



Minutes: Area A Parks Commission Meeting
January 11, 2018

Present: April Tilson, Brook Adams, Sharon Arnold, David Keir, Director Kerry Davis, Bonnie Mills, Libby Connor and Nancy Crichton

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by April Tilson

Review of Directors report: The Director has presented his recommendations to the board for the establishment of a Parks and Trails Services Select Committee for review. The Regional Recreation Select Committee is in place and the results of their study have revealed the numbers of people using the various parks and trails and from which communities/areas they come. The funding and governance appear to be mismatched. The Director also suggested that in the spring, we visit the parks in our area to see where maintenance could potentially be minimized by allowing for native plant species to naturalize these parks, replacing lawns where it makes sense.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is working on a means for roadside pathways to be built in Electoral Areas. The director noted that the 2018 budgets were passed and that \$25,000 was added to Area A Parks capital reserves in anticipation of roadside pathways.

Discussion of Bright Angel Park Draft Management Plan:

It was noted that this is a 2017 to 2032 lease from the provincial parks and the park is in need of significant capital improvements. This park will continue to provide recreational use for our communities. It was noted BAP will not be sold to be sold to private group for development. Current budget for BAP maintenance is \$65,800.00, Area A contributes \$13,650.00 of that in 2018.

Review of the Volunteer Policy memo was reviewed and liability issues were well covered. There was a brief discussion on who volunteers for parks activities, clean-ups, improvements, etc. The policy seems to cover all potential volunteers, their activities, and what supervision is needed. It appeared to be comprehensive and allows for flexibility.

"Volunteer Appreciation Dinner". February date is yet to be announced.

It was moved that the Meeting be concluded at 8:00 PM.

Bonnie Mills