

BPOA Board Meeting
Agenda & Minutes
Oct 9, 2021

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1. Alberto Aiello Park/Playground Update
2. 50/50 Fundraiser Update
3. Belair Calendar Contest/Fundraiser Update
4. Public Walkways
5. Roads
6. Social Events
7. Grants
8. Requests for Future
9. Water Shut Down

Meeting Moderator: Lauren Semeniuk, President

Minutes

1. Playground Update

Following an email campaign to approximately 95 local businesses, a few have started donating towards our Alberto Aiello Park Revitalization project. These companies have been recognized on Facebook and on our BPOA website for their contribution. To date, \$7,300 has been collected and committed to from local businesses.

Shannon is following with a physical mail out to the top 30 businesses who have been unresponsive.

Play structure designs and quotes are being reviewed. Two options will be presented to the Board and Park Committee for a vote.

2. 50/50 Fundraiser Update

As of Oct 9, the pot was at \$930.00. The Board was encouraged to support and share with friends and family. Raffle ends Nov 1/21. Shannon distributed posters around the community.

<https://www.fundingchange.ca/belair-mb>

3. Belair Calendar Contest/Fundraiser Update

We are planning to order 50-100 Calendars depending on the quotes. The best quote so far is Daves Quick Print. 100 calendars- \$510.00 plus taxes. Photo Contest closes Nov 1/21.

The pricing on the calendars to the public will be based on our costs. Ranging from \$15 to \$25. Thomson Crossing offered to sell the calendars in their store on our behalf.

4. Public Walkways

The Board discussed bear-proof garbage bins for cleaning up after dog walking. Lauren Semeniuk (President) to follow up with RM regarding extra signage for No ATVs and Dogs on Leashes.

The Board is tabling the idea of possibly getting together volunteers next Spring to sand/stain Galway Bay stairs and Park stairs.

5. Roads

The question was raised on if we need another Belair Properties sign on Hwy 59 & Belair Rd. The Board leaned toward not needing one as people often use Google Maps and we have a sign at Belair Rd and Lakeshore Rd.

Last meeting, the Board was going to bring forward to the RM, a request to reduce the speed limit on Lakeshore Road. After the RM met in October, it was approved to reduce the speed along Lakeshore from Belair Rd to Hillside Beach Road to at least 70 km/hour with additional signage.

The question was raised as to how often the RM oils roads/dust controls gravel roads. It was indicated that the RM does a good job of this in the Summer and that we likely do not need increased frequency.

6. Social Events

The Board is tabling the discussion of social events for the Spring but the intention is to host more social events in the future, so long as health regulations permit it.

7. Grants

We will apply for RM Alexander Financial Discretionary Grant (approx \$500.00) for equipment or community upkeep as needed. Shannon Husain (Secretary) will be applying for RM grant money in November for the Belair Playground Fund.

8. Requests for the Future

The Board discussed ideas/suggestions from the community:

Alberto Aiello Park:

- Swim area with buoys
- Water mat to go over the rocks to reach the sand; a way to enjoy the park having safe water access to swim, launch kayaks

Jim Kovachik (Member at Large) will be investigating this opportunity

Green Space Area (old tennis courts on Lakeview Drive):

The Board discussed possible ideas for the green space. A vision of all recreational enhancements for the community (including Alberto Aiello Park and the Green Space) will be presented to the Board for further discussion. The mandate for the Green Space will be to incorporate only low budget/low maintenance equipment, have the community in mind, and have clear signage for hours of operation to respect neighbouring cottage owners.

9. Water Shut Down

Clifton Trainor manages the water shut down in the Fall, which typically occurs around Thanksgiving. This year the water is targeted to be shut off the weekend after Thanksgiving. The decision to turn off the water is discretionary, weather permitting.