



**Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes through Zoom
Thursday, May 27, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Nicole Albright, Aldéric Boudreau, Kathy Bourque, Scott Surette, Lorelei Atkinson, Vicky Belliveau, Mariette d'Entremont, Josh Greene, Ted Saulnier, Ginette d'Entremont

Absent: Malcolm Madden

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Albright at 6:35 pm.

Welcome: Nicole Albright welcomed the members of the ARC.

Review & Acceptance of Agenda/ Conflict of Interest Declaration: On motion by Mariette d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the agenda is approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Approval of February 18, 2021 minutes:

On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Vicky Belliveau that the minutes are approved as circulated. *Motion Carried*

Business arising from the minutes: None

Financial Report:

Ginette read through the financial report. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the financial report as discussed. *Motion Carried*

Director of Programming and Active Living Report/Information Items:

Ginette went through her report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Ginette d'Entremont and seconded by Mariette d'Entremont to approve the Director of Programming and Active Living Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Director of Recreation Services Report:

Scott went through his report. A discussion was had on the events listed. It was moved by Scott Surette and seconded by Ted Saulnier to approve the Director of Recreation Services Report as presented. *Motion Carried*

Old Business:

- **Glenwood Park Committee** – The committee met at the park to look at the locations, we had a site visit with DNR, we are waiting for information from DNR and have a meeting on June 1.

New Business:

- **Citizen Survey** - 200 interviews were conducted of residents 18 and older, 60% were Female, 40% were Male, 95% lived more than 5 years in Argyle. The top 3 activities listed were walking, canoe/kayaking and biking. Noted barriers were scheduling, and someone to go with. Physical activity opportunities for families is social, not competitive. 40% believe there are more physical activity opportunities than the last 3-5 years.
We need champions to drive community walking groups. How many kids still participate in sports/activities? Up to 14-15 year olds still participate, the drop off for girls is at age 12. We need to target that age group. Children don't participate in unorganized sports/activities. TIR – roadsides should be added for walking when paving roads.
- **Community Garden** – 8 beds were built, families and seniors planted, some beds were shared between families, a good demographic used the beds. Fence posts were put with netting from a community member. They received positive feedback. Should have a policy signed by using regarding pesticide use.
- **Summer Staff/Day camps potential changes** – Maximum of 15 participants including staff, ages 5-10, teens 11-15, no drop-ins this year with the possibility of registration online for the week.
- **Fun Night/softball** – bring back softball, non-competitive, co-ed 16+ in the community of Kempt – one night per week. We have a champion in that community. Would like to do this in Wedgeport and Tusket as well. Pubnico already has ladies and men playing weekly.
- **Walking groups** – Discussed in the “Citizen Survey” section.
- **Covid Ideas**
 - a) **Physical activity/healthy eating challenge** – post pictures of physical activity to motivate people
 - b) **Scavenger hunt** – 3 weeks shared a lot
 - c) **Seniors kits** – 2 kits distributed, almost all were booked
 - d) **Virtual walk** – for the month of June, submit your kms weekly, total of 170kms to walk
 - e) **Videos** – to be promoted on Facebook, ideas could be raising chickens, horses, birds, airport, carving, log rolling, chainsaw carving, axe throwing, cake decorating, knitting

Area Reports:

- **Mariette d'Entremont:** Village Historique to open on June 21 depending on restrictions, the Crique will be open for take out on June 7
- **Vicky Belliveau:** The Ladies Auxiliary cancelled the lobster supper in East Pubnico

Next Meeting: ARC meeting September 16, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Bourque seconded by Mariette d'Entremont at 7:52 pm.