

**White City/Emerald Park Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

Start of Meeting: 7:00 p.m, White City Library

Board Members:		Present:
Rosann Semchuk	Chair	✓
Lana Lafontaine	Vice-Chair	
Arlene Janzen	Treasurer	✓
Nanette Marquart	Secretary	✓

Other Attendees:	
Mika Lafontaine	(Football)
Allie Fenson	Newsletter Editor ✓
Travis & Tanner Ferstl	for dirtbike park

Committees:	*funded committees	Present:
Playschool*	Nanette Marquart Owen Bertram Lorelei Hall Stacey Andres Candace Giroux	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
(also Cityview Skating Club)		
Ringette*	Karen Ruecker	✓
White City Library*	Melanie Hladun	
Dance*	Alana Baht	
Drama*	Lana Lafontaine	
Newsletter / Soccer (TAYSA)	Dale Schaeffer	
Football	Rob Kosteniuk	✓
Zumba Fitness	Kara Lachance	
Town of White City	Shauna Bzdel	
RM of Edenwold	Wayne Joyce	✓

Members at Large:			
Sharon Martin		Lena Ong-Gross	Antje Nameth
Colleen Gill		Shirley Pfeifer	Kyla Warnecke
Natalie McAmmond		Debbie Morris (Dog School)	Linda Beauparlant
Deidre Barnard			

1. Minutes from November meeting: accepted

2. Community Directories

660 directories were distributed to local businesses such as Okey Dokey's, Ringette Assoc, Cocobeans, Playschool, Library, Town Office, RM office, Dance. Approximately 2/3 are sold. The actual cost of printing the directories was \$4.95 and we charged \$5.00. There was concern that this price point does not assist in making this a fundraiser. The sale price was originally set at \$5.00 based on a projected \$3.00 printing price.

ACTION: Arlene will talk to Dale and then report to Rosann her findings.

3. Community Centre Usage

With Dance moving out of the Community Centre, the hope is to continue using the centre for local events. One idea was to have a floor hockey night. The concern is that if it gets booked up with a 'non-local' event, it would give local clubs/events difficulty in finding space to hold their activities.

Mobile Playground is currently booked at the Community Centre for the first week of July 2012.

4. Newsletter Editor's Report

Allie is waiting for a response from Jody Bzdel for her profile and will look into it. Rob Kosteniuk's profile was great in the December newsletter.

She will interview her father (RCMP officer) regarding speed issues in the community and look into writing something on the new RCMP detachment going in by Communiskate. Allie will also look into putting the RCMP crime report that the Town currently puts in their minutes, into the newsletter.

Allie will write something about the availability of Executive positions within the Parks & Rec Board.

The blog idea that Rosann had suggested at the October meeting has been cancelled.

5. Fundraising and/or Community “Fun” Events

Christmas Light Tour, Dec. 20 & 21 – Arlene will contact local businesses to secure first, second, and third donated (or purchased, if necessary) prizes. Contact Arlene if you want to assist with judging.

Movie Night – same issue brought up – who has time to organize? Would families attend as many are busy enough as it is. Tabled.

in motion Community Pledge Challenge – brought to Heather Calvert’s attention (as chair of school committee) and no interest was shown in partnering with Parks & Rec.

A garden club has been started with the first meeting to be December 7 at 34 Hummingbird Bay. Subsequent meetings will be held at the library.

6. Dirtbike Park

Travis Ferstl wants to move forward with the dirtbike park but wants to ensure that all concerns are dealt with prior. He recognized the two main concerns Parks & Rec have about the park: wind blowing dirt and the aesthetics of the park.

Travis stated that the jumps/trails would be packed down dirt and the sides of ramps/jumps and rest of the park would consist of grass. This would lessen the blowing dirt concern. This also addresses the aesthetic question. At this early stage, it was suggested maybe the Town could maintain grass, but this is to be discussed.

Location proposed is south of the ball diamond (former RCMP proposed site) and would be approximately 60’ wide by 150’ long with 4-5 jumps on an oval track. 2-3 trees may have to be removed at this location.

This location is within range of staying away from homes. It will be for bicycles, not motorized vehicles. Nonetheless, there should be a meeting/consultation with stakeholders to get their views noted and try to mitigate concerns.

Ben Kuzmicz has offered free dirt for the park. Bobcat services and sand will all be donated. The designs and structuring is up to the kids working on the project and will be progressive so that many age and skill levels would be satisfied.

Western Cycle is very interested and would also like to help design.

\$5,000.00 is a rough estimate of the total cost, but this depends on how they can get water. Is it possible to hook into the water the ball diamonds use?

Discussion on safety fences to keep out motorized vehicles and safety signage ensued. Travis wants lots of input to make sure all concerns are dealt with.

They will be asking the Town for the site approval and would like the Rec Board to help financially. Rosann requested a funding request. We support the idea, but would like an ask.

Travis will also do a proposal to the Town and the Dept. of Hwys.

7. Magnetic Sign

Wayne reported that as a winter project, the RM is building a couple of signs likely similar to the portable magnetic ones. The hope is that Parks & Rec will be able to utilize the signs for their advertising if not being used by the RM for their own needs. Karen Ruecker was notified to discontinue her search for a magnetic sign to purchase.

8. White Butte Planning Committee

It is made up of 5 municipalities: RM of Edenwold, Village of Edenwold, Pilot Butte, Balgonie and White City. One sub-committee is a Rec Committee with the first meeting on December 7; members are councilors. Other sub-committees include public works, water and waste water and fire commission.

9. Roles/Responsibilities of Executive

Nanette will continue to do research.

10. Committee Reports

Playschool: Fall Raffle raised approximately \$800. Christmas parties take place on the 12th and 13th.

Ringette: No rep, but it was reported that the tournament this past weekend went well.

Dance: No rep.

Library: No rep.

Drama: No rep.

Football (Prairie Minor Football Association): Made \$3800 for cabaret. The limo bus providing rides home was a big hit.

Zumba: Corleen is looking to hire another instructor in White City to assist her. They are also looking to add a couple more classes in January.

Tae Kwon Do and Pilates: were interested groups in joining Parks & Rec, but no representatives showed up to provide information on their clubs.

**Next meeting – Tuesday, January 10 @ 7:00 pm
Town of White City Library**