



Minutes

Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

3:00 P.M. In-Person Meeting, Thorndale Lions Community Centre

PRESENT: T. Heeman, Chair/Council Representative
K. Hallman, Vice-Chair/Community Member
S. Williams, Community Member
J. Wischlinski, Community Member
L. Barnes, Community Member
D. Brown, Staff Representative
S. MacDonald, Staff Representative
J. Nethercott, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: M. Smibert, Council Representative

Secretary's Note:

The Committee met at the proposed location on Nissouri Road near Gerald Parkway to walk location at 3 pm and then relocated to Thorndale Lions Community Centre to begin meeting.

Chair T. Heeman called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by: K. Hallman

Seconded by: L. Barnes

(Resolution # TDPAC-17-2023)

THAT the minutes of the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on 16 May, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

None.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF

a. Review of Proposed Location

Moved by: K. Hallman

Seconded by: L. Barnes

(Resolution # TDPAC-18-2023)

THAT the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee recommends to Thames Centre Council that the Service Corridor at the corner of Nissouri Road and Gerald Parkway for the Thorndale Dog Park.

Carried.

- Parking

The Parks and Facilities Supervisor reported that he has a rough estimate to create 8 parking spaces at the proposed location of \$8,870 inclusive of taxes. Committee requested that an estimate for up to 12 parking spaces.

- Accessibility

The Director of Community Services and Facilities stated that the proposed location has been shown to the Middlesex County Accessibility Coordinator, who has no concerns.

The Committee confirmed that the Master Trail Plan has a trail running down the north side of the proposed location.

- Buffer

The Director of Community Services and Facilities stated that there will be a buffer of 10 feet to the north between the Dog Park and residential development.

- Fencing

The Parks and Facilities Supervisor reported that he had obtained a quote for galvanized chain link at a cost of approximately \$27,000 for a 300'x90' enclosure. Committee requested a quote for "t bar" fencing to compare.

- Costs

The Parks and Facilities Supervisor reported that additional costs will need to be considered for mandatory signage and garbage cans as well as optional costs for trees and benches and recognition signage.

b. Fundraising

The Director of Community Services and Facilities reported clarification from the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer that when the proposed dog park was included in the budget, it was intended that any fundraising be to offset the construction costs of the dog park.

Moved by: S. Williams

Seconded by: L. Barnes

(Resolution # TDPAC-19-2023)

THAT the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee recommends to Thames Centre Council to approve the \$36,000 included in the 2023 budget plus any donations received by July 7, 2023 be allocated toward the construction of the Thorndale Dog Park;

AND THAT any fundraising monies received after July 7, 2023 be directed towards added features for the Thorndale Dog Park as agreed upon by the Thorndale Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee and Thames Centre Staff.

Carried.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Moved by: K. Hallman

Seconded by: L. Barnes

(Resolution # TDPAC-20-2023)

THAT a recognition board for the Thorndale Dog Park mirror the recognition structure and board at the Dorchester Dog Park.

Carried.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on July 26, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: L. Barnes

Seconded by: S. Williams

(Resolution # TDPAC-21-2023)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Carried.