

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

May 1, 2006

C/Faber opened the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 21, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Rob Faber, present; Jim Bell, present; Al Morrone, absent; Matt Deiner, present; Mike Turner, absent; Mike Kuczinski, present; Fiore Masci, present; Gary Dorfman, present (left meeting at 9:50 PM); Steven Henig, present.

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- Diane O'Connell (6 Hope Drive Millstone Township, NJ 08510) addressed the Commission with her disappointment over there not being a playground at Charlie Abate Park. She also questioned the Commission how they were able to come up with the decision of not having a playground. C/Faber explained that there was a tot lot scheduled for phase II but could not be budgeted in for phase I. There was a need to put an adequate berm in place for the surrounding development, which cost a substantial amount. C/Dorfman explained because of the extra berm there was a shortage of money and the tot lot got pushed to phase II. Additional money went towards basketball, tennis, and handball courts due to the community's great need for them. The Commission explained that there are lines for the basketball and tennis courts but there will never be too many people using the playground. Should the bids for phase I fall under, the Commission will look into the possibility of budgeting the playground in for the initial phase.
- Cory Wingerter (108 Millstone Road, Englishtown NJ 07726) addressed the Commission with some suggestions and problems regarding Wagner Farm Park. One thing he noticed was that there was no hand towel and soap dispenser above the sink in the kitchen, which should be there to meet codes. Another problem was that children were lining up the picnic tables to use as skateboard ramps.

He also updated the Commission on the progress the Millstone Drug Alliance was having with the Recreation Maps. The map will be of the whole township and hopefully include the parks and what is going on at each of them.

Cory Wingerter requested the Commission designate smoking areas in each park. Once a location is designated, it should be 20X10 area.

He also suggested the Commission look into the possibility of requiring all of our coaches to attend a coach's clinic. He will forward clinic information to the Commission.

C/Faber closed the meeting to the public at 9:02 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Minutes- Approval of the April 3, 2006 Minutes**
Motion to approve: C/Faber. **Seconded:** C/Dorfman.

Motion to approve: Rob Faber, Aye; Jim Bell, Abstain; Al Morrone, Absent; Matt Deiner, Aye; Mike Kuczinski, Abstain; Mike Turner, Absent; Fiore Masci, Aye; Gary Dorfman, Aye; Steven Henig, Aye.

- **Wagner Farm Park**

The Recreation Commission reviewed the wall-padding proposal. C/Deiner made a motion to proceed with Nickerson for the wall padding. **Motion to approve:** C/Deiner. **Seconded:** C/Bell.

Motion to approve: Rob Faber, Aye; Jim Bell, Aye; Al Morrone, Absent; Matt Deiner, Aye; Mike Kuczinski, Aye; Mike Turner, Absent; Fiore Masci, Aye; Gary Dorfman, Aye; Steven Henig, Aye.

The Recreation Commission discussed the poor condition of the main playing field at Wagner. C/Masci suggested staying off the main field and only using it for games. He mentioned the idea of possibly grading and leveling a specific area out at Wagner and using that for Cheerleading practices. He would then move football practices off the main field and onto the field where the Cheerleaders would normally practice.

C/Deiner discussed the problems with broken sprinkler heads out at Wagner. C/Masci added there were problems with the scheduled times the sprinklers were running. These problems were causing flooding and leading to the fields being torn up during practices. The Commission questioned who was responsible for maintaining the sprinkler system. C/Bell suggested having someone go out there and test each zone once a week. Jim Pickering will be contacted to find out who is responsible for this and if there is a maintenance protocol for the sprinkler system.

- **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)**

C/Kuczinski discussed the importance of training as many people as possible on how to use the AED systems. Even though it is said to be foolproof, he would like people to be trained on how to use the system. C/Faber tabled the topic for June's meeting to discuss training with C/Turner.

- **Men's Softball**

C/Dorfman updated the Commission on the status of the program. There were 24 residents interested in the program. The Commission discussed the possible registration fees and expenditures for the program. The commission would like to purchase 30 balls, 3 bases, and 3 bats for the program. The Board of Education will be contacted to find out the availability of their baseball fields. C/Dorfman made a motion to create a Men's Softball program and set a \$40 registration fee.

Motion to approve: C/Dorfman. **Seconded:** C/Bell.

Motion to approve: Rob Faber, Aye; Jim Bell, Aye; Al Morrone, Absent; Matt Deiner, Aye; Mike Kuczinski, Aye; Mike Turner, Absent; Fiore Masci, Aye; Gary Dorfman, Aye; Steven Henig, Aye.

- **Camp Topenamous**

The plan to have the Commission go on a site visit was discussed. C/Faber suggested that if it was not possible to schedule a time for the whole Commission to attend then perhaps each Commissioner should go on their own. C/Bell suggested contacting Bill Fox to find out if it were possible to have a tour on a Saturday.

- **Basketball Clinic**
C/Faber updated the commission on the status of the basketball clinic. He distributed copies of the Basketball Clinic flyer for the commission to review. The program will be open to all Millstone/Roosevelt children in grade 3rd – 12th. C/Faber will look into whether or not Kevin Owens will be covering all advertising expenses.
- **Fishing Derby**
C/Bell requested a volunteer from the Commission to help run the Fishing Derby this year. C/Deiner offered to volunteer but will have to check his Lacrosse game schedule before committing.
- **Summer Recreation**
C/Bell explained that we are waiting to hear from the Board of Education to find out whether or not they will be able to provide the buses for this year's program. C/Bell will follow up with Brian Boyle (Assistant Superintendent) to determine the status. If the Board of Education will not provide us with transportation, we will have to go out to bid.
- **Other**
Millstone Day: C/Bell will be meeting with Frogbridge Day Camp and reviewing his notes regarding what went right and wrong last year.

Carnival: The Commission discussed the possibility of having a carnival in town. C/Masci requested permission to entertain this idea further and do some research.

Signs: The Commission addressed their concern that they were left out of the loop with regards to the placement of the "no smoking" signs. They also requested additional information on how to go about posting signs. Some possible locations for designated smoking areas were discussed. C/Faber tabled the final decision until June's Recreation Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

cc: C/Grbelja
C/Kinsey
C/Abilheira
C/Sico
C/Dilfanian