

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2019**

Commissioner Simels opened the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Commissioner Simels

Roll Call: Present: Simels, Skowronski, Russell, Kilcomons, Rosenfeld

Absent: Morris, Adornetti, Aprile, Casale

Business Administrator Roger Staib attending

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

Adult Programs – Programs are open. Adult soccer registration is too low.

Basketball - There will be issues with gym time for recreation basketball. Similar to last year, dance companies have been given both MS gyms over the weekend that impacts the winter schedule for youth basketball games. A meeting is needed with Dr. Huss to review options.

Pop Warner – C/Kilcomons noted that they finished their last home game. Fields should be reseeded. Secretary DeFelice confirmed that DPW will be aerating and overseeding the fields next week. The irrigation system is not working and funding is an issue for the balance of this year. Damages to the gym at Wagner are being addressed by Pop Warner and parents of the kids involved. A punchlist of repairs needed at Wagner was distributed. The main item is the lack of security that the bathroom design creates at the facility.

Commissioner Rosenfeld motioned for the commission to elevate the bathroom situation at Wagner.

A discussion ensued regarding the contract awarded to fertilize and weed control Wagner fields. Efforts should be made to make sure there are enough companies bidding on the contract to avoid getting stuck with a poor quality vendor. The Recreation Commission needs to make the township aware of the poor quality of the fields at Wagner so it does a better job in choosing a company to manage the fields.

Building & Grounds- Equipment has been purchased for Millstone Park to meet the requirements to close out the open grant. A list of items was distributed. Once the current grant is closed out, the ad hoc committee is looking at the option of repurposing a field to add hard court recreational activities under the lights such as: Tennis, Futsal, Pickleball, Street Hockey, Basketball, Gaga Ball and anything else that can be played on a hard surface. Commissioner Rosenfeld suggested that a dog park be considered since that would not cost as much to install. Commissioner Kilcomons suggested that the cost of a turf field be considered as an option since most new parks include one. Commissioner Rosenfeld suggested that the old buildings at the park be repurposed for storage. Commissioner Kilcomons noted that it would be easier to install a new storage facility rather than repurpose an old structure especially if there is any historic value to it. Before putting out any benches or bleachers that are not cemented down, the town better have the security cameras installed.

Flag Football – Secretary DeFelice noted that the teams could have used more players but additional registrations did not happen.

Soccer – C/Rosenfeld asked why some programs allow outside participants like Football and HS basketball but not recreation soccer. There are people in Upper Freehold that would rather play in Millstone than Allentown. Secretary DeFelice noted that some programs allow for outside players and other do not. If there is no competing program and it benefits the Millstone program, the recreation commission will permit outside participants.

Field Hockey – Nothing to report

Wrestling – Nothing to report

Lacrosse – C/Skowronski noted that about 20 kids are registered in the Fall clinic. Lacrosse is looking for new people to add to the board.

Tennis – Secretary DeFelice noted that tennis has 5 classes registered.

Millstone Day – Numbers were down slightly from last year's record high. More food was added this year but we could still use another food truck. Allentown band will also look into additional food offerings.

Holiday Lighting – We have requested December 6th.

Millstone Park – The open grant on Millstone Park has a checklist of items that need to be addressed. Most of the items relate to recreation equipment. C/Kilcomons noted that any equipment could end up walking. C/Rosenfeld asked if funding is available for the equipment. C/Morris noted that funding will have to come from somewhere because the grant needs to be closed out. No additional improvements can be made until this grant is closed. There will be a meeting with the county to determine what items are needed to complete the current open grant. We need to get some signs up that notify residents that the park is closed. C/Kilcomons commented that he can assist in getting signs stating that the park is closed. He suggested that in the future, the township install some kind of gate system that prevents cars and other vehicles from entering the park after hours.

Code of Conduct- Revised Code of Conduct was approved. Need to create the committee.

New Business: Adult Zumba classes were discussed. Residents had asked for this program. The Zumba program could come under the current ordinance and fee structure for Jazzercise. The classes would be held in the morning so it would not impact the recreation programs using Wagner at night.

Motion to add Zumba program for Adults under the Jazzercise: Kilcomons moved; Simels second. Simels, Skowronski, Rosenfeld, Kilcomons and Russell vote in favor.

C/Rosenfeld discussed the map that was provided of the depth chart of the lake at Millstone Park. He will be providing information to the ad hoc committee to assist with the fishing regulations needed at the Park.

Seeing no further business, C/Kilcomons made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Skowronski offered a second. The Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew DeFelice