

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

February 7, 2011

C/Bell opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 1975, C231 WAS READ.

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 SENT TO THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 22, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; present, Bill Hanson; not present, Dominick Ricci; present, Robert Brown; present, Tracey Klehr; present, Terrence Murphy; present, Kenneth Simels; present, Andrew Ferrara; present, Chris Morris; present

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was not present.

• **Reorganization**

Chairman: **Jim Bell**

Motion to approve, all in favor

Vice Chairman: **Tracey Klehr**

Motion to approve, all in favor

Treasurer: **Billy Hanson**

Motion to approve, all in favor

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

C/Bell opened the meeting to the public at 8:03 PM

Kevin Knorr, a Millstone Twp Resident and coach of the Warriors basketball travel program approached the commissions with a request to run the travel program as a competitive recreation program. The current president is stepping down. He advised the program would be opened to Millstone Twp participants as well as outside towns. There would be no cuts but an evaluation process. The board and coaches select the teams. Average teams consist of 10 players. Number of teams is determined by enrollment. Two divisions: Mid-Monmouth team (bi-county travel) and Monroe sports center team. Suggested cost per participant is \$250.00. Program usually consists of 11 teams, 5 girls and 6 boys. Expenses are: league play per team, uniforms, required equipment and gym time. A long discussion followed in regards to the challenges that may arise if the program was to be run as a recreation program. Concerns are: equal playing time per participant, gym time availability, cash compensation for referees and allowing "out of town" participants. C/Bell stressed if we take over the program it must be run efficiently from the beginning in order to be a successful. The commission thanked Kevin for his time and advised they will discuss further and get back to him with a decision.

C/Bell closed the meeting to the public at 9:27 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Lacrosse**

Scott Moore, a coach from the recreation boys Lacrosse program approached the commission with the proposed details for the upcoming season. A decision was made by the program not to have a boys "select" team this year. The boys division will have four teams and may have two boys' teams in the upper grades due to the heavy enrollment. He also advised the booster club will continue to compensate the referees for home games and get reimbursed by the Township as that worked out well last season. Gym time has been secured for the program starting early March. Scott inquired when the fields at Wagner Farm Park will be seeded and when the program will be allowed to begin practice. C/Bell stated that decision will be dictated by the weather and the field condition. Scott also stated the booster club will hire a landscaper to line the fields this season. He requested some yellow paint be purchased due to the layout of the girls fields being different from the layout of the boy's fields.

Lisa Bellotti, coach from the girls Lacrosse program, supplied the commission with a handout explaining the levels of tournament play for Girls Lacrosse, which includes: Select, Travel and Rec. levels. This year the program plans on playing as a NJJGLL "travel" team level which is more competitive than a "Rec" level program, but not as competitive as a "select" level program. It is required all head coaches must be "level 1" certified. The girls program has been organized for about 8 years, thus it is more experienced then some surrounding towns that are just starting out with their programs. Lisa stated a few of the teams they will play, may be slightly above their playing level, thus she advised some of the more skilled players may have more playing time then less skilled players at particular tournaments, but all participants will have equal play time for the season. Equal playing time is always a priority and all participants play in each game. The program never uses the same players to start. It's important to challenge the more skilled players just as much as the less skilled players. C/Bell suggested being as fair as possible when it comes to playing time which can be challenging. Lisa advised she would be up front with the parents, advising of particular challenging games.

Scott briefly mentioned a Millstone Twp Lacrosse scholarship for high school boy and girl is being set up, further details to come.

C/Bell announced plans for the land that was purchased by the Township on Red Valley Road officially named Millstone Park. A 6 acre "open space" parcel with plans to build an 88 square foot facility with a 90% turf field for the first phase of the project. A matching grant was secured and construction is scheduled to start in September and required to be completed by March 2013. A second phase will consist of a facility with hard floors. Blue prints of the facility were showed.

Brian Kokot, representing the Millstone United Traveling Soccer (MUTS) and also a coach of recreation soccer program. Brian stated his sons travel team folded due to low participating and he now plays with a Jackson team. Brian explained he is here to represent soccer and would like to see the MUTS integrate with recreation soccer in some capacity. He stated many Millstone residents are playing soccer outside the township. C/Ferrara stated some Millstone participants have dropped from the travel program because many outside players were recruited to Millstone's team and limiting playing time for Millstone participants. C/Klehr advised recreation soccer enrollment has also dropped off. C/Bell stated years ago there were contentions between the travel team and the recreation board, but in the past few years the relationship has improved. Brian stressed to the commission, he just would like to make the soccer programs stronger in town overall.

- **Wagner Farm Park / Abate Park / Brandywine Soccer Fields / Rocky Brook Park**
C/Murphy stated as the spring approaches he will supply more information for the layout of the proposed Pop Warner personalized brick walkway to be laid at Wagner Farm Park. He will also discuss the details with C/Bell who is planning a sprinkler improvement project for the park.
- **Basketball**
C/Brown advised he went to a few games last week and talked to some coaches in regards to how the season went. No major problems were reported. After a situation of a player being thrown out of a game after 3 fouls, the referee discussed with C/Brown, he would like the ability to suspend a player for next week's game after multiply fouls. C/Brown feels if it is reported the same player is involved in multiply incidents of fouling out, the request should be considered. C/Simels stated not all referees enforce the technical foul rule.
- **Summer Rec**
Camp to start June 27 through July 29, no camp Monday, July 4, 2011.
- **Spring Tennis**
C/Klehr tabled the discussion until March's meeting. She advised the plans of offering a munchkin tennis program which may require a fee ordinance.
- **Millstone Park**
Discussed earlier

Program	2010 Liaison	2011 Volunteer Coordinator	2011 Liaison	Comments:
Adult Soccer	Tracey Klehr	Tracy Littlefield	Jim Bell	
Adult Volleyball	Andy Ferrara	Chuck Moy	Dom Ricci	
Basketball	Bob Brown	Dave Kurzman	Bob Brown	
Cheerleading	Mike Turner	Kathie Chandonett	Terry Murphy	
Fall Soccer	Klehr/Simels		Klehr/Simels	Billy Hanson to assist
Field Hockey	Jim Bell	Lisa Bellotti	Jim Bell	
Football	Mike Turner	Dan Merkel	Terry Murphy	
Lacrosse	T. Murphy	Matt Deiner/Lisa Bellotti	Andy Ferrara	
Men's Basketball	Dom Ricci	Dom Ricci	Dom Ricci	
Special Needs Programs		Tracy Littlefield	Tracey Klehr	
Spring Soccer	Klehr/Simels		Tracey Klehr	
Summer Rec	Jim Bell	Gary Conk	Jim Bell	
Tennis	Tracey Klehr	Ho Scott	Tracey Klehr	
Wrestling	Mike Turner	Rich Giglia/Rich Williams	Terry Murphy	

Public Events:	2010 Liaison	2011 Volunteer Coordinator	2011 Liaison	Comments:
Millstone Day	Billy Hanson		Billy Hanson	Dom Ricci to assist
Holiday Lighting	Tracey Klehr		Tracey Klehr	

Other:	2010 Liaison	2011 Volunteer Coordinator	2011 Liaison	Comments:
Building Use (Wagner)	Murphy/Hanson		Murphy/Hanson	
Building Use (Schools)	Murphy/Hanson		Murphy/Hanson	

- **Approval of January 3, 2011 Minutes**
Motion to approve, C/Simels, **Seconded** C/Ricci, Carried

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; aye, Bill Hanson; absent, Dominick Ricci; aye, Robert Brown; abstain, Tracey Klehr; aye, Terrence Murphy; aye, Kenneth Simels; aye, Andrew Ferrara; aye

A lengthy discussion took place in regards to the request to take on the Warriors Traveling basketball program. A main point of discussion was if the Rec Dept has enough man power to take on an additional large program. The commission does not want to see a program fail due to resources or have to micro manage the program. C/Bell discussed on-line enrollment is something that should be looked into. There are free websites and some that charge a minimal fee. C/Brown feels a competitive program would be beneficial to help the more skilled players improve. Questions discussed: Do we start a new competitive basketball program on a trial basis or take over the existing program. Are we allowed to enroll out of town participants in a township program and will gym time availability be a factor? It was mentioned more competitive programs are what seems to be in demand. C/Brown advised he will sit down with Kevin Knorr along with C/Simels, C/Murphy and C/Ferrara and discuss further.

Motion to adjourn, **Moved** C/Klehr, **Seconded** C/Murphy
Meeting adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole C. Vladimirov

cc: Maria Dellasala