



MIPRC Minutes - July 9, 2014

The July meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 and was called to order at 3:19 pm.

Present: Jerry Wise (Chair / Secretary) Peter Askin Jerry Betker
Veronica Euper (via telephone)
Absent: Dennis Akey Bill Duggan Liz Howard

1. **Quorum:** Unfortunately there was not a quorum present.
2. **Guest:** Al Cannon, who has applied to fill a vacancy on the Commission, was an invited guest. We will wholeheartedly recommend to the CRD Board that Al be appointed to fill the vacancy in a term ending this year – December 31, 2014.
3. **Correspondence (in-coming):**
 - I. A Letter from the GreenAngels Woodchoppers on Pender Island was received offering a donation of \$1,200 for the MIPRC to purchase two high quality weed eaters.
 - II. A copy of a letter to the Garden Club from John Aitken was received. In the letter he offers to put together a group of volunteers to maintain the Emma & Felix Jack Park.
 - III. An emailed proposal from the MI Conservancy was received with information concerning their “Anchor Out” program
4. **Correspondence (out-going):** a letter was sent to the GreenAngels Woodchoppers group thanking them for the donation.
5. **Items arising from old business:**
 - I. Jerry W advised that preparations are underway for the Volunteer’s Appreciation BBQ scheduled for August 21st and that Bernadette Ponsford and her catering crew will be providing assistance.
 - II. Jerry W also advised that negotiations are still on-going with SBA Canada concerning access through a corner of Plumper Pass Park to their newly acquired property at the summit of Mt. Parke.
 - III. We have heard from multiple sources that the ice cream served at the Canada Day Celebrations was a big hit.
6. **New Business:** the Mayne Island Conservancy’s “Anchor Out” initiative was discussed. The program seeks to educate boaters about the damage that can be caused to eel grass beds by poorly placed anchors. The Conservancy is asking for permission to attach small (12” x16”) educational signs to existing posts close to the foreshore in 3 Parks located at Miner’s Bay, Village Bay and Dinner Bay. A decision was made to allow the signs in Miner’s Bay Park and Village Bay Park but not in Dinner Bay Park as just about all of the vessels anchored in Dinner Bay are owned by residents who use permanently placed mooring buoys’.

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7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending July 9, 2014 for information purposes only.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B – the newly revitalized putting green is getting lots of use and very positive comments. The horseshoe pitch has been completely rebuilt using pressure-treated 4" x 4"s and also the stairway to the beach has been strengthened and the special non-skid matting installed. Two loads of wood chips have been left by the crews currently on-Island to trim tree branches close to the Hydro lines. Eric Thompson, a volunteer, has managed to re-paint the flagpole and he finished in time for the Canada Day celebrations. Also, Mark Aitken brought his Bucket Truck to the Park for use in installing a new pulley at the top of the Pole along with the rope line. The large mower head on the tractor is showing signs of some cracks that will need welding. One weedwacker has been repaired and the portable stage is now deployed.
- II. Japanese Garden – no report but Jerry W reported that sponsor / donors are lining up to support the fence panels being installed around the new Zen Garden. Also, solutions are still being investigated on how to remove the build-up of silt at the bottom of the pond.
- III. Miner's Bay Park – no report but Jerry W advised that Matt Taylor has done a superb job in uncovering the septic tanks, servicing them and then installing new risers for future access. He removed a heavy load of clay that was on top of the tanks and replaced it with a layer of drain rock and then good quality soil. As there is a space of approximately 20 feet between the west wall of the Library and the edge of the tanks, it was decided to advise Tina Farnilo and the SGIAC that they have the go-ahead if they want to hire a designer to come up with some initial building extension ideas any and all of which would be subject to our approval.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network – no report but Peter mentioned that he is having a hard time keeping the racks filled with our new Trail / Hiking map and brochure. They seem to be a popular item.
- V. Village Bay Park – no report but Al advised that he is more than willing to continue helping to maintain the Park and assist in other areas as needed.
- VI. Emma & Felix Jack Park – no report but Jerry advised that John Aitken and his friends are indeed mowing and trimming the grass. This is a welcome development.

9. **Adjourn:** the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

The next meeting is a double purpose event and will be held on August 13 commencing at **5:00 pm at CHURCH HOUSE** starting with a supper meeting to consider applications for recreation funding and then followed by our regular monthly meeting.

