

MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

Thursday, July 30, 2015- 9:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Martin Pepin, Chair
Councilors Brian Tapscott and
Martin Dumont.

Administration/staff present:
City Manager Bob Belmore
Director Dave Sharples
Police Chief Dean Crombie
Recreation Supervisor Kristen Ducharme
Deputy City Clerk Elise B. Brellis

Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Tapscott, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2015 meeting. The motion passed, 3-0.

CAMERAS IN CITY PARKS

Director Sharples reported on costs and feasibility of installing surveillance cameras in city parks. A good, cost effective system, available with either 4 or 8 channels, was selected to present to the committee. Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Tapscott made a motion to bring the discussion to Council. City Manager Belmore asked for clarification as to where data is stored, life expectancy of the system, where funding would come from and legal requirements for posting notice of surveillance. This will be sent to the Council for discussion.

MAST POINT DAM PROJECT UPDATE

Director Sharples reported that they are waiting for the wetland permit application. There is a culvert involved and they hope to complete both at once, hopefully this fall or next spring.

TIMBERLAND COMMUNITYSERVICE PROJECT

Somersworth is one of multiple communities that Timberland is considering for their community service project. They will bring in approximately 450 volunteers to do 4 or 5 selected projects. City Manager Belmore said that a team leader from Timberland met

with a group of city representatives on Monday and should make their decision by tomorrow. Somersworth improvement projects may include:

- Noble Pines esplanade
- Hand carry boat launch
- Pavilions at parks
- Recreation feature at Millennium Park
- Wooden playground at Millennium
- Unique water feature Jules Bisson
- Low elements course

Mayor Hilliard requested that the Recreation Committee give approval for the projects, if they are selected.

Councilor Dumont made a motion, seconded by Councilor Tapscott, to approve. The motion passed.

EAGLE PROJECT (GAZEBO)

There is an Eagle Scout, a student at the middle school, who is proposing to build a gazebo there at no cost to the city. The Mayor thought it might be better at one of the parks. All agreed that they would want to approve plans before any decisions were made to move forward. Councilor Dumont made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Pepin. The motion passed.

MISCELLANIOUS.

Drainage problems at the Pines were reported and will be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilor Dumont moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tapscott and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise B. Brellis, Deputy City Clerk