

Dunmore Community Association Special Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting hosted by Shevaun

Present: Nicole Johnson, Shevaun Perrault, Jody Phillips, Dawn Day, Scott Plouffe, Jenna Riess, Amy Edmonstone, Olivia Whenham, Angela Adbey

Meeting called to order by Shevaun at 6:30pm

New Business:

Grant Proposals and Projects Discussion – current summary of proposals attached.

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Grant Proposals & Projects Discussion – All

Shevaun informed group that LesleyAnn from the County e-mailed her to say that too many people were contacting her from the DCA. She wants one point of contact from our group, and all DCA related matters should be sent to her and she will forward them to the appropriate groups/departments within the County. It was decided the Secretary will perform this function going forward, and Jody will advise LesleyAnn of that, as well as summarize the recent activity to make sure nothing got missed.

Motion: The Secretary (Jody) will be the point of contact with the County by Shevaun

2nd by Dawn

The next Cypress County Council meeting is April 7th, and then April 20th. Dan told Scott that only 2 people from the DCA should attend, not the whole group. We are to introduce the new board of the DCA, touch on our plans, indicate roughly what our funding needs are. Presentation should be 15-20 minutes, and allow for an additional 10 minutes for questions. Olivia and Jody will attend.

Motion: Jody and Olivia will present on behalf of the DCA by Nicole

2nd by Jenna

Discussion followed about grants: \$50,000 for park under Structures Fund is not the same as the capital grant request to the County that we can make this year (2021). It was agreed that the CFAP grant that must be matched by 50% contributions will be targeted at the shelter project for next year since the funds aren't released (if successful) until November of 2021 anyway. The Canada Post and Co-op grants may be around \$5000 each, and would be used towards the shelter project. Olivia will check on whether we can use these funds for the same project as the CFEP grant or not (can't use government funds, but these may not be categorized that way). We can use County funds towards CFEP projects. Amy confirmed the CFEP grant can be applied for at 3 times a year (but only once per year). If we hit the May deadline, funds are disbursed in November, and we have 18 months to complete the project and submit our receipts and proof that the project is completed.

Shevaun spoke with a representative of the Hilda Association who recently installed a pump track. He reported on volume of dirt, 12 skidsteer hours, and 10 volunteers. Brief discussion ensued on using the potential Co-op grant and Canada Post grants to fund the track. Consensus was we don't have enough information yet to make decisions on this. Shevaun suggested we get in touch with the planner to get some hard numbers.

General discussion on capital projects other than the park and shelter:

Shack at the rink needs to be torn down, old bathroom removed and hole filled. Need a concrete pad to put a garage package on from Home Depot as opposed to free-form building a new shack. Scott will get quote. Noted that perhaps the County could supply dirt from their gravel pit to fill the hole.

Rink repairs badly needed, asphalt pocked and uneven, need gravel surrounding the rink to be replaced, boards have weathered for 15-20 years, nothing has been done in that time frame to maintain it. New boards cost around \$150,000. Scott is in discussion with a rink in Medicine Hat who is putting in new boards. We may be able to get the used ones at \$0 if we can provide the labour to help remove and transport them.

Discussion of landscaping – was noted that spending funds on landscaping wouldn't be advisable until underground sprinklers are installed and working or it would be a potential waste of funds. Group agreed to leave landscaping out of current grant discussions.

Discussion turned back to the state of the rink, and suggestion to combine the shelter project with the rink revitalization was had. Instead of doing a 20x30 shelter out on the prairie S of the rink, it was suggested we cover the rink instead because the roof could serve dual purpose...in winter, it protects the ice and makes maintenance of the rink much easier, and in summer it can serve as a community gathering place for Dunmore Days, kids programs, movie nights, rental income to help off-set maintenance, dances, etc... Scott advised the asphalt is in really bad shape, and we would need to pour new concrete. We can use the existing footprint, take out the old, pour new, and put a roof on it. Creating a multi-purpose space appealed to the whole group. Combining these 2 projects is fiscally responsible, and will benefit all ages of the community. Jody to re-approach vendors with new scope to get updated quotes. CFEP grant will be applied to this project.

Motion: Jody to speak to contractors and get quotes for covering the rink Nicole

2nd by Olivia

Notice given: Angela Adbey will be leaving Dunmore potentially in April, as they are moving.

Group discussions will be henceforth via e-mail and not the Facebook group. It is easier for everyone to follow e-mail threads. The FB group will be just for quick notices or reminders if needed.

Scott asked Shevaun to post an ad in the Dunmore Community FB page asking for volunteers to assist with the gopher blasting this coming weekend. Dan has borrowed it from the Seven Persons Association, and they will start at the baseball diamond and work towards the school track. Will need assistance moving sand bags around.

Next meeting: Wednesday April 14, 7:00 at Cypress Council Chamber

Adjourned by Shevaun at 8:21 pm

ATTACHED PROJECT INFO PERTAINING TO DISCUSSION ABOVE:

Summary of grants we are applying for and funds we have access to:

1. \$50,000 under the County's Structure fund for west side park improvements - unclear when funds would be available
2. \$50,000 applied for by the County on our behalf through Provincial Government (not guaranteed) - unclear when funds would be available if successful
3. \$undetermined amount to apply for CFEP grant - we must match 50% of project total (not guaranteed), the ask depends on what project we put forward - if successful, funds deposited in Nov/21
4. \$5000 Co-op grant (not guaranteed) -not sure when funds are dispersed if successful
5. \$5000 Canada Post grant (not guaranteed) -not sure when funds are dispersed if successful
6. \$23,000 approved funds to use in our bank account for capital projects (guaranteed)
7. \$2,000 (approx.) approved Covid relief grant (guaranteed)
8. \$2,000 (approx..) approved utility refund for overpayments (guaranteed)
9. \$12,000 Cypress County 2021 Operating/Small Pro Grant - for operating expenses + \$2000 to disburse to community groups (4H, etc...) (guaranteed)
10. \$undetermined capital grant request from County 2021
10. \$undetermined amount from fundraising initiatives this year

Summary of current projects and costs:

1. West side park (new equipment (\$40,601.40)), cleaning existing rock, new rock for smaller enclosure (\$18,850.65) = \$59,452.05
2. 20x30 Covered Shelter (shelter (\$37,645), freight (\$6,645) concrete pad (\$6,936), picnic tables (\$5,072), signage & eye bolts/chain (\$550) = \$56,848.00
3. Pump Track (\$5,000-\$150,000) depending on choices
4. Gopher Blaster for Ball Field (\$2,895-\$3,175) depending if it's on sale at time of purchase
5. Rink Repairs (new liner, new asphalt or concrete, remove bathroom, fill hole, tear down and replace shack, possibly getting used boards from Med Hat, transport, -still need cost estimate)