BCA position that the crosswalk markings as they currently exist are extremely faint which greatly diminishes the safety factor which is why the crosswalk was requested.

5. Correspondence

One resident raised the issue of potentially fraudulent soliciting at the door (one instance). We will ask our Community Liaison Officer for advice. Mark will provide an email address only his phone number is available on the Police Services website.

6. Community Consultant Report – Mark Planchot

- report submitted prior to the meeting
- workshops are coming up
- Casual Networking Meetings are being scheduled as a way for better communications

7. Director Reports –

a) Various reports submitted prior to the meeting

b) Bruce:

The health status of our park trees was mentioned including the BCA trees by the spray pad. Urban Forestry will be contacted for advice. Bruce also noted that spraying of weeds b/n sidewalk cracks around the pond was undertaken near the end of July which was not observed before. Feedback will be sought as to the nature of that activity.

8. Old Business

a) BBQ update (Shirley)

- the East Indian group has been secured for entertainment; same location as last year
- we have some spots to fill at various stations
- the photo booth needs a new location (less windy); consider going indoors
- name tags and membership list (Nora) will be made available
- Nora will get the \$500 float ready

b) Gifts to past board members delivered

9. New Business

- the Fall Garage Sale will be taking place on September 9th
- Fall Indoor Fitness registration is open until September 22; instructors have been lined up

10. Next meeting will be Tuesday Oct 10, 7:15 pm.

11. Motion for Adjournment at 8:20 pm. Motion by Jordan, seconded by Shirley.