

MINUTES OF AGENDA NUMBER 42, OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD, HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2021, HELD IN PERSON AT THE LAIRD HALL.

Present:	<i>Mayor:</i>	Dick Beitz
	<i>Councillors:</i>	Shawn Evoy
		Frank Turco
		Ed Lapish
		Todd Rydall
	<i>Clerk:</i>	Jennifer Errington
	<i>Delegate:</i>	Donnie Varcoe

Mayor Beitz called a special meeting to discuss the Lease Agreement between the Township and Laird International Raceway Inc., the term of the current lease is ending December 31st, 2021.

Donnie Varcoe of Laird International Raceway spoke with Council about his intent to renew the lease at the fairgrounds. Mr. Varcoe indicated that he did not want changes, but he would like to the Township to take care of the grass, and he will pay for this, as he feels that the Township always cut the grass at different times and it doesn't look nice when both areas are not cut at the same time. Mr. Varcoe was questioned by Councillor Evoy on how many cuts are required in a season, and Mr. Varcoe responded that it requires 6 good cuts. Mr. Varcoe would like to see an amendment to Section 3 of the current lease, removing the 5 year first right of refusal clause, instead he would like to see a "carry torch" clause, where he would find a person to take over the Laird International Raceway.

Mr. Varcoe indicated that he plans to have 7 shows, but with COVID he isn't sure what next year will be like. Mr. Varcoe plans to schedule 8 races, knowing that 7 will take place for sure. He proposes to pay per race, supplying post dated cheques to be cashed after each race. He would also like to have a mix of Thursday and Saturdays.

Council discussed the notion of paying per race, they were not in favour and feel the lease requires a minimum amount. Council was also not in favour of being responsible for grass cutting. Discussions were had on focusing on strengthening the following sections: Section 8 Insurance and Section 9 (4) requiring a structural engineer inspection of grandstands.

Council requested that the Clerk put together amendments as per discussion.

Mayor Beitz asked Council if they would be willing to meet earlier for the December 16, 2021 Council meeting. It was consensus of Council to start the meeting at 6:00 pm.

ON MOTION (No. 197-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Ed Lapish that Council meeting be adjourned at 4:52 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor –

Clerk –