

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
215 Millstone Road Millstone Twp. NJ 08535
March 2, 2015 7:30 pm
Minutes

C/Morris calls the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 1975, C231 IS 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 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 20, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

| MEMBER | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Chris Morris | x | |
| Bill Hanson | | x |
| Andrew Ferrara | 7:40 | |
| Dominick Ricci | | x |
| Ken Simels | x | |
| Terrence Murphy | x | |
| Peter Kowal | | x |
| Sharon Peake | x | |
| Joe Adornetti | x | |

Chairman opens the meeting to the public at 7:39 p.m.

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The Commission welcomed Joe Adornetti to the Recreation Commission. Joe has been appointed the Alternate II member fulfilling the unexpired term of Sharon Peake, his term expires December 31, 2017. The Commission also welcomed Melissa Peerboom, Melissa joined the recreation department in August and filled the vacated part-time recreation clerk position.

Pop Warner Cheer Proclamation

Sharon Peake informed the commission of the February 18, 2015 proclamation the Jr. Pee Wee girls team received from the Township Committee. The proclamation was in recognition on the team's accomplishments this season. The team highlights were becoming the Central Jersey 1st Place Champions, Eastern Region 1st Place Champions, and the National Championship 3rd Place Champions. Kate Slisky attended the proclamation presentation and stated how warmly the team was received by the Township Committee. Mayor Kinsey encouraged each member to speak at the microphone and express their favorite memories of the season and their road to victory. Committeewoman Grbelja was encouraging in her remarks speaking of teamwork and setting goals.

Millstone Day

The date for Millstone Day has been confirmed, it will be Sunday, September 13, 2015. Bill Hanson was not in attendance, therefore the discussion was tabled until the April 6th meeting.

Summer Recreation Camp

Chris Morris informed the commission the recreation office is being proactive and securing a foundation of twenty returning camp counselors and adding additional counselors based on enrollment. The ratio of staff to camper will remain the same. Inquiry letters and applications have been sent to twenty-five counselors from 2014.

Counselor in Training (CIT) volunteer positions will again be offered to Millstone students entering their junior & senior year of high school as of September 2015. During the previous camp season three CIT students volunteered at camp two of which were siblings of counselors. Sharon Peake requested from K/Slisky the commitments required from the volunteers and how it will best facilitate camp. C/Morris stated the CIT is a volunteer opportunity many students would be interested in particularly National Honor Society members, but the CIT program is not widely known to residents. The recreation secretary will contact Gary Conk for his input regarding the CIT program.

K/Slisky informed the members the preliminary bus schedule was submitted to the Finance Department to form the bus bid. Camp will have two buses again this year, this enables camp to fill trip buses to its greatest capacity.

G/Conk, Camp Director is beginning to book trips within a forty-five minute radius of camp. The commission inquired if any new trips will be offered this year. K/Slisky stated the camp trips scheduled is planned by G/Conk though she stated trips are unpredictable from year to year as an example she stated the disappointment the Yankee trip had been last season after selling out in prior years. Some trips such as Storybook Land though participation is low is specific to the younger age groups. Also, the price points for trips is also considered when trips are booked. C/Morris requested K/Slisky send the commission the 2014 trip matrix to review what trips were sold and for any suggestions for the coming season.

Instructional Soccer

Spring Instructional Soccer registration is open, current enrollment is at twenty but it is still early. Total enrollment last Spring was one hundred and twenty five. Maestro Soccer has been secured as trainers again this year and will be given the enrollment numbers as the season approaches so the appropriate amount of trainers are scheduled.

A Summer Soccer Camp proposal was received from Maestro Soccer, they would like to offer a camp for players ages 7 to 14 years, August 3 through August 7. Joe Adornetti asked what is the prior association the recreation department has with Maestro Soccer and if they have run camps for the township prior to the proposal. K/Slisky informed the members that Maestro Soccer has a longstanding relationship with the trainers and they have been very favorably received by residents, though this is their first camp proposal. C/Morris requested K/Slisky provide information at the April meeting including how grouping is done i.e. age and skill, the number of trainers per player, field schedule conflicts, and the number of fields to be used. The commission requested K/Slisky reach out to others who have held the camp for feedback.

C/Morris informed the commission replacement nets & equipment when needed will no longer be raised through registration fees; this change will allow the registration fee to remain the same.

Basketball

Ken Simels recapped the request from Justin Gellman for a new adult men's basketball program during the summer months to be held in the school gyms during the evening. The issue is whether custodial staff is available during the summer during the evening hours. K/Slisky informed the commission that an initial email was sent to the BOE inquiring if the gyms would be available, no reply was given. C/Morris stated if the program is to move forward a minimum of ten (10) registrations would be required. A follow up email requesting gym availability for June to August will be made. The indoor program would require Millstone Township residency.

K/Simels explained traditionally the men's programs runs September to June in the school gyms. The group moves outdoors for informal pick-up games in the summer. Some members may also be interested in the indoor program, especially during inclement weather.

Joe Adornetti gave a recap of the winter season. He cited one incident during a boys high school game that the commission felt was in violation with the Code of Conduct. Other than the one incident the program remains very popular and the championship tee shirts were well received. J/Adornetti suggested the championship games be moved to Sunday and be scheduled in the Middle School gyms so a public announcement system could be used. J/Adornetti acted as liaison to the Junior Board again this season, there is concern the Junior Board members are not getting the respect from coaches regarding substitutions and playing time. A discussion continued on how to better monitor the games, address the level of responsibility the referees have in controlling the game and the coaches' role. K/Simels stated he had talked to the referee assignor about this issue and he was to direct the referees to intervene more.

K/Simels discussed coaches filling in without background checks and how the background checks add a another layer of difficulty securing coaches and volunteers. A discussion followed whether another background check similar to what Little League uses for background check renewals was possible. Volunteers are needed to monitor the photo lanyards and monitoring is needed by the programs managers and boards. C/Morris requested K/Slisky look into bringing in a mobile unit from Identigo to Millstone and have a date when volunteers from various Millstone organizations could have a background check done without the inconvenience of traveling to a outside location.

K/Simels announced Kevin Bomba is stepping down as the Basketball Board President. During Kevin's tenure the basketball program was expanded to include the summer session. His departure will be greatly missed. The Board is seeking new members to complete the board. Volunteers are needed to monitor that background check IDs are worn and to monitor the gyms on Saturday. The board needs six to seven volunteers due to the time involved to cover all the games. Summer basketball program needs someone who has a passion for the program to keep it going.

C/Morris asked for a written guiding principle for each program seeking volunteers be given to the commission seeking volunteers.

Spring Tennis

Sharon Peak stated Tennis Buddies started off great and serviced a handful of kids but there have been no registrations in the sessions that followed. S/Peake asked that the registration be opened on last time. If there is renewed interest the program will be reinstated. The equipment can be used for summer camp or Munchkin Tennis

Lacrosse

The Board has just decided to open a clinic for girls in grades 1 & 2. The program will run for eight weeks of practice, scrimmages with Robbinsville and Allentown are scheduled. They hope to have four scrimmages in total. The clinic members will be required to obtain a US Lacrosse Membership. Andy Ferrara was pleased to report Lacrosse has teams for every age group. Registration numbers look great, there is a team for divisions. No players were waitlisted, all were absorbed into the program. Registration closed on February 14 any late registration were sent to the Lacrosse Board for approval before they were accepted. K/Slisky stated unused gym time was returned to the BOE. Additional gym time would be returned based on the weather conditions and if teams could move outside for practice.

The commission inquired who the emergency contact person was for recreation facilities. The commission directed K/Slisky to provide the emergency contact person to them.

Motion to approve, Moved T/Murphy, Seconded S/Peake, Carried

ROLL CALL:

| MEMBER | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Chris Morris | x | | |
| Bill Hanson | | | |
| Andrew Ferrara | x | | |
| Dominick Ricci | | | |
| Ken Simels | x | | |
| Terrence Murphy | | | x |
| Peter Kowal | x | | |
| Sharon Peake | x | | |
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- **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, Moved T/Murphy , Seconded S/Peake, Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.