



Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 23rd, 6:30 pm
Corsley Park
9210 Union Rd, Shedden
Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Recreational Program Update

- a) Shedden Youth Soccer
- b) Shedden Adult Soccer
- c) Fingal Heritage Park
- d) Talbotville Optimist Club
- e) Ferndale Community Park
- f) Fingal Storm Baseball
- g) Talbotville Member at Large

Businesses Arising From Minutes

New Business

Next Meeting and Adjournment



Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 26th, 2026, 6:30 pm

Talbotville Sports Park

Present

Deputy Major Pennings

Councillor Fellows

Michelle Lackey – Shedden Soccer

Ruth Quenneville – Talbotville Optimist Club

Jesse Walker – Shedden Soccer (Left at 7:14 pm)

Charles Annett – Fingal Ball Diamond (Arrived at 6:39 pm)

Rod Hill – Ferndale

Absent

Janice Fisher

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

A question was raised whether John Price, Facilities Manager, is to be at the meetings. It was noted that if there is a need for him at one of the meetings, we can request that he attend.

Allison to confirm.

Approval of Agenda

First: Jesse

Second: Ross

PASSED

Approval of Minutes

- a) July 15, 2025 Parks Committee

Minutes approved as amended.

- b) March 26, 2026 Parks Committee & Keystone Complex Committee

Minutes approved as amended.

First: Jesse Walker Second: Councillor Fellows

PASSED

Fingal Ball Diamond Update

Construction of the sanitary sewers has impacted the ball season. All teams have been rescheduled into our other facilities. It is tight, but no one was turned away. The Rosy Rhubarb Committee offered to help with some upgrades at the Shedden diamond. Some repairs have been made to the Shedden diamond, and it is being utilized this year. There is some hope to do drainage work in the fall.

The diamonds and pavilions are not in use this season.

Recreational Program Update

a) Shedden Youth Soccer

One month on the soccer fields. Numbers are down drastically compared to the previous, unsure if it's due to construction.

A few parents have made comments on the road conditions, with cutouts not being marked well.

Shedden Soccer is still recruiting some coaches. Currently, there are 6 high school students and one college student through the soccer program.

U12 is in need of some adult coaches. Call to Committee members if anyone knows any interested parties.

Some teams are full, but registration is slow.

b) Shedden Adult Soccer

There are six Women's League teams with 15 players per team.

Playing single headers.

Soccer could always use more teams.

The fields are pretty good this year. There haven't been any complaints since the first weekend.

c) Fingal Heritage Park

The park is looking good with good grass cutting.

Port-a-Poty is in, and the structure is aging nicely.

Flower planters were planted today. Mr. Burgar noted that the large flower pots need to be taken in over the winter or at least covered. Mr. Burgar believes they never left the park and were left out as one is now leaking.

Deputy Mayor Pennings stated that if one of the planters is leaking, we can look at getting it replaced.

Mr. Burgar is wondering if the following tasks will be completed:

- Paint marking on the walkway

- Handicap tabletop, something is loose and wondering if it can be tightened.

- Fencing for the trees. Deputy Mayor Pennings is confident that a fence is not needed.

- One tree needs to be replaced, which will be done using funds from the reserve.

Garbage cans are being tucked under the accessible table. They should be right up against the edge.

Each year, the Christmas lights at the park are put up by Ross Burgar and Len Lynch. Looking for someone to take this task on.

Mr. Burgar has explored the option of hiring a professional. There are currently 12 trees, and the gazebo is being wrapped each year.

A professional company quoted for wrapping the trees and the entire gazebo would be a cost of \$9,400 the first year to cover the cost of purchasing the lights, and drop to half the cost for the subsequent years.

Committee interested in what it would cost for permanent lighting in the gazebo. Ross Burgar and Deputy Mayor Pennings to consult the company.

This year, the lights will be a joint effort of the Committee. The Committee will convene one evening to put up the lights. Date to be determined at a later time.

d) Talbotville Optimist Club

Friday Activity Night is starting this week.

Question regarding the location of the multi-use sports pad. Once there are the funds for the project, a proposal for the location can be made. Talbotville Optimist expressed interest in putting some funds forward to help with the project.

The committee noted good things about the multi-use pad in Lynhurst. Allison to check with Corey if we can find out how much Central Elgin paid for it.

Help guide estimate budget for a similar finished project Committee is looking for.

Mrs. Quenneville shared the Optimist sponsorship of a 13-year-old local hockey player.

e) Ferndale Community Park

Some erosion along the stream. Lost around a foot in the winter.

Lights along McBain are going to help link the two parks.

There is a tree that has been decorated at Christmas and Easter. Not sure who it is.

Recommendation for a dog park along Wellington Rd, where the grass is cut out.

Something to consider in the future. Unsure if it is a great spot, as there is little parking, but there aren't a lot of dog parks in the area.

f) Fingal Storm Baseball

Mr. Annett is happy with the Shedden diamond coming together to be used.

Numbers have grown, and they have added 4 new teams. Almost 100 players.

It was advertised as two nights a week, one game and one practice, but having to switch to Shedden has made the schedule very tight, and there is no time for practices.

Need for more garbage cans at Shedden Diamond and Talbotville Optimist Sports Park. The fence needs fixing at the Sports park as it does not lock.

Noted, the dugout is wide open, and you can not get out without going onto the field.

Mr. Annett to send recommendations for changes to Deputy Major Pennings.

Some lights at the Shedden diamond are not functioning. The committee expressed concerns that they pose a safety hazard.

The committee believes there are light bulbs that can replace those that are out. Allison to confirm with Corey.

The electrical panel at the Shedden diamond is falling apart with wires hanging.

g) Talbotville Member At Large

Comments by Janice Fischer were sent in via email and brought up Deputy Mayor Pennings.

When will the location of the Talbotville school be announced? There is speculation on the location of the proposed school and the possible impact on the parklands and green space.

The location of the school has not been announced yet, unsure when the announcement will be made, as it is not just the Township of Southwold doing it.

Excited, we are getting two schools, both French and English.

The new asphalt trail from the soccer field behind the houses on Royal Cres already had plants growing up through the asphalt. What can be done to fix this and prevent the same in the future?

Councillor Fellows has already informed Corey Pemberton and Aaron Van Oorspronk of this issue.

Erosion along Royal Crescent drains off, and it's undermining the trail.

Without a visible and accessible connection most people using Optimist Park don't know there is a trail at the far end of the soccer field. Can wood chips or another material be run from the start of this asphalt section along the fence line of the soccer field to Optimist Drive?

The asphalt goes up to Royal Crescent and stops. The grass and trees make it look like the trail ends. Possible ways to help the situation could be signage and woodchips.

Any movement/update on connection of the Deer Ridge trail/The Ridge with the trail at the Sports Park?

The land is owned by the developer, and the tracks by CM. It is in the long-term plan to connect the two. No movement is foreseen to be made until further development occurs.

New Business.

There is a new conservation area, Five Maples, located across from Corsley Park, to the south of the Fire Hall. A grand opening will be happening in early summer. Date to be shared, once it has been set.

There has been a push for a trail connection of Fingal and Shedden. It will be part of the development plan.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm. Committee to meet again on Tuesday, June 23rd, at Corsley Park Pavilion at 6:30 pm.