

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 19, 2019**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Adornetti, Russell, Aprile, Kilcomons, Rosenfeld

Absent: Simels, Skowronski, Casale

Committeeman Gary Dorfman attending

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** June 3, 2019

C/Morris made a Motion to accept. C/Adornetti offered a Second. Roll Call Vote:

C/Morris, C/Adornetti, C/Russell and C/Aprile vote yes to approve the minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Opened at 7:34 p.m. and closed at 7:34 pm

Adult Programs – Programs will open next week. Awaiting BOE gym time request approval

Pop Warner – C/Kilcomons noted that football is forming teams. Players from area towns are joining the program to help meet minimum numbers. Practice will be held at Byron Johnson Park in Allentown in August and move to Wagner in September. Pop Warner football and cheer surpassed last year's registration numbers. There is concern about the field conditions at Wagner. C/Morris asked if the field conditions from last season were addressed. Secretary DeFelice noted that a the company contracted for weed control was brought to the field to address the crabgrass issue. Seeding was done to the main field. The fields need to be rested but there is little downtime between programs especially with Millstone Park not being available. C/Morris noted that the township needs to stay on top of the field conditions at Wagner. C/Kilcomons noted that the field conditions at Wagner have dropped off over the last 3 years. Secretary DeFelice mentioned that he reviewed the fields with Rick Franzen, president of A&M Redbirds and the field was looking better than during Lacrosse season. C/Russell asked if DPW was responsible for fertilization and weed control. Secretary DeFelice responded that DPW does not have the license to apply weed control and that it is bid out every year.

Flag Football – Secretary DeFelice noted that we did not get the number of registrations we were hoping for. Only 2 of 3 divisions have enough players to form teams. The HS division will not be formed.

Soccer – PreK and K increased from 35 to 61 after the deadline. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is at 35. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade boys has 1 team. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls don't have enough registrations yet to form a team. 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls also do not have numbers to form teams. C/Kilcomons noted that many kids are joining travel leaving less players available for recreation.

Travel Soccer- Secretary DeFelice noted that MUTS has requested assistance with setting up the initial field lining. They no longer get the volunteers needed for performing that task. MUTS was told they could not contract the service out if they wanted recreation to cover the expense. C/Morris noted that MUTS had always supplied the labor for that service. If recreation pays for that service, we will have to do it for football and lacrosse. If we cover the cost this year, it has to be covered under the budget which may limit any equipment purchase done at the end of the season. C/Rosenfeld questioned why the township does not have a person at DPW responsible for maintaining the township fields. C/Kilcomons

suggested seasonal employees. Committeeman Dorfman noted that the expertise required and the additional employee costs make it more feasible to hire a contractor to do that type of work. DPW hired seasonal workers this summer but could not keep them. The level of pay won't attract the type of worker needed for the skill required. Football only needs the 1 field lined 4 times a year while soccer has 10 fields that need weekly lining. C/Morris commented that if there is room in the budget, then the initial field set up for Brandywine should be contracted out. C/Rosenfeld asked who will be responsible for lining all the fields once Millstone Park is opened. C/Morris commented that the programs should not expect every field to be lined each season since fields need to be rotated. Field lining is something that will have to be discussed with the opening of Millstone Park.

Field Hockey – Only 12 girls have registered so far. We have a college student/player that will be providing the instruction.

Basketball – Joe Adornetti noted that Warriors is setting their tryout dates and summer basketball is went well.

Wrestling – Nothing to report

Lacrosse – They are currently running a clinic outside at Abate Park for girls only.

Tennis – Secretary DeFelice noted that only 3 of 8 classes have reached the minimum number so far. Expecting a few more registrations. Committeeman Dorfman noted that recreation needs to figure out why the summer programs are not drawing out larger numbers of participants. C/Kilcomons suggested attending back to school nights to reach younger families. Recreation should have a Facebook page.

Summer Camp – Camp recently ended. The registration numbers were down which also impacted the number of kids going on trips. We lost 1 day of camp due to a power outage that affected a section of Millstone including the Primary School. All trips on that day were refunded.

Millstone Day – Registration is looking good. The horseman's association will be doing pony rides instead of the rodeo. Millstone Elks are adding food to their beer garden. The Township will be having a time capsule for people to add items celebrating the town's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Holiday Lighting – We will request December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Building & Grounds – Wagner – The press box posts will be repaired this week. The new camera and card access system should be in place soon. Rocky Brook – The repair to the basketball courts was delayed due to issues regarding stress relief seems on the tennis court that were not sealed. We did not want to move forward with another project with the same company until this issue was resolved. C/April questioned why stress cuts were placed in asphalt in the first place and why the vendor is waiting for October to correct the issue. C/Rosenfeld asked if the engineer is monitoring the situation and withholding final payment. Committeeman Dorfman noted that he is and that there is a 2 year performance guarantee. Abate – Secretary DeFelice noted that several residents complained about the dirt on the tennis and basketball courts. The committee decided to wait until Spring to address.

Millstone Park – C/Morris noted that an Ad Hoc committee is looking at improvements to make to the park. The fields will remain closed to any activity since it could risk any litigation that might occur due to the field conditions not being suitable for field play. C/Rosenfeld noted that he will be reviewing the fishing guidelines to make recommendations regarding the signage at the park's lake. C/Morris noted that the town is looking to close the open grant which will require equipment to be purchased.

Secretary DeFelice noted that requests for outside groups to use twp parks are coming in but we currently have no permit process or fee structure in place. C/Morris noted that the recreation commission should not be deciding park regulations only recreational programs. Committeeman Dorfman noted that the permit process and fee structure will come from the township lawyers.

Seeing no further business, C/Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Addornetti offered a second. The Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew DeFelice