

**White City/Emerald Park Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 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:	

Committees: *funded committees		Present:
Playschool*	Nanette Marquart	✓
Ringette*	Karen Ruecker	
White City Library*	Melanie Hladun	
Dance*	Alana Baht	
Drama*	Lana Lafontaine	
Soccer (TAYSA)	Dale Schaeffer	
Football	Mika Lafontaine	✓
Zumba Fitness	Kara Lachance	✓
Town of White City	Scott Schultz	
RM of Edenwold	Wayne Joyce	✓

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

1. Minutes from February meeting:

Notes were taken by Rosann and Arlene – they will be sent out shortly.

2. Playground

The Fernwood playstructure has been purchased and installation has been scheduled for the May 28 weekend. Two other structures will be ordered and installed this weekend as well:

- Splash Park structure – to be approx. \$28,000
- Emerald Ridge swings – to be approx. \$3-4,000.

We have approx. \$30,000 available and we need to pay \$3,000 per structure for installation.

Concern was raised as to the amount allotted for the Splash Park play structure. An amount was not settled on as more discussion is necessary between Rosann and Arlene on the matter.

ACTION: Arlene will check to see what can be added to the Emerald Ridge Park – thoughts were for a set of swings including baby seats and regular swings.

ACTION: Arlene, Rosann and Shauna Bzdel will meet/discuss play structure issues. Kyla will be informed of or involved in the conversations as she has been instrumental in the planning of the Fernwood structure.

ACTION: Arlene and/or Kyla will scan the proposed play structures for each area and send it to all on the Parks & Rec email list.

ADDENDUM:

Rosann: "As a follow-up to our discussion Tuesday regarding funds available for playground equipment, Arlene is reporting that we have about \$44,000 in our Bank account and our grants this year total \$29,000. So that gives us a grand total of \$73,000.

The proposal at this week's board meeting was to spend about \$28,000 on Splash Park playground equipment/benches and about \$4,000 on a swing set for the Emerald Park playground (on the bike path).

We urgently need to order the playground equipment for these two parks in order to meet our planned installation date at the end of May. If you have any objections to this plan, please let me know asap."

Arlene: "I assume that everyone knows that there are two picnic tables with attached benches and a bike rack at the Splash Park. This was paid from the fundraising efforts for the Splash Park. I went to the Emerald Ridge playground site this morning and it appears that there would be sufficient room for a swing set that accommodates 4 (- 2 small basket seats and 2 larger children's seats)."

3. Bottle Drive

The ad in the newsletter has worked well with over \$50 brought in. Arlene collects the bottles and turns them in.

Discussion ensued whether or not Parks & Rec should commence a community bottle drive as a fundraiser. Some thought it was more of a student/child activity. The idea of the Town considering listing which group is doing bottle drives when and posting it was brought up to attempt to reduce the potential for saturation. Could it be coordinated to be published in the newsletter?

ADDENDUM:

Carla Ferstl (Town of White City), in conversation with Arlene, indicates that the Town can put the bottle drives onto the website calendar when notified and could also put a notice on the Community Board by the Post Office if asked to. This will be the extent of the Town's involvement. Arlene has also asked Carla to email her when she is notified of a bottle drive so that Arlene can submit the info to the newsletter.

4. Skateboard Park

Rosann believes that \$90,000 has been approved by the Town towards the skate park. No word has yet come from SaskWater regarding threshold limits for proposed skate park location.

ACTION: Rosann will email Scott Schultz to check on the status/validity of this.

ADDENDUM:

Rosann: "In terms of the Skateboard Park, I spoke to the Mayor earlier this week and the town is very interested in providing funds to us for that, however they have not finalized the budget yet. So we are in good financial shape in terms of still having about \$40,000 for skateboard park or other purposes after the three playgrounds (Fernwood, Splash Park and Emerald Park) are installed."

5. Garage Sale

Will be held May 5-7. The Town is very supportive of those holding garage sales purchasing a space on the current maps to advertise their location. An ad will cost \$10 and they will receive a bag of balloons and a chance to win a prize (undetermined at this time). The maps are those created by Dale. The garage sale maps will be available at local businesses and post office bulletin board. Those wanting to buy an ad space can do so at the library and at the Town office.

6. Community Directory

Arlene is selling ads and it is going very well. Natalie reported there were 180 emails with new/updated information. She will pick up any dropped off at the library and will be in contact with Dale on how to get the information together. The hope is to print the directories in June.

7. Riders in the Park

It was agreed that Parks and Rec would partner with Football to host this event provided that Prairie Storm are not holding it again this year. Rosann is waiting for word to see if Prairie Storm has any interest. If Parks & Rec and Football were to hold the event, we would want to do so in August or September.

ADDENDUM:

Rosann: "Regarding Riders in the Park, Football is interested in partnering with us as Prairie Storm is not doing it this year. Before we fully commit and start booking screens, etc, I'd like to get some indication of whether you or anyone you know could help out. My goal is to get a core group of about eight planners (from Football and this board) and then we'll need an estimated dozen or so at the event. If you are interested in helping out, please let me or Mike Lafontaine know."

8. Newsletter

Lisa Hood is no longer the editor due to other commitments.

9. Mobile Playground

We received the grant for this to happen this summer. It will likely be the first week in July.

ACTION: Arlene will book the community centre and look into hiring Rebecca back again.

10. Grants

We received the \$300 for the newsletter grant from the RM of Edenwold.

11. Committee Reports

Playschool: Going smoothly and well.

Ringette:

Dance: Costume fittings this week. Competitions coming up in April.

Library:

Drama: Drama camps are a go, with a few adjustments. All camps run until noon on Friday and not 5 pm. Lana could not get the Community Centre until this time. Lana requested the drama camps get into the newsletter. Also, note the Teen Week with a guest from Combat Improv in Regina.

Football (Prairie Minor Football Association): Will be an affiliate to RMF. Will be starting bantam program (13-14 yr olds). Currently using Meadow Park but still have field issues; looking into using soccer fields and/or working with Greenall High School. Currently have 1 atom, 1 peewee and 1 bantam team.

Zumba: Taking registrations for new sessions Wednesday, March 2. 30-40 people have been attending and likely most will resign up. Classes run Wednesday and Thursday evenings. No children's class yet.

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 5, 2011 – 7:00 pm – Town of White City Library