

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 26th, 1986, at 3:45 p.m.

In attendance were Alderman George Laking and Alderman Mike Farnworth.

Also in attendance was K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee held on Wednesday, February 12th, 1986, be taken as read and adopted.

Item No. 1 1986 Capital Budget

Janna Taylor indicated that there were four budget items on which she would like early approval. The backstops are necessary to alleviate scheduling problems which face baseball and softball this season due to the heavy registration. The seeder and trailer for oversanding are required for work on the fields this March and, finally, the photocopier is desperately required - it keeps breaking down more frequently and staff time is being wasted by having to go to City Hall.

Recommendation

1. That the photocopier @ \$6,000, the seeder @ \$8,000, the trailer for oversanding @ \$12,000 and the backstops @ \$8,000 be purchased immediately.

CARRIED

Item No. 2 Fencing - McLean Park

The attached letter was received from a resident at McLean Park.

Recommendation

That the Parks Department estimate the cost of replacing the old fencing and bring back to Committee.

CARRIED

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Item No. 3

Minor Baseball

The attached report was received from Bob Wood. The Committee went through requests (a), (b) and (c). Janna pointed out that request (a) was a high cost item and that (b) and (c) could be handled internally.

Recommendation

- a) That scheduling concerns are not the Committee's responsibility and that these should be brought forth to the regular field allocations meeting.
- b) That increasing the backstop at Thompson Park colt diamond is a cost item and that, at this time, it not be done.
- c) That the bleachers and a practice mound can be handled internally.

Item No. 4

Wilson Centre Drawings

Alderman Laking indicated that we could proceed with the drawings. Cornerstone, who did the report, also have an architectural arm in their firm. It would seem more appropriate to use the same firm who did the study to also do the drawings; otherwise we may be faced with a new firm indicating that they wish to do another study.

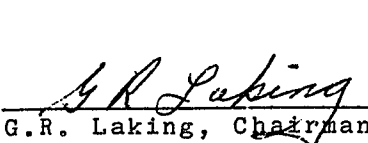
Recommendation


That Cornerstone be invited to the Parks & Recreation Committee to investigate whether it is acceptable to the Committee to proceed with the drawings.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


G.R. Laking, Chairman


Janna Taylor, Secretary

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January 29, 1986

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

RE: Placement/Replacement of chain linked fence.

My family and I (Doug Kremer) live at 1727 Manning Avenue, Port Coquitlam. Our backyard backs onto "McLean Park", a block south of Prairie Avenue, near Oxford.

Our property was the first to receive chain link fencing, but when the "City" put it up, they put it above an existing wooden fence. They used second hand fencing and plastic coated steel piping to stop soccer balls from coming onto the property.

Since that time, the fencing has been deteriorating badly and is uneven with the neighbors to the west of us. It is my understanding that the neighbors had chain link fencing (top to bottom) put in by the "City of Port Coquitlam" a few years back. When the "City" put that fencing up, they moved it back into the park $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 feet as compared to our fence. SEE PICTURES.

As a property owner in Port Coquitlam, I feel the "City" should replace the fence and move it back equal to the neighbors in height and quality. If the "City" cannot replace it in the near future, I would like to hear back from you regarding why everyone else to the west of us received a high, new fence, while the neighbor east of us and ourselves were not included in this project.

Thank-you very much for reading this letter and I hope it is of interest to the "City of Port Coquitlam."

Cordially yours,



D. Kremer

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RE: Manning Avenue

Due to frost conditions this winter, Manning Avenue (the road) needs repairs . If this is done the "City" should also think about filling in the ditches, as this might help to prevent further road deterioration.

The following are signatures of property owners along Manning Avenue between York Street and Wellington Street who feel the road should be repaired and ditches filled:

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| 1. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 11. _____ |
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| 8. _____ | 16. _____ |

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Poco Minor Baseball

Report to City of Port Coquitlam Parks and Recreation Committee


I would like to start by thanking the Recreation Department for their help and commend them for the determined way in which they deal with all of the sports such as ourselves. I am sure it is not an easy task having to deal with so many self interest groups that ususally want more than it is possible for the city to give.

As to minor baseball 1986. We have the dubious blessing of increased enrollment again this year. We should top 700 players by the time we take to the field, which is 20% growth pattern for two years in a row. Many of the attendant problems are ours to solve, however field facilities continue to be an issue. I would anticipate that we are not alone with this problem.

At the lower divisions, using school fields as we do, we have been able to negotiate with Softball and the Recreation Department and the situation seems under control. On a Monday and Wednesday we will have thirteen games in progress around town, and with the school field situation as it is, that is the limit of availability today. Tuesdays and Thursdays by the way are not much better, and after that we have to consider practice times. At the current growth rates, should they continue, next year could be very difficult, however 1988 will be a crisis in my opinion. This whole situation is compounded by the cost of maintenance, which I understand is a sore point in terms of relations with the school board and is not something which I care to say any more about than it has to be addressed in some way, perhaps through volunteer effort.

We are reaching an earlier crisis point in the four senior age groups, ie. players from 11 to 18. I am extremely pleased to hear that our Bronco diamond at Thompson Park is still alive this year in terms of budget. I would point out that our stance at this time is that given the current growth pattern, and the fact that the earliest we could use Thompson would be next year, we will not be able to give up on our request for Cedar Drive as it has been suggested we should. The issue is basically that of practice time. This year Poco Minor Baseball will likely be supporting nine teams out of the two diamonds at Thompson. Considering home games, practices once or twice per week for each team, tournaments and rain out games we cannot see how we can share this facility with any other team during the minor season (April to end of June). During July when all that we are involved in is all star playoffs then the situation changes.

Given that we can have full use of the Thompson facility, we would like to request that we be allocated some practice time at another facility in town, not necessarily a full feature diamond, but at least an area with a backstop and enough room to hold practice drills. I was pleased to hear that there is possibility that this will happen with new backstops at Reaves all weather.

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As the backstops may be small, I would request that Minor Baseball have the option to consider adding funds so that at least one of the backstops could be increased in size to make it more suitable for baseball practice.

There are one or two other requests that we have. They are:

- a) Increased backstop at Thompson Colt diamond to reduce the cost of lost and damaged balls which is quite high.
- b) Attention to the bleachers at the Pony diamond. (One spectator complained bitterly of a small puncture in the rectal area caused by the inadvertant insertion of a small sliver of aboreal material.)
- c) A practice mound for pitchers in the corner of Thompson furthest from the concessions.

I thank you for your efforts and consideration of these requests. I will make myself available to discuss details at a future date should you so wish.

Thank You.


R.H. Wood
President, POCO Minor Baseball

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