

**Amherstburg Parks Advisory Committee  
October 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

Councilor Diane Pouget  
Paulette Drouillard  
Rosa White  
Annette Zahaluk - Administration

**ABSENT**

Dante Pagliaroli - Chair  
Councillor Bart DiPasquale  
Maxine Iler

**CALL TO ORDER**

Annette Zahaluk called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Moved by Paulette Drouillard  
Seconded by Rosa White

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by Rosa White  
Seconded by Paulette Drouillard

**That the minutes of the meeting of the APAC held on Aug 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. be adopted with amendments as discussed.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Validity of Committee**

In light of the tight budget constraints the Town is facing over the next few years, discussion was had as to the necessity of an active/meeting committee going forward.

Points were made that if a Grant came available directly to be used in the Parks, would be better if there were ideas already on the go.

Parks Advisory Committee is a Committee of Council, and represents the eyes and ears of residents focused on the beautification and greening of the community.

Committee should work in conjunction with the Recreation Committee, with a separate and detailed agenda for each, so more goals can be achieved thru two Committees i.e. trail systems, and/or future plans for land use relative to active living such as tennis courts.

With our participation in the 2015 Communities in Bloom competition, APAC will be a good source of volunteers to help with the event.

## **2. Source of maps, in particular birding**

Administration brought assorted maps and pamphlets to the meeting from the Tourism Dept., highlighting various activities available to tourists and residents. There is one in particular called 'Canada's South Coast Birding Trail' which accents 17 prime birding locations. Committee felt that the Holiday Beach Hawk Fest would be a great addition to this map.

## **3. Parks Master Plan**

Would like to see a Parks Master Plan put together so there is an eventual goal which helps for annual budgeting.

Concerns as to cultivating and/or refurbishing established and future parks as well as sports fields, more trails, nature look outs and open spaces needs to be addressed.

Also would like to invest in some kind of lookout at Big Creek, lots of wildlife and people are already pulling over to take advantage of the sights and sounds.

## **4. Richmond Street facelift**

Stone aggregate planters have been repurposed from Richmond Street and black planters are being repositioned to accent the black benches. Increasing the curb appeal down this street leading into the Downtown core and the prestigious Navy Yard Park should be a concern to attract more businesses wanting to settle in.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Administration from the Tourism Dept. has approached the Chamber of Commerce to see if they are interested in putting in some sort of Business Directory in the empty stone kiosk on Richmond Street next to the Municipal Parking lot.

Need to put together a presentation to Council in early spring to keep ideas alive, even if they aren't a priority budget wise at the moment.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

No meeting was set just yet, most likely will be at the start of 2015.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Rosa White  
Seconded by Paulette Drouillard

**That the meeting adjourns at 5:15 p.m.**