

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2018**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Adornetti, DeFelice , Skowronski, Russell, Aprile and Casale
Absent: Simels, Peake,

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: April 2, 2018

C/Morris made a Motion to approve and C/Skowronski offered a Second. Roll Call Vote:
Morris, DeFelice, Skowronski, and Aprile vote yes to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Morris opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Anthony Italiano introduced himself from the MUTS organization. He has been in township since 2002 and has been involved in recreation soccer since 2003. He has children that are both involved within the travel and recreational programs. He has decided to take on the position of Liaison for MUTS and the Recreation Department. Chairman Morris noted that between recreation and the travel programs, they both will have additional resources to help run, maintain and grow the program. The budget has been an item for discussion between both sides but have been able to reconcile the issues. Chairman Morris brought up another issue that came up just today. DPW contacted the Recreation Department to let them know that someone besides DPW has been mowing the fields without prior permission. Chairman Morris noted that an incident like this could create numerous problems within the town and advised the MUTS not to continue. He asked Mr. Italiano to inform the MUTS program. Chairman Morris thanked Mr. Italiano for taking on this commitment and feels it will be a great addition.

Chairman Morris closed the meeting to the public at 7:48.

Basketball - C/Adornetti noted that for the summer program we currently only have enough volunteers for grade 1 -4. They will proceed with Mondays and Tuesdays as long as there are enough volunteers to commit. C/Adornetti spoke about a couple issues with parents and basketball members going to the Board of Education and not the Recreation Department for gym time. A board member within basketball was looking for additional gym time not within the current programs. C/Adornetti and the secretary created a clinic that was open to all but was able to provide the additional gym time he was looking for. C/ DeFelice noted that some of the decisions the volunteer makes are not in line with the commission's philosophy. Chairman Morris said the volunteers are representatives of the commission and need to be in line with the same philosophy. Chairman Morris would like to have this resolved. C/Adornetti will be meeting with the volunteer to discuss the issue and will advise.

Soccer - Chairman Morris noted he discussed a time line with MUTS as to when information is needed by the Recreation Department. Items were purchased prior to receiving registrations and that is not the normal process that is followed. The secretary will work up a time line and submit for discussion as to when Spring and Fall payments are received.

Summer Camp - The Secretary noted that the trips were finalized and will be on sale for purchase soon. There are about seven new trips added to the schedule this year. GST was awarded the bus contract for this year.

Millstone Day -C/ Russell noted the date is September 16, 2018. It was discussed that the commission would like to add a new activity to attract more adults. They asked the secretary to speak with the Administrator to possibly host a beer or wine tasting. They are looking for more participation.

Township Parks - Chairman Morris had a walk-through at Millstone Park. He noted the last 60 days there has been a lot of progress. Chairman Morris also noted he had 3 meetings since last month on cameras. The township went through every property with the focus on the fields. He is currently waiting on the Township Committee for additional information. The Township has already begun the process for funding the project.

Lacrosse - Chairman Morris stated there was a lot of activity this past month. The LAX program has previously been managed appropriately and generally has been small program in the past. Chairman Morris discussed multiple issues stemming from two boys that were allowed to play up after direction was given from the Recreation Office that it was denied. It was communicated through the Lacrosse Board President, Vice President and parents multiple times that the boys needed to play with their assigned team. It has been identified we have an environment where the sub board is not in line with the philosophy of the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Office also reached out to US Lacrosse and they do not advise that any player play in a different division that what is assigned. Chairman Morris stated currently none of our programs allow players to play up unless there are extenuating circumstances. It was also brought to the attention of the Recreation Department that a Lacrosse Board member held a parent meeting to try to identify who may be informing recreation as to situations happening within the boys teams. For a leader of a recreation program to conduct themselves in that nature is not acceptable. Chairman Morris stated that unfortunately it's the thirty other boys who were affected by the poor judgment this season. The decision to ignore the direction of the Recreation Department will needed to be handled by the Township. C/Skowronski noted Lacrosse normally runs well, but agrees there were issues with the season. He also noted that in the spring there are no travel teams so the kids need an opportunity to play and some are just more competitive than others. Numbers were key this year and then they took the best two players out and left the team shorthanded. With playing up there was a communication gap and coaches didn't step up. C/Adornetti feels everyone involved should schedule to meet to discuss moving forward. Minimum playing time was also discussed. C/Skowronski 's philosophy is equal playing time. The girls currently play 50/50 with line changes. C/DeFelice thought all sports had equal playing time rules. Boys Lacrosse does not seem to follow the same philosophy. The Commission agreed to an equal playing time policy, 50/50 or minimum 2/3 of a game. Starting lineup is based upon accountability of the player. Examples are showing up for practice

and on time for pre-game warm-up. The ideal roster size is twenty four. Moving forward there will no longer be an option for anyone to play up a division. The exception to this rule will be at the discretion of the Recreation Department and registration numbers only will be the driving factor. The boards will need to be addressed to have accountability of the program and follow the philosophy of the Recreation Commission. A meeting will be required with all parties involved.

Seeing no further business, Chairman Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Adornetti offered a second. By unanimous vote, the Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Peerboom