

## **Minutes of the Trails and Trees Advisory Committee**

August 13, 2015

**Present:** Rick Dunn, Peter Murray, Doug Bickerton, , Jim Garrah, John Cornish,

**Regrets:** Dwayne Fletcher, Angus Ferguson

**Guests:** Pam Hart, Marion Sprenger , Chris Wagar

### **Combined items:**

**Peter Murray, Chair, welcomed the guests and asked that the agenda be approved. Moved by Doug and seconded by John. Carried. The minutes of the previous meeting were moved as acceptable by Doug and seconded by John. Carried**

**Chris Wagar then briefed the committee on his finding re: the Steel Workers Park and indicated that it now was possible to add berms and plant additional trees. As well, he had followed up on the donation of 30 red maple, hard maple and oak trees via Mark Cullan at \$30 transportation per tree, using monies normally allocated to purchasing the annual 15 or so trees. Chris indicated that he is committed having Gananoque Works folks plant these trees in October and the T&T committee will recommend the locations to plant. Advertising in the paper for locations was discussed. This repeat offer from Cullan is open for several years. Chris indicated that in order to pour sidewalks on Elizabeth Street a Maple tree needs moving. The committee advised him re: the correct way to handle this.**

**Pam Hart of the Bay Road Citizen's Committee, then spoke to the T&T committee updating them re: the group's presentation to council. She indicated the citizen's group willingness to participate in the 50 year plan for the Bay Road area. An arborist has been engaged by the group and a second opinion will be forth coming. She indicated that council was receptive of their suggestions (see July minutes for suggestions)**

**Marion Sprenger was invited to join in on discussion re: the lower RR bridge lookout project. After hearing the possible expenditure following Jim's report on the more recent quotes she agreed with Jim's recommendation to postpone this project until council decides the fate of the bridge and whether they will maintain the bridge (example painting) . Jim moved his recommendation and Doug seconded. Carried.**

### **Trails:**

**Jim briefed the committee with respect to his efforts to communicate with the owner of the Wildwood trail property. Due to conflicts with the Town the owner has indicated that he opposes having Town workers on his property maintaining the trails. Jim will pursue.**

**John indicated that he took 20 people on a walk of the trails and complimented the appearance of the trails. C & A rail line intersection needs clipping for viewing of the sign while mulching in the Roger's loop would help. The Recreation center area was discussed with respect to signage improvements. Roughly 9 posts with signs would improve signage Doug will look into the signage. As well, signage could be improved getting hikers from the Lobster Trap to the McLean woods. Rick indicated that he was approached by Pat and Ray Wingfield re: the trimming/maintenance issue associated with the Town storing boat trailers at the C&A parking lot. Doug indicated that the steps in the McLean loop have been vandalized and a solution was proposed by Doug possibly using John's JPC crew in the fall.**

### **Trees:**

**Ash tree inventory should take place soon re: the EAB infestation. Volunteers to record data were solicited and noted. The EAB web site at Kingston was discussed and all suggested that it was a good approach. A phone call from a citizen re: a Colorado Spruce indicated that this is neither a hazard or unhealthy.**

**Next meeting: Thursday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>- 9 o'clock at the Town Hall. Rick Dunn, secretary. Aug 19.**