

SSPORA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7TH 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Betty Price, Barbara Lowden, Sarah Recksiedler, Jeet Mann, Gerald Clerx, Teresa Fankhauser, Peter Staton.

ITEM # 1:

TREASURERS REPORT:

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| Chequing account | \$3508.00 |
| Savings account | <u>\$1206.00</u> |
| Total | \$4714.00 |

Sarah has all accounts now stored on a Google account drive.

The Treasurers report was moved and seconded, all were in favor.

ITEM #2:

REVIEW OF THE AGM MEETING — June 15, 2023:

The consensus from the Board members was that the Parkville Community Centre on Mills Street would not be used again due to the size of the venue. Other locations for the AGM to be held in April, 2024 will be reviewed.

ITEM # 3:

COMMUNITY PARK REPORT:

Betty reported that a number of Picnic In The Park events were scheduled, advertised and attended by park committee members only. These events were not successful and will be reevaluated for next year.

Peter has asked for and received tentative approval from Jordan Vander Klok the RDN's Parks Manager to construct a community notice board at the entrance to Maple Lane Park. Plans will be drawn up and submitted to the RDN before final approval is given. A community member working in the construction industry has volunteered to help with planning and construction. A budget will be drawn up before starting the project and we intend to seek out material donations.

ITEM # 4:

THE SSPORA WEBSITE:

Due to increasing costs to operate and maintain the SSPORA website a subcommittee was created to look into other options

for a community website and email system. Google has a platform that the subcommittee will look at.

The subcommittee is made of the following volunteers: Sarah Recksiedler, Claire Roy, Jeet Mann and Peter Staton.

Jeet has sent an email to board members with the information outlining a Google package for non-profits that would provide us with a website, email and storage.

Presently the board uses ZoHo mail in conjunction with the website to communicate with the community and provide e-transfer and credit card payment systems for membership dues. Some members of the board reported they were not receiving emails sent out during a bulk mailing. Peter will test the system and make any updates needed.

Peter will pay a quarterly invoice of \$94.00 for web site maintenance to Geeks on the Beach. Peter will also give notice to Geeks on the Beach that we will no longer require this maintenance package at the end of this quarter.

ITEM # 5:

Blind corner on Plummer Road:

The blind corner on Plummer Road near the Orange Bridge is an extremely dangerous section of the road. The installation of a mirror at that location would greatly reduce the possibility of an accident. Jeet has established that a mirror would cost approximately \$300.00 and will contact BC Hydro and ask if it would be possible to mount the mirror on their hydro pole at that corner.

Betty will contact Lehann Wallace and ask if any progress has been made regarding the Plummer Road/Highway 19A intersection.

ITEM # 6:

G5 Technology:

5G technology is expanding throughout the country and concerns have been raised regarding the health implications related to the radiation from this technology.

Gerald will provide the board members with literature on 5G technology. He will also supply information collected by French Creek residents that opposed the installation of a 5G tower in

their area. Gerald will also contact Area G Director Lehann Wallace for her input on the installation of 5G towers.

Jeet commented that fiber optic cable has not been installed in our neighborhood. Without the fiber optic cable a 5G tower would be of little use.

ITEM # 7:

COMMUNICATIONS:

To increase the number of new community email addresses Teresa suggested approaching the Welcome Wagon for this area and request they give people new to San Pareil contact information for SSPORA.

ITEM # 8:

FIRE SMART:

The SSPORA board received an email from a member of the RDN's Emergency Planning Committee outlining steps we can take to reduce the risk to our homes and neighborhood from wild fires. The email also includes a number of links to many firesmart web sites. I encourage you to visit the SSPORA web site and read this very important posting.

ITEM # 9:

SPEED BUMP ON SABINE:

A request has been made to the SSPORA Board to support a request for the installation of a speed bump on Sabine. Speeding on the streets in San Pareil is a common complaint. With this in mind the board felt a lower speed limit and more signage throughout the community would have a greater impact on speeding than a speed bump. Jeet Mann will follow up with the Citizens on Patrol through the RCMP to ask if speed reduction is a possibility.

ITEM # 10:
RIVERS EDGE:

THE REALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM SAN PAREIL TO

As per an article published in the Parksville Qualicum Beach News August 30th 2023 the RDN received a grant of \$7,929,000 from the Growing Communities Fund. San Pareil was allocated \$100,000 for new water main installations that has a total capital cost of \$200,000. Area G Director Lehann Wallace made a motion to move the \$100,000 funds allocated for the San Pareil new water main installation to the Rivers Edge additional groundwater wells and new transmission project which cost \$3,630,000 but only

received \$200,000. This motion passed with two directors opposed.

ITEM # 11:

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE AND COSTS:

Wayne Moorman has requested that the board support a letter he will direct to the RDN requesting a map of the necessary water main replacements in San Pareil.

Teresa made the following motion:

The SSPORA Board members support the writing of a letter to the RDN by Wayne Moorman requesting a map of the necessary water main replacements in San Pareil broken into short term and long term and the associated costs. The board requests that SSPORA receive a response to this letter.

The motion was seconded by Gerald

All members were in favor.

Water main questions from Wayne Moorman and answers received from the RDN:

Q 1) Please specify the location(s) of the necessary improvements and new water main sizing. A plan would be nice for viewing

A) The water main will be installed on Shorewood Drive to complete the looping between Shorewood and Ricos Lane/Juniper. As you are know, the main in this area is only 1½” diameter.

Q 2) Please specify the cost associated with the locations.

A) Our rough estimate of the cost is about \$200,000. We will complete the design in 2024 and generate a construction cost estimate to support the installation in 2025.

Q 3) Please indicate when this work will be done

A) We will complete the design in 2024 to support the installation in 2025.

Q 4) Please indicate what reserves are in place for this work. The RDN collects DCC’s and Capital Charges for new works and I suspect puts a small amount away each year to facilitate new works.

A) This will be funded completely from reserves. Since that story appeared in the newspaper, the RDN Board has

reallocated the \$100,000 in proposed grant funding to other priorities. Combined, the Capital Reserve Fund and the Capital Charge Reserve Fund contain approximately \$300,000.

ITEM # 12:

SSPORA name change:

Barbara and Betty will continue to explore a name change for SSPORA.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 8:40

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 2023