

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2019**

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

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Skowronski, Russell, Aprile

Absent: Kilcomons, Casale

Committeeman Al Ferro in attendance

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: January 14, 2019

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

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

Roger Staib, Business Administrator for Millstone Township, present. Roger introduced himself to the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Casale arrives 7:33pm

C/Morris noted that the commission is looking at how to get Millstone Park ready to facilitate recreational programs.

Roger Staib notes that Millstone Park will be a focus of his attention. He would like to make sure that the right decisions are made in regards to preparing Millstone Park for recreational activities. He suggested that Don Marantz be utilized as a resource regarding recreational fishing at the park. Secretary DeFelice was instructed to reach out to Mr. Marantz.

Committeeman Ferro informed the commission that Township Clerk Maria Dellasala will be retiring on June 1st. C/Morris advised that the Code of Conduct is being revised. C/Adornetti added that additional language dealing with social media communications will be included. C/Morris noted that the commission will make the additional revisions to the code of conduct and submit it to the Township Committee for review. It will include a Code of Conduct Committee. Mr. Staib suggested that a constant remain on the Code of Conduct Committee from year to year rather than a complete turnover. C/Adornetti noted that the committee will have 3 members and 1 alternate. The alternate will be a member the following year providing a constant.

C/Morris closed the Public Comment at 7:45pm

Lacrosse – C/Morris advised that he received information from the Lacrosse board on their bylaws. The bylaws did not incorporate the changes requested by the Recreation Commission last year. C/Skowronski noted that the bylaws are from 2015 and are old. The board was not sure how to proceed. C/Morris advised that the lacrosse board needs to define play time and playing up requirements so that there is no question or confusion in the future about how rules are followed. The commission wanted the Lacrosse Board to come up with clear rules that followed the spirit of recreation play time. The bylaws submitted did not provide that. C/Skowronski replied that the Lacrosse board

does not know what the problem is or why rules need to be spelled out. They are coaching properly. C/Morris noted that for future reference to make sure that when boards transition, rules are written down. Committeeman Ferro advised that the bylaws protect everyone from complaints about play time. If they are written down there is no confusion. C/Morris noted that play time rules need to be constant across all recreation programs. He asked C/Skowronski to have the Lacrosse board revise and resubmit the bylaws. Registration fees also need to be clarified. Committeeman Ferro noted that all sub boards of the Recreation Commission should be aware of the authority of the commission. C/Simels noted that playing up is not permitted in other recreation sports so why lacrosse. It was discussed that last May, the recreation commission voted on a motion preventing any player from playing up unless the team in question was short players. In that situation, the Recreation department would be notified and approval given. C/Skowronski noted that the 3rd and 4th grade girls team is short players. He has spoken with Manalapan about having some of their girls come over to Millstone since Manalapan can not field teams for their girls. Recreation will reach out to Manalapan.

Adult Programs – C/Morris asked Secretary DeFelice if there is any problem with gym time. There is no problem at this time. C/Skowronski noted that Lacrosse might only need to use Wednesday gym time at the Middle School. He will get a schedule over to the Recreation department.

Pop Warner – C/Jen noted that she needs to meet with Rick and Melody at A&M Redbirds to review the budget. Secretary DeFelice noted that the Redbirds have been paying the Pop Warner Dues and insurance the last 2 years. These budget items should be coming through Recreation. C/Morris noted that it may be easier to reallocate these funds back rather than issue a refund. C/Casale mentioned that Pop Warner cheer is trying to get their program to compete with other year round programs so cheer will be year round. She will meet with Melody to discuss changes that need to be made to the program and cost structure. The competition uniforms needed are custom and not passed down so they will need to be a booster or parent cost.

Soccer – C/Simels met with MUTS to review their request for field equipment and gym time. They also discussed future equipment needed for Millstone Park. They want to know if they need to budget for lights in the Fall if the fields at Millstone Park are not ready. C/Morris advised to budget for lights just in case the fields at Millstone Park are not ready for heavy foot traffic.

Commissioner Kilcomons arrives at 8:12pm.

Field Hockey – Nothing to discuss

Basketball – C/Adornetti mentioned that recreation is going well. Warriors has some issues with a coach but will address it under new business.

Wrestling – C/Russell noted that wrestling is going well.

Tennis – No program for last 2 years. Need to find someone to run the program. Rocky Brook courts were re-surfaced. Abate courts need some work done.

Summer Camp –C/Morris noted that we are currently reviewing trips.

Millstone Day – C/Russell announced that Frogbridge has offered to host on Sunday, September 22nd.

Holiday Lighting – Nothing to discuss

Building & Grounds – C/Morris noted that the Township Committee has approved upgrades to security and cameras. Wagner is on the list in the first phase. Other fields will be future phases.

Code of Conduct – C/Adornetti noted that additional verbiage will be going in to the code of conduct and it will be sent to the Township Committee for review.

New Business – C/Adornetti noted that Warriors has a coach causing some issues. He has been getting complaints from parents but they don't want to put anything in writing. C/Morris noted that the commission has an obligation to do something once we become aware of any conduct issue regardless if it is in writing or not. C/Adornetti noted that the person in question has been using social media to send texts and emails to commissioners that are a concern. C/Morris noted that if there is something in writing that demonstrates behavioral issues, it needs to be addressed. C/Kilcomons noted that emails and texts are coming out to parents and recreation commissioners late at night and early morning that demonstrates behavioral problems. The coach does a great job recruiting players and means well but his actions are causing parents to be concerned. C/Morris noted that a letter needs to be sent that alerts the coach to the commission's concerns about his behavior. C/Casale asked if the recreation department can keep a log of complaints even if someone wants to remain anonymous.

Committeeman Ferro noted that they are looking to revamp the Millstone Twp website and wants recreation to make sure that their information is up to date. Also, the Memorial Day service and parade is being planned to be a large event.

C/Simels noted that Recreation needs to look into Flag Football as a future recreation activity. C/Skowronski expressed concern that Flag Football is hurting lacrosse attendance. Many area towns he has spoken to are seeing decreases in numbers and relate some of that to area flag football programs.

Seeing no further business, C/Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Simels offered a second. The Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew DeFelice