



Port Elgin & Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization

Annual General Meeting Minutes Aug 5, 2006

The Annual General Meeting of the Port Elgin & Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization was called to order by Margaret Grottenthaler at 10:05 am at the Rotary Hall in Port Elgin.

General membership: List on file with Business Manager

Board Members: Dave Martin, Phyllis Fagan, John Mann, Larry Main, John Kyles, Bill Rose, Margaret Grottenthaler, Clare Rennie, Chris Meyer and Mac Campbell.

Guest Speakers: Mike Smith (Deputy Mayor), Dave Preston & Dan Rivett (Chief of Police), Bob Clarence (Chair of Parks & Trails Committee), Nora Toth (McGreggor Park's Bird Festival), and Kathy McCarrel & William Palmer & Tony Clark (Wind turbine speakers)

President- Margaret Grottenthaler

Margaret Grottenthaler began the meeting by introducing the attending members of the Board of Directors. Margaret also introduced Deputy Mike Mayor, Dave Preston, Dan Rivett, Bob Clarence, Nora Toth, Kathy McCarrel & William Palmer & Tony Clark to the members and thanked them for coming.

Welcome and Saugeen Shores Update-Deputy Mayor Mike Smith

- 1-There is an increase in residential growth, and the town is trying to deal with the traffic problems.
- 2-Waterfront Committee and Master Parks and Trail Committee 5 to 10 year plan.
- 3-Landfill site in Port Elgin is going to be closed and will be using the Southampton site.
- 4-There will be mail in ballots for this year's municipal election.
- 5-We are trying to recruit new doctors to the area of Saugeen Shores.
- 6-Water plant will be demolished and will return to the beach. New water plant will be finished next year.
- 7-Two department heads retired this year. Dave Preston will be replaced by Dan Rivett and Molly McDonald will be replaced by Linda White.
- 8-There is a memorial park being built beside the post office this year. The Remembrance Day ceremony will hopefully be held there this year,

2005 AGM Minutes

Mary Lou Mann moves for the approval of 2005 AGM Minutes. Dave Martin 2nd the motion, all in favour, no one opposed.

Margaret Grottenthaler read the Ratification Statement:

I move that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections, and payments enacted, made, done, and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Port Elgin and Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization since the last Annual Meeting of the Organization as set out or referred to in the Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors or in the Financial Statement submitted to this meeting be hereby approved, ratified, sanctioned and confirmed.

2nd by Clare Rennie
All in favor, no one opposed.

Changes and Nominations for new Board Members

Todd Aitchison has resigned from the Board. John Kyles is now the President, and Margaret Grottenthaler is the Vice President.

John Kyles nominated Trish Wilson 2nd by Chris Meyer
Larry Main nominated Philip Kortenaar 2nd by Chris Meyer
Chris Meyer nominated Penny Young 2nd by Dave Martin
All in favor, no one opposed.

Margaret Grottenthaler

According to the International criteria for the Blue Flag we are great candidates. There needs to be grasses replaced to keep the sand on the beach, also recycling bins. The Beachers' Organization is willing to pay for these items. Also, mentioned having a beach clean up event. There was concern over bad and good sea grass. There needs to be information about how to properly maintain the evasive grass on Gobels Grove. Send it to Bob Clarence Water Front Committee.

Financial Report: Tina Hill

We have \$3877.94 in the bank, in the Money market account we have \$2421.74 and GIC's worth \$3526.91. Total \$9837.13
Memberships were up and cost were up this year, same as last year.

Welcome Dave Preston and Dan Rivett new Chief of Police

Margaret thanked Dave Preston for coming to our Annual General Meetings and also with good contribution to the town.
Dave thanked the organization for inviting him and said it was a pleasure coming to the meetings. Chief Dan Rivett is now the new chief of police. Dan also wants to have a good relationship with the Beachers. He also mentioned about calling in as soon as possible if you think that vandalism is occurring instead of waiting till morning.

Welcome Bob Clarence: Parks and Trails Committee

Bob had charts and maps to show the Master Plan for the Parks and Trails. Also talked about the linking from Port Elgin to Southampton, and McGregor Park to the beaches. The bike path between Shipley and Izzard should be finished by next year. There is a temporarily path that is open until the new one is done. They are also looking at a fund raising plan for next spring.

Dave was asked to speak to a question from the floor about the closure of the path at the end of Shipley. Dave explained that the process was really about four years old.

- 1) In 2002 Judy and I had a study of the area completed by the Lake Huron Center for Coastal Conservation and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. These groups recommended limiting traffic through this sensitive area and limiting traffic to one path.
 - 2) The Parks and Trails committee developed a master plan to build a route from MacGreggor Park to Southampton in 2003. 3) In 2005 two of the six property owners, between Izzard and Shipley, Don McTavish and Murray Fenton closed the path between Izzard and Shipley that is on their properties. At that time there was considerable public outcry and all six property owners in conjunction with the town representatives decided to donate land at the eastern boundary of our properties to the town for the purposes of developing the trail system. Further in 2005 it was noted that the path closure by these two neighbours was done because of some very real safety concerns. This land between Izzard and Shipley has been marked and signed as private property for over 70 years.
 - 4) In 2006 after posting a sign for over a month indicating that the path at the end of Shipley was going to be closed, and after discussion with town representatives the remainder of the path between Izzard and Shipley was closed.
- In essence the trail between Izzard and Shipley has been closed for over a year now. Part was closed in the spring of 2005 and the remainder was closed in the spring of 2006. A secondary trail exists just to the east of Shipley and can be accessed a short walk up MacKinnon lane. This path also goes through our private property and until the town has the proper route established we continue to allow people to use this. We will decide on that trail after the main route is established.

Welcome Kathy McCarrell: Wind Turbines

Kathy talked about how the wind turbines will have a negative impact in our area. Her concern is that there needs to be more research done before the wind farm is developed. Some issues that were brought up are as follows:

- devaluation of property
- wildlife will adapt to the noise
- loss of blade
- collapse of turbine
- increased noise at night
- low frequency sound will affect human health
- built to close to home and property lines

There will be a meeting Aug 30 at the Rotary Hall at the Plex for more information on the wind turbines.

Welcome Nora Toth: McGregor Park's Bird Festival

Nora did a wonderful presentation on everything that McGregor Park does. How McGregor Park helps and contributes to the community. They also have Children's programs, Visitor Centre, 25 km of walking trails, Playground, Parks Store, Campsites and Special events like the Huron Fringe Birding Festival.

Common Reed Grass

Between 5-8 feet tall

Call Bob Clarence or Gord Eagles (on the Waterfront Committee) if you are unsure of what the grass is, and they would send someone down to look at this grass to determine if it is the good or bad grass.

Thanks

John Kyles thanked Margaret for her effort as the Beachers' President.
Todd Aitchison was recognized for his efforts on the Board of Directors.
Glenn Reist was recognized for his efforts towards WRAFT.
Thanks to Larry Main for this summer's Newsletter.
Thanks to Dan and Bruce for the flyers from the fire department.

Other

There will be no patrol service as the cost was not worth the service.
Follow up on beach grass.

Dave Martin motioned the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.