

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, September 16, 2021**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021, via ZOOM in attendance were:

**Committee:**

Norris Muth- Chairperson-Absent  
Tessa Antolick- Vice Chair  
Jerry Learn-Secretary  
Dr. Shawna Doerksen  
Connie Puckett  
Bill Keough  
Rob DeMayo  
Rick Tetzlaff-Absent

**Staff:**

Centrice Martin, Assistant Manager  
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary  
David Pribulka, Township Manager

Others in attendance: Thomas Ambrosia, Ferguson Township Resident; Nichole Mendinsky, HRG Representative; Tracy Strickland, HRG Representative; Laura Dininni, Ferguson Township Resident; BOS member; and Doug Lovisky, Ferguson Township resident.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Tessa Antolick called the Thursday, September 16, 2021 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**III. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

None.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Ms. Antolick called for a motion to approve the August 19, 2021 minutes. Ms. Connie Puckett moved to approve the minutes, Dr. Shawna Doerksen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. REPORT ON THE RECREATION, PARKS, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Tracy Strickland stated that the most recent update is that the HRG team plans to visit multiple parks and assess them. Ms. Strickland asked the Committee if HRG should do this alone or if members would like to attend. Ms. Antolick stated that if the team lets the members know when they will be doing the tours they will be able to attend if they are free. HRG representatives talked to Committee members regarding community engagements/community activities they can attend to engage stakeholders. Ms. Mendinsky stated that the Committee will receive materials to review and a calendar of events before the next meeting.

**2. SONGBIRD SANCTURARY PARK MASTER PLAN**

Ms. Centrice Martin stated that staff has put together a masterplan for Songbird Sanctuary. Ms. Martin noted that staff received community and neighborhood feedback. The Committee reviewed the plan and provided comments. Some concerns regarding providing more ADA accessibility and designation were discussed. The Committee also discussed placement of areas such as the pollinator garden.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF CECIL IRVIN PARK – PROPOSED PHASE 2.1 FOR COMMENT**

The Committee discussed the proposed phase 2.1 of Cecil Irvin Park which includes parking, amphitheatre, and walking paths. Ms. Martin stated that staff would like the Committee to

provide comment. These comments will go to the Township Engineer who will prepare a cost estimate. Once a cost estimate is finished this phase project can be added to the budget. Mr. Pribulka stated that in regards to the amphitheatre he would like to see as little demo as possible and a little structure with grass seating. Ms. Dininni stated that there is a lot of value in making sure the speakers face the fields and not the homes as some people will not like the noise. Mr. Thomas Ambrosia a home owner that abuts the park asked about the walking path location and if the path be elevated because there is a rain water pipe. Mr. Pribulka stated that if the path stays where it's located a culvert would be placed and maintained by the Township. Mr. Ambrosia also asked if the Township expects full utilization of an amphitheatre and asked the Township. Mr. Doug Lowsicky a home owner that abuts the park asked if the neighborhood will be engaged for the masterplan. Ms. Martin stated that community engagement and comment is a very necessary and important aspect in doing this and anyone in the public can attend these meetings.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **1. STAFF REPORT**

Included in agenda. Committee had no questions.

### **2. CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT – BILL KEOUGH**

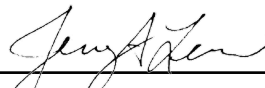
Mr. Bill Keough stated that the Authority will be rebidding the pool project to refurbish pools in the spring all bids that were received were over budget.

## **VII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Antolick entertained a motion to adjourn the Thursday, September 16, 2021 Parks and Recreation meeting at 6:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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JERRY LEARN, SECRETARY  
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE