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Attendance : Raymond Gagnon (Cœur Villageois), Michael Laplume (Councillor), Ronney Korman, (Manager-Parks Department) Shane Bradley (Cœur Villageois), Bruno Côté (Councillor) Trish Wood (Leisure Coordinator)

Absent: Éric Deschenes (Citizen)

Overview

The purpose of the meeting was to compile a complete inventory of park infrastructures and green spaces available to the public in the Township of Pottton. The Conseil sports Loisirs de l'estrie (CSLE) requested that in preparation for our first meeting with them, the committee was to complete pages 5-7 of the Aménagements parc guide.

Canoe access

The committee agrees that the municipality should take over and maintain the canoe drop in situated on the 243 and Belair. Make improvements to this site including parking and adding picnic tables and garbage triage. The signage also needs improving.

Park André-Gagnon

Model of the Park

The committee agrees that when developing a park plan, we hire a firm to create a model of the park design in 3D. This could be used as a tool to consult the public with and a promotion for the park. In the meantime, and in preparation for the next meeting Trish Wood and Shane Bradley will work with the technical department to get an enlarged map that is to scale of Park André Gagnon. This will help the committee see what space is available.

Areas being used

The committee suggests that we take a close look at what infrastructures are being used and at the park and which are not. This will help with an overview plan and provide more space to develop using areas not frequently used. (example, soccer registrations are decreasing over the years as baseball is becoming more popular) the committee questions whether 2 soccer fields are necessary.

Sliding

Sliding behind the skating rink could be an easy, popular, and family-friendly activity to develop. The Municipality would need to consult with our insurance company regarding safety, security, and proper

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signage. There were also concerns as this area is considered as a hidden zone, therefore supervision from a paid staff would not be possible. Signs would have to be clear that the area is not supervised.

Skating

The committee would like to see a separate rink dedicated strictly for skaters. The baseball field could be a possible location, as it is already lit. In the past, the municipality did have a separate rink on the soccer fields. This is a possibility if the grass on the field is not destroyed. A member suggested that we develop a skating path that circulates around the outside of the soccer field. Lights could be placed in the center of the field, projecting light outwards.

Deck Hockey

Deck Hockey could be developed during the summer months. If the request for funding for the covered roof at the rink is granted, the rink boards would need to be replaced. The municipality could install and use the old boards and have a separate space for Deck hockey.

What is available:

- Service building including 2 public washrooms and space to develop
- Tennis courts x 2
- Rest area at the entrance including three picnic tables
- Soccer fields x 2
- Pump track
- Petanque
- Playground
- Skating Rink
- Baseball/Softball
- Pickleball

Areas for improvement:

- Tennis court surface needs replacing
- Parking spaces need to be increased
- Improvements to the signs and the park plan combining the maps of the Reserve naturel du Montagne vertes.
- Lights on the tennis courts needs improving
- Develop the services by the river (trails, picnic tables and barbecues)

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Members all agree that park André Gagnon has plenty of space to develop. A focus was placed on the green space located by the Missisquoi-River. The park offers both active and passive activities and can service all age brackets.

Next meeting & availability: Once Trish Wood determines the availability of the consultant of the CSLE, she will send a doodle.