

**Amherstburg Parks Advisory Committee  
August 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Diane Pouget  
Councillor Bart DiPasquale  
Dante Pagliaroli - Chair  
Paulette Drouillard  
Rosa White  
Annette Zahaluk – Administration

**ABSENT**

Maxine Iler

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dante Pagliaroli, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Moved by Paulette  
Seconded by Bart

**That there being no required changes the agenda be accepted as presented.**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by Diane  
Seconded by Rosa

**That the minutes of the meeting of the APAC held on June 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. be adopted as printed.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Trail system update – presentation by Tony DeThomasis**

The County Wide Active Transportation System (CWATS) is part of Essex County's "Active Transportation Master Plan" that will guide the construction of active transportation facilities over the next 20 years.

There was no activity on the trail system for 2013/2014 due to budget constraints, but there is a 5 year CWATS draft plan laid out with designs to be completed by 2018.

Schedules are in place laying out the expected routes in respect to the Towns vs. Counties portion financially. A trail connecting wineries thru the Wine Country is being focused on at present to encourage more Tourism thru the Region.

Municipalities hand in their priority list as to where they would like routes; CWATS works them in, and has to have a Council resolution for approval.

New bike policies listed in the OTM Book 18 (Ontario Traffic Manual) have been put in place thru the Ontario Traffic Council.

OTM Book 18 will serve as a primary reference document for engineers, planners and designers throughout Ontario. The document contains information on legal requirements, standards, best practices, procedures, guidelines and recommendations for the justification, planning, design, timing and operation of bicycle facilities and control measures.

There is also the Trans Canada Trail – which is 60% complete and allows people to use different modes of transportation ex. biking, walking, and kayaking. Although it does not go thru Amherstburg, you can connect to it thru the Chrysler Greenway which is being continued thru Erca funding.

## **2. New Commercial buildings in Town**

APAC would like to see the Landscape Proposals/drawings for new Commercial Buildings to offer ideas and to hopefully see that the plans suit our region and compliment the Towns existing sites.

This would be set up with the Building and Planning Dept.

## **3. Update – Card Appreciation program**

Card program going well, most residents are interested in having their home photographed and put up on the website. Dante will bring in the latest list of homes to the Tourism Dept to be uploaded to the site. Group decided not to have an Annual Recognition as well, since Horticulture Society has a great program already in place.

Group would like to see some of the planters from Laird moved elsewhere since Laird is already heavily landscaped.

Also Parks Manager reported that the planters from Sandwich Street in front of the High School are still scheduled to be moved to Richmond, just haven't had time, but is still on the radar.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Question was posed a few meetings ago as to where the name for Angstrom Park came from.

Marsh Collection researched this question and found 'that in the 1930's the Angstrom Family purchased what is known as Lot 18, now bordered to the north by County Rd. 10 and situated between the 2<sup>nd</sup> concession and the riverfront. Where the park sits would have been the waterfront portion of that property.'

2. Still need information as to what is being put in the empty kiosk on Richmond Street. Administration to follow up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Tourism Division of the Economic and Community Development Department will be heading up the Town's involvement in Communities in Bloom for 2015. Parks Manager will keep group posted on any information going forward.
2. Question was asked as to whether or not there is a birding map for this area and if Tourism Dept. could have a student research this project.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, Board Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Rosa  
Seconded by Bart

**That the meeting adjourns at 5:30 p.m.**