

Wellesley Apple Butter & Cheese Festival

Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Township of Wellesley Recreation Complex

Voting Members Present: Cathy Koch, Ronald Bisch, Dave Zyta, Mike Moser, Katie Reid, Jamie Reid, Theresa Bisch

Voting Members Absent: Derek Brick, Alecia Henderson, George Poole

Auxiliary Members Present: Louise Zyta, Carrie Siewert, MaryAnne Perry, Tim Leis, Mike Barker, Bob Reid

Staff:

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
 2. **Disclosures of Pecuniary interest:** None
 3. **Adoption of Minutes: Motion** to adopt the minutes of the May 14th, 2024 meeting as printed: Cathy Koch, Seconded by Dave Zyta. Carried.
 4. **Presentations/Delegations/Communications:** Wellesley Lion's Club member, Peter VanderMaas presented plans to establish a nine-hole disc golf course through the east portion of the bush on the recreation land located at 1401 Queen's Bush Rd with a maximum distance of 75 meters per hole. The course is not expected to impact the walking trail. The estimated cost of the project is \$12,000 and the Lions Club is looking for partners for this project. The Township is willing to provide "in-kind" work. The Recreation Service Board is planning on contributing. The Lions are asking for financial support from the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival, in the amount of \$4,000. They will be making this a family friendly, all-season course. On June 26th at 7 p.m. the Lions Club will be having a tour of their planned course.
MOTION 5/2024: That the Wellesley ABC Festival donates \$4,000 towards the Disc Golf Course Project. Katie Reid. Seconded by Dave Zyta. Carried. (This will be brought to council for final approval)
 5. **Unfinished Business:**
O/S: Transition to new Rec Complex for 2025. We still need site plans and to do a walkaround of the new facility. George Poole is still waiting for electrical drawings

before moving ahead with plans for running electricity. More discussion on this at a future meeting.

O/S: 2023 Township cost to Festival was discussed. Jamie Reid has followed up with the Township, but no resolution has been offered yet. This will be kept as an outstanding item.

Special Events permit from the Township. Theresa Bisch is currently working on the 2024 application but has asked for assistance from Jamie Reid to complete it.

6. **New Business:**

Grand Opening of the Township of Wellesley Recreation Complex and Community Forum: Jamie Reid has a list of volunteers willing to be at the booth and will contact them with the schedule.

New Brochures: MaryAnne Perry brought designs for our new brochures and everyone loved them. She will contact St. Jacobs Printery to produce 2500 for a cost of \$608.00.

Request for funding from the Wellesley NEH Agricultural Society and Wellesley Township Fall Fair was received.

Motion 6/2024: That the Wellesley ABC Festival donates \$500 to the Wellesley Township Fall Fair as per the approved budget. Ron Bisch. Seconded by Mike Moser. Carried.

Round Table Reports:

Farm tours were discussed – possibly a tour of a honey products farm on Berlett’s Road. Kelly Deneka will investigate.

Cathy Koch would like to see the Festival featured on CTV this year. The Festival committee has asked in the past with no results. We will ask again.

Tim Leis reported that the maple syrup for the breakfast booth has been requested and promised by the producers.

Dave Zyta reported that the Cider Tasting has confirmed with the vendors that had booths in 2023 but they need help from volunteers to staff them. Dave is still working on finding some additional vendors.

Bob Reid asked for volunteers to exchange the ABC Festival sign on Nafziger Road. Dave Zyta and Mike Moser have offered to do this.

Katie Reid reported that the craft market has the most applications they have ever received.

Mike Moser reported that the Snack Shack will be selling Fry Pies again and he has reached out to his other suppliers for the rest of the snacks.

Carrie Siewert is waiting for photos from Larry Kryski to put on the website.

Jamie Reid reported that the stage trailer has been ordered.

Theresa Bisch reported that we haven't heard anything about the grant we applied for yet.

7. **Financial Report:** Theresa Bisch reported the Township reserve currently has a balance of approximately \$65,558 but there is some interest that needs to be added to this amount as well as several e-transfers that are in process at the Township.
8. **Next Meeting:** August 13th, 2024 – 7 p.m. at the Township of Wellesley Recreation complex.
9. **Adjournment:** 8:06 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Koch. Dave Zyta seconded. Carried.