Call to Order

Councillor Gerry Herron called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

The Committee commenced the meeting with a tour of the Lakefield Scouts Building located at 20 Concession Street. Mike reminded the Committee that the Scouts have terminated their lease and that the building will be vacant as of January 2020. Mike advised the Committee of the proposed renovating options, pending funding, which includes creating one fully accessible washroom and renovating the women’s and men’s washrooms to accommodate additional stalls. It was noted that having additional washrooms will reduce the number of porta potties required for festivals. The Committee agreed that the facility would make an excellent support building for festival and events at Isabel Morris Park. The upgraded facility would also have the potential of providing a revenue source in the form of private rentals and festival and park equipment storage area. The tour concluded and the Committee continued the meeting at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
None

1. Deputations and/or Invited Persons

2. Minutes

Resolution 2019-008 – Minutes
Aaron Fallis – Teena Flood –
That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee minutes of the September 11, 2019 be received for information. 

Carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Tania provided the Committee with a copy of the letter of support provided to Neli Lozej from “Stay Active in Lakefield with Neli”. Donna asked if the Scouts building, once renovated, would be a suitable location for Neli to offer fitness classes. Mike advised that Neli requested a space that has concrete floors and walls due to the nature of her rehabilitation/fitness classes.

4. Question Period

None

5. Correspondence for Discussion and/or Decision

None

6. Reports

a) Lakefield Scouts Building Update – Mike briefly discussed the proposed cost of the retrofit which is estimated at $65,000. An application to the Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund has been submitted by staff to support the cost of the renovation – Mike will keep the Committee informed on the status of the application.

b) OMHA/OWHA Draft Resolution – As directed by the Committee, staff prepared a draft resolution to be sent to the OMHA/OWHA requesting a response to the letter/resolution sent to them in April 2018. The April 2018 resolution requested that the OMHA/OWHA consider a realignment of the current hockey season. Since the Committee has not received a response from either organizations, the new proposed resolution, simply notes that the Township has received letters of support for realigning the hockey season from other municipalities and is still waiting on a response from the OMHA/OWHA. The Committee requested some minor amendments to the resolution. The Committee also discussed the options of contacting all the Township’s in Peterborough County as well as the Ennismore Minor Hockey Association, the Ennismore Girls Hockey Association and the Lakefield District Minor Hockey Association to jointly send the revised resolution to the OMHA/OWHA. The Committee also discussed the options of addressing the OMHA at their annual AGM in June of 2020.
8. e)  

**ACTION:** Staff to follow-up with the various Townships in Peterborough County and hockey organizations. Staff will explore options for presenting a the OMHA AGM.

c) **Arenas Update** –
Mike provided the Committee with an update on the deficits and revenues received from both arenas. Of note:
- Many energy efficiency projects have reduced operation costs including LED lighting, condenser replacement etc…
- Sponsorship of public and senior skates have increased participation and revenues
- User fees will only increase by CPI in 2020

Mike also advised the Committee that a report will be going to Council in December with an update on the arenas revenues and deficits.

d) **Capital Projects 2020** – Mike provided an update to the on the 2020 Capital Projects that will be going to Council for consideration. The Committee has a general discussion about the proposed budget.

e) **Accessibility Audit** – Mike advised that the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee will be reviewing our various facilities starting with the Robert E. Young Complex in Ennismore. PRAC Committee members are welcome to attend. Mike will advise of the meeting date when available.

7. **Other, New and Unfinished Business**

Mike advised that Stacy Knox has regrettably resigned from the Committee due to work commitments. Recruitment for the vacancy will occur in 2020.

Tania advised the Committee that remuneration payments will be mailed in December – please advise of any address changes.

8. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The Committee’s next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

**Resolution No. 2019 - 009 – Adjournment**
Moved by: Teena Flood - Seconded by: Bart Feilders
Be it resolved that the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting adjourn at 5:59 p.m. **Carried.**