



DATE: September 22, 2015.

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE AREA E PARKS COMMISSION

held on the above noted date and time at Glenora Hall.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Frank McCorkell

Vice-Chairperson and Secretary: Gregg Shoop

Members: Howard Heyd, Francine O'Brien, Gretchen Hartley, Patty John

ALSO present: Alison Nicholson, Area E Director

ABSENT: Paul Slade, Mike Lee, Irene Evans (apologies received from each)

1. AGENDA: Approved with the addition of the last four items under NEW BUSINESS.
2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Area E Parks Commission meeting of June 9, 2015 be accepted as received. CARRIED.
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Glenora Trail Head Park – It was noted that approximately 300 members of the public participated in the 'Appreciation Day BBQ' on September 20th. Regarding the sandbox and slide, members were informed that the former had been installed, but the latter would cost approximately \$40,000 which is twice what had been budgeted, so it was recommended that a zip-line costing approximately \$23,000 be considered instead. Discussion followed, including concern about spending priorities.

MOTION: It was Moved and Seconded that it be recommended the zip-line costing approximately \$23,000 be substituted for the slide. MOTION CARRIED.

Eagle Heights – Director Nicholson reported that she had canvassed approximately 10 homes backing directly on to the park concerning the trees in question. Four were not at home (including the original complainant), one was a renter who preferred not to express an opinion, three were against their removal (citing that eagles roosted in them) and two felt it needed to be made safe or removed. The Chairperson also reported canvassing ten nearby homes along Dogwood and collected nine signatures (attached) supporting the removal of the two trees.

MOTION: It was Moved and Seconded that these results be reported to Brian Farquar, Manager, CVRD Parks and Trails. MOTION CARRIED.

Currie Park – The Chairperson reported that staff had estimated the cost of a septic field and flush toilet would be approximately \$35,000. The committee could not decide on a way forward other than to defer any decision until the matter was discussed in the context of the coming budget.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Parks and Recreation Information Binder : It was noted that these had been provide to all members of the committee and that they were a valuable resource.

Damage to Split Rail fencing at Glenora Trail Head Park: The Chairperson indicated this had been caused by a truck and trailer and referred to staff for repair.

Caromar Park: A member asked if and was told by others present that horse riding was permitted on the trails in said park. There was some discussion of the history of the park with a particular emphasis on maintenance issues.

Summer Students: The Chairperson reported with satisfaction on the work done at Glenora Trail Head, Currie, Eagle Heights and Sunrise Parks. In the last mentioned, the driveway had been improved, stairs redone and a dangerous rope-swing removed.

Boardwalk: The condition of the boardwalk above and east of Holt Creek was identified as being in a dangerous state. The committee ask that CVRD staff report this to B.C. Parks which is responsible for its maintenance.

5. CONFIRMATION OF DECISIONS: Motions identified above as Carried (regarding the Glenora Trail Head Park and Eagle Heights) were confirmed.

6. NEXT MEETING: Budget meeting (with staff): 7 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2015,
Glenora Hall;

November AGM (details to be decided).

7. ADJOURNMENT: It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Certified as Correct:

G. Ahoop

Recording Secretary

Date: *Sept 29 2015*

Chairperson

SR M. Conkall