



Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at noon

(minutes prepared by Brandice Bator)

Attendees

In attendance: Brandice Bator, Eric Bjornson, Nigel Kerr, Valerie Soltys, Julietta Hardiman

Regrets: Heather Howdle, Kristy Vermiere, Lawrence Bertram, Reghan Langston

Minutes

All members send following information directly to Valerie:

- full name
- mailing address
- residential address

Meeting time changed to 11:00AM on Tuesdays

Agenda rejections/additions:

- motion to accept agenda: Valerie, second: Nigel

Item 1: Adoption of March Minutes

- motion to accept: Eric, second: Nigel

Item 2: Admin assistant update

- Lawrence to put together description – push to next meeting

Item 3: Shop Local flyers

- printed and will go out soon
- surplus flyers will be delivered to store fronts that will have them
- South Mountain Press distribution?
- hope to do reprint with additional members

Item 4: New Memberships

- No new memberships or renewals in the last month

Item 5: Development at Otter Lake

- did a presentation for Eric to tell about project
- will Chamber be willing to support project?

Presentation by Trent, Gord, and Ben:

- must needed project – hard to find campsites anywhere
 - 25/180 acres will be developed, located up higher
 - treated water, sewer system, 50 amp service
 - development plan – there is already a designated area as seasonal recreational, public hearing is amendment to the development plan - moving it from that property over to the property looking at putting the RV resort
 - want water to come from the town, but capacity is limited from town. Treatment facility will have to go in – if going on town water, the development group would pay
 - trees and pasture on this land right now – 80 ft. drop to the lake – would build on top of hill. 300ft. from lake
 - tiered so that all sites will have a view of the lake
 - plant more and maintain existing trees
 - water runoff? Retention ponds? – engineers will have the last say on how to do that – already surveyed land
 - will be a lot of greenspace on the lots
 - no ATVs, but electric golf carts will be allowed
 - environmental impact assessment? - Confident that they won't be causing a problem, rather the other land use and development around the lake are causing the issues
 - will talk to Burns Maendel about Environmental Impact Assessment
 - timeline – ready to go as soon as we get approval
 - staged project or all at once? – hope to get as much done at once as possible
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- contacted Co-op for contractor's information – will be using things “from the area (Manitoba)”
- traffic – accessed from the road by the Hydro station – think traffic will be minimized because it will be a seasonal rental not daily short term rentals
- intentions to provide dust control going down that road? – depends on the RM
- don't intend to increase beyond 100 sites
- would like to plant a lot more trees on the property
- in-ground pool or fibreglass pool – would take pressure off the lake
- plan to put in docks, but would have to get approval from the province
- Brandice: there are still a lot of environmental concerns, were not forthright about the docks, need to do more work on the Environmental Impact Assessment
- Julietta: will there be mixed feelings from the other campground in Erickson?
- hard for the Chamber to take an official position – members can chose for themselves if they want to support or not support
- important to hear these presentations and pass down to members of the Chamber

Group Discussion:

- Nigel: it's an excellent project, very well thought out, will increase traffic, but from a Chamber perspective – we shouldn't be cherry picking projects that we're going to support/not support, should be looking for Environmental Assessment
- Valerie: the negatives always come up quickly, but the positive supporters haven't taken as much time to make their voices heard

Item 6: Swedish Cultural Days

- No discussion

Item 7: Ag Weather Station

- gave green light to province to set up station on north portion of chamber owned quarter
- talked to leasee – asked to not block access to field, but gave the go ahead to put it up

Item 8: Digital Marketing Workshop

- currently have 5 signed up, would be nice to have some more attendees
- Won't be a ton to set up – Eric will reach out to ADKs and finalize the number on Thursday morning
- Valerie will be at the Legion to open it up and put coffee on

Item 9: Leda Lake

- Steve Langston gave presentation to Clanwilliam-Erickson proposal as the Active Transportation grant requires municipal partner – agreed, but are not able to provide monetary contribution at this time
- Active transportation proposal submitted by Score store for Phase 1
- Closing registration noon on Thursday

Item 10: LED Sign

- Nigel brought forward proposal from Dave McDonald
- not strong support for pursuing the purchase of the sign
- will not be purchasing at this time, but open to future discussion about having it on Chamber land

- Meeting adjourned at 13:25