TOWN OF GANANOQUE

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Alex Mitchell

In Attendance

Patti Cockerham, Patty Jansen, Joe Jansen, Theresa Donavan, Murray Higgs, Jane Clark, Brynn Glover.

Sierra Williams-Selby.

Regrets: Suzanne Rivard, Shannon Griggs, Jill Kellogg

No Correspondence

Topics of Discussion:

Chair Patti Cockerham had invited T.L.T.I. Recreation Coordinator James Marelli to join the group. Unfortunately he did not attend.

<u>Update on Youth Friendly Community – GISS Students</u>

They have prepared a survey to give to their fellow students. This is one of the criteria towards applying for Gananoque to be recognized as a Youth Friendly Community.

A suggestion was made to find a way to include Gananoque Youth who are attending Regi in the survey as well. Perhaps via an online survey option.

The ladies have met with Mayor Demchuk and they have her support. Sue will be attending the PRO Forum in March and will gather any information that might be useful.

Beach Volleyball

Sean Stewart, Patti Cockerham and Sue Smith met last week to discuss the possibility of adding beach volleyball courts in the community. Unfortunately, Gananoque has limited space and although they could not consider the 12 – 16 courts that would be needed to host tournaments we do have space available on the Steel Workers Park property to install 2 or 3 practice courts which could be used by the community. Chair Patti Cockerham is preparing a Community Grant application for submission to Grants Committee.

Sean has informed us that he is in contact with a couple (professional volleyball athletes) who summer here and who would consider running volleyball camps and assist with the organization of a league.

We will suggest that perhaps the Township might be interested in taking on the project of creating a tournament site for Volleyball. There is a definite revenue stream attached to this.

Concussion Seminar

Jane informed the committee that a concussion seminar is planned for Tuesday March 5th at 7:15.

The seminar will be held in the cafeteria at G.I.S.S

Every is asked to pass the information on. Sue will post it on the electronic board at the Recreation Centre.

Program Guides and Senior Program update

Sue provided copies of the new senior program guide as well as the youth guide. Jane will take some back to the high school for distribution. Sue has delivered guides to all of the primary schools in Town as well as the Township.

The newly developed senior programs seem to be well received. Sue will be asking the organizers of each of those programs for a small report to be included in the final grant report to the Ministry in March.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: April 7 – 6pm, Recreation Centre