

Millstone Township
Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2018

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

Reading of adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Russell, and Casale

Late: DeFelice, Peake, Committeeman Kinsey

Absent: Skowronski, Aprile

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: May 14, 2018

Chairman Morris made a Motion to approve and C/Adornetti offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Morris, Adornetti, Russell, and Casale vote yes to approve the minutes.

Public Comment: Chairman Morris opened and closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Lacrosse - C/Skowronski is absent and unable to provide a season ending update. Chairman Morris requested the Secretary send an email and follow up with C/Skowronski. The Commission would like to hear any feedback regarding the policy that was communicated. The Commission will discuss during the July meeting if a further meeting should be scheduled.

Summer Basketball - The summer basketball program was opened to grades one through fourth. Recreation reached out to previous volunteers for the older groups but was unable to get enough volunteers to commit. The Chairman asked to follow up an additional time.

Summer Camp - Chairman Morris discussed the recommendation to increase the minimum starting hourly rate for counselors. The Secretary put together documentation and was sent to the Township for approval. The initial was denied and Chairman Morris then followed up with research from the prior years and placed another request for approval. Chairman Morris spoke with members from the Township Committee and the recreation request was reversed and the hourly rates will receive an increase. Chairman Morris stated next year the registration fee for summer camp would receive a small increase to offset the costs of the additional increase in wages. The Secretary noted that registration continues and a couple trips have sold out.

Millstone Day. - The Township Administrator has contacted the State what types of permits if the Commission decides to hold a wine tasting. They are also discussing additional plans to increase attendance.

Pop Warner - The Secretary noted that registration for Pop Warner is starting to increase. Rosters have been created and the recreation office will work with any purchases that need to be completed.

Township Parks - Chairman Morris stated the last two weeks there has been damage at Brandywine Park. In addition, it was noted that there were tire tracks on the basketball courts at Abate Park.

Chairman Morris has been in discussion with the Township regarding cameras. The Township Committee members will be reviewing at one of the next Township Committee meetings. Millstone Park is looking good and moving forward in the right direction. Best case for usage is Fall of 2019. C/DeFelice asked about the field lighting restrictions. Chairman Morris noted the currently there is not an ordinance on the lighting. They hope to be able to manage the lighting remotely.

C/Defelice arrived at 7:49 p.m.

New Business - C/Simels questioned how often do sub-boards members meet with the Commission. He feels there needs to be more communication between the Commission and boards. C/Simels also feels they liaisons should not be members of the boards for programs. Chairman Morris noted that currently the basketball board and the Lacrosse boards have not followed the policies that the Recreation Commission has in place. The boards should have the basic philosophy as the Recreation Commission. C/Defelice mentioned that the Liaisons should help communicate the message. C/Simels stated that when there are board changes there seems to be issues with the program. C/DeFelice feels the Commission should have more input on who is on a sub board and have a procedure for members. Committeeman Kinsey feels we developed the sub boards to help the programs run smoothly.

Committeeman Kinsey arrived at 8:04 p.m.

Chairman Morris gave a brief history to C/Kinsey regarding the sub boards. C/Kinsey feels we need to keep consistency within the organization to avoid any issues. Liaisons should be the first line of inquiry for the programs. Chairman Morris noted that we there have been some problems with volunteers not following direct policies from the Recreation Commission. The Commission has spent months discussing policies and doing the best to keep the players out of the issues. Chairman Morris stated the Commission has now added an additional liaison to each program. Therefore, when we have a member that may be a little bit closer to the situation, we have a second person to help keep items in check. Chairman Morris stated the commission will schedule all the boards to come in and have them address the policy and procedures and give them an opportunity to address any issues that they may have. C/Kinsey said once the polices are in place it is now left up to the liaisons of the program to communicate.

C/Peake arrived at 8:24

Seeing no further business, Chairman Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Adornetti offered a second. By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Peerboom