

**CENTREVILLE & DISTRICT PARK & RECREATION ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors & Committee Meeting**  
**Centreville Community Hall**

**Date:** February 6, 2019

**Attendance:**

**Executive Members:**

President – George Graves, Treasurer – Neil Prince, Secretary – Joy Acker

**Board Members:**

Suzanne Trudeau, Michael Foote, Clarke Lent, Bev Greening, Aaron Dondale

**Others:**

Marg Kaizer, Pauline Raven

**Absent:** Vice-Pres – Helen MacDonald

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President George Graves.

**Next Meetings:** February 20th – Area Rate public meeting  
March 20th – Regular monthly meeting

**Review of Minutes:** The Minutes from last meeting, January 9, 2019, were accepted as presented with the following correction: *Centreville Post* should read *Centre Post*. Moved by Mike and seconded by Clarke.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Neil indicated a bank balance of \$10,503.87 with a deposit pending of \$8,750.40 cheque from Municipality of Kings area rate from Oct 2018. Total balance: \$19,254.27.

Items to be paid – parking lot fence work and wood chips, both to be paid by March 31, 2019.

Some discussion concerning positioning of a fence by road and use of rope rather than wire fencing.

Neil indicated looking to speak with NSCC horticulture department re: obtaining a student starting in April for a 6-week period for on-the-job training. They would be looking at mowing and Fire Smart items – most second-year students would be going to golf courses/landscaping jobs and first-year students would be unpaid.

The grants for summer students through CRA are now leaning towards more traditional jobs, i.e., trades – electrical, carpentry, plumbing, so our grant application was more involved and an hourly rate of \$14 was used.

Neil has also applied for the Festival Grant (Centreville Day) which is up from \$500 to \$1000.

Treasurer's report moved by Mike and seconded by Clarke.

**Area Rate:**

- Agreement to put \$5000 aside in separate account for capital projects.
- Agreement to put \$2500 into trails this year from Saxon St to Oz Ward's house – Hugh was pricing crusher dust and may go with him to get more bang for our buck.
- \$6 – 8K spent in yearly maintenance for park.
- Looking to get money from maintenance grant to repair/replace netting for large ball field.
- Discussion re obtaining tractor in the \$15-20K range- would need to be small enough to fit into existing building with 7' door – would require loader and possibly cab. If we were to obtain tractor than a lot of the

maintenance that we pay to have contracted out could be done by ourselves at less cost. Mike to investigate costs.

Pauline provided copies of items to be mailed to homeowners as well as posters.

**Active Trails Project:**

- Discussion re: having three park members and three CDCDA members – not necessarily directors.
- A monthly update would be provided to each group to keep everyone up to speed on development.
- Trails to be maintained by park, as we are the only ones with public funds from Area Rate.
- Decided park would be sponsor with support of CDCDA.

Aaron Dondale made a **motion** that Mike Foote, Marg Kaizer and Aaron Dondale be members of the Active Trail Committee and alternates of Joy Acker and Clarke Lent to attend in their absence or whenever they wished. Seconded by Bev Greening. All in favour with one against due to maintenance responsibility of small group. Motion carried.

Aaron Dondale made a **motion** that Centreville Park Association be the sponsor of the Active Trails Project in partnership with CDCDA. Seconded by Clarke Lent. All in favour – motion carried.

Aaron then gave an outline of the project:

- to plan trails in Centreville
- three students from Acadia to come for three weeks to assist with planning of trails on French Road, DAR rail bed, paths to Ellsworth and other subdivisions to join community with existing paths as well as positioning of crosswalks – basically building on existing infrastructure: they will be able to provide accurate GPS readings
- obtaining easements across properties
- putting signage in place and, once initialized, to get sponsors for those signs, i.e., local businesses for a fixed period
- conversations with landowners to outline our project
- timing of announcement to community so that the right thing is said at the right time in order not to create negative feedback.
- could be up to 20 km of trails in the area over a protracted period of time

**Other:**

Suzanne questioned students' role – Pauline explained they would provide us with a plan/document outlining how we can proceed, which we could use to apply for grants in future. Also would provide us with distances from point A to point B for people who wish to walk/bike trails and provide an alternate option to driving.

Clarke advised we needed to do a better job of obtaining pictures on an ongoing yearly basis so we would have them ready for Area Rate next year.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 – moved by Bev, seconded by Mike.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Acker, Secretary