

**LACOMBE AND DISTRICT RECREATION,
PARKS AND CULTURE BOARD**

MINUTES

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011 at 4:30 P.M.
City Office Conference Room

1. Call To Order – Karen Penrice called the meeting to order at 4:36

Present:

Karen Penrice, Dylan Olsen, Charlie Street, Shelley Cota, Councilor Grant Creasey, Sandi Stewart, Recreation & Culture Manager, Sonya Beauclair, Assistant, Community Services

Regrets:

Fred Knip, Troy Rider, Dawn Parent

2. Presentations:

None

3. Additions to the Agenda:

MOTION:

THAT the following items be added to the May 18, 2011 agenda

7.4 Wolfcreek Outline Plan

Moved By: Shelley

Seconded by: Grant

CARRIED

4. Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION:

THAT the agenda for Sept 21, 2011 be adopted as amended

Moved by: Grant

Seconded by: Shelley

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Board Minutes: May 18, 2011

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting of the Lacombe and District Recreation, Parks and Culture Board be adopted as amended.

Moved by: Grant

Seconded by: Charlie

CARRIED

6. Items from Council:

Re-appointment of student representative

Welcome back DYLAN

7. Information:

**7.0 Recreation Services Monthly Report & Recreation Newsletter
(includes update on status of 2011 Capital Projects)**

Sandi went over highlights from the report and invited any questions. Charlie commented that the Skatepark project and the LAPA projects are winding down and wanted to know what was coming up next. Sandi explained the Skatepark wanted to do more fundraising to get lights for the Skatepark and LAPA will need to continually fundraise to cover the costs of operations and upkeep. Karen noted that the trail along Highway 2A is paved but won't be ready to use until next year. Grant noted that without signage the trail is dangerous. Also the curb by Husky seems to stick out into the road fairly far.

7.1 Kinsmen Aquatic Centre Aug 2011 Statistics

After reviewing the pool stats the board would like more information in the future on trends and to get an explanation of the stats from the pool as to why there is such fluctuation. They would also like to know what the Aquatics staff have planned for dealing with any decreases.

7.2 Lacombe Athletic Park Association

LAPA is still going to need about \$50,000 a year for operations that they will be fundraising for annually to acquire this money.

7.3 Skateboard Park

As the committee reaches their fundraising goal for the cost of the Skatepark, they are talking about continuing fundraising after to be able to purchase lights for the skatepark.

7.4 Wolfcreek Outline Plan

Discussion that the trail should still be considered on the south side of Highway 12, not just looking at it for north side, which seems dangerous with crossings. Maybe adding a bridge across Wolfcreek is a good solution.

MOTION:

THAT the Lacombe and District Recreation, Parks and Culture Board accept the following items as information:

- 0) Recreation Services Monthly Report**
- 1) Kinsmen Aquatic Centre Monthly Statistics**
- 2) Lacombe Athletic Park**
- 3) Skateboard Park**

Moved by: Dylan

Seconded by: Charlie

CARRIED

8. Business Arising:

8.1 Facility Assistance Grant **Guidelines (\$2067.43)**

8.12 Betheny Christian Reformed Church (\$896.00)

After discussion the Board felt this request was outside of their grants mandate and perhaps a local service group could be approached to assist in this worthy cause.

THAT WHEREAS City Council has appropriated funding for individual requests for the reduction of, or elimination of, facility rental charges, and
WHEREAS a policy and grant program has been adopted regarding the allocation of these funds, and

WHEREAS the **Bethel Christian Reformed Church** have submitted an application for funding against the facility rental charges where they will hold their **Silent Auction and Benefit** and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the application

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD approve the request in the amount of **896.00** to assist with rental costs for **Prayers for Lukas Silent Auction and Benefit**

Moved by: Charlie

Seconded by: Shelley

DEFEATED

8.2 Review Rec Board members terms

- Shelley is moving and can no longer be on the board as city member
- Karen is staying on
- Council will appoint a new City Board Member for 2012

8.3 ARPA conference <http://arpaonline.ca/events/arpa-annual-conference/>

Shelley attended the conference 2 years ago, said it was a really well done. Karen attended the conference last year and also said it was great.

We can send 2 people, early bird registration Sept. 29, 2011.

Charlie and Dylan are unable to attend, Karen and Shelley would like to attend if no one else is able to attend, but they feel someone else should get to experience it too. Fred would rather not go as he is busy with other commitments. Grant may possibly be able to attend and Troy should also be offered the opportunity. Sandi will follow up with the members and register them once it is all confirmed.

8.4 Natural trails under water, garbage and pallets

Fred asked that this be added to the agenda from last meeting.

Sandi commented that she thought the pallets have been removed, however Shelley said that there were still lots behind her house under water.

The Board wants to recommend to Parks staff that the pallets be removed from the trails for safety, realizing that this most likely will not be done this year due to flooding, as by the time the water is low enough it will likely be freezing.

9. New Business:

9.1 Facility rates

9.11 LMC

The board thinks the fees need to be increased even more than the proposed amounts. They suggest comparing the LMC to other similar facilities, as well as others in the city so as not to undercut the Kozy Korner and the Legion. There was talk about the rate scales whether there is a need for hourly rates at all, or if the "meeting rate" would be enough. The Board also suggested that perhaps a set up and take down fee should be pursued. Proposed LMC Rates are to be brought back in October at the next meeting.

9.12 Arena, Ball Diamonds, Soccer, Campground

The board thinks that 2% is probably not enough of an increase to make a real difference and is fine with higher adjustments in the future (i.e. 5% one year then skip the next year).

The board also suggested changing the rate of adding an extra ball diamond to the tournament fee. They felt this should be adjusted so that it is at a reduced rate as well (i.e. Tournament needing 6 diamonds should get reduced diamond rates on the 2 diamonds in addition to the 4 diamond tournament rate).

THAT WHEREAS it is necessary for a review of the Arena fees, and

WHEREAS facility costs have steadily increased,

THEREFORE the Board recommends to Council that the arena rates increase as shown in the rate review for September 2012, with the recommendation to make a more realistic increase next year.

Moved by: Charlie

Seconded by: Grant

CARRIED

9.13 Pool

Rates just changed in September and no current changes are proposed.

9.2 [Recreation Multiplex Ideas](#)

No new ideas were brought up

10. Next Meeting:

October 19, 2011 4:30pm, City Hall Conference Room

11. Adjournment

MOTION:

THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:58pm

Moved by: Dylan

Seconded by: Shelley

CARRIED