

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 3, 2020**

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

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

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

Absent: Russell, Kilcomons, Rosenfeld

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** January 6, 2020

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

Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Skowronski vote yes to approve the minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Morris opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Pat Butch – Vice Chairperson of the Open Space and Farmland Preservation – Pat discussed partnering with the Recreation Commission to create a map and brochure listing all parks and open space in Millstone Township for residents to have access to. The brochure would be available online and at the kiosks located at the various parks. The brochure should be available around the same time that the new Millstone Park is opened.

Matt Pless – Vice President of the Warriors travel basketball program – Matt would like to request that the recreational basketball program adjust their schedule to avoid conflict with the Middle School play and the Mid-Monmouth travel basketball playoffs. C/Morris asked if the BOE could accommodate the request. Secretary DeFelice stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March has always been set aside by the BOE to allow basketball access to both Middle School gyms. The weeks preceding that date and following that date are rented out to dance companies using the MPAC. Recreation basketball would have to move the playoffs to other gyms which would not be beneficial to the program. Extending the season would also impact the Lacrosse program that uses the gyms in March for practice. C/Morris suggested looking at ending the season 1 week earlier or starting the season earlier to avoid the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March. That weekend can be held for a snow date or some type of all-star games. Matt also asked about the lights in the Primary school gym. Secretary DeFelice noted that the BOE is aware of the problem with the gym lighting and is waiting on resources to correct it. A discussion ensued regarding the basketball draft and whether moving back to a blind draft would be preferred. Matt felt that a blind draft would discourage some coaches who would have no say in the kids they coach.

Chairman Morris closed Public Comment at 8:08pm

Adult Programs – Nothing to report

Pop Warner – Cheer is wrapping up their season. The budget this year included payments for their cheer competitions however, they received some free bids due to their first place finishes. Since they are well under budget for cheer, the program would like to know if they could be reimbursed for the cost of licensed music required for the cheer competitions. The amount would be around \$1,300.00. C/Morris noted that this would be one time and not a yearly budget item.

A motion was made by C/Morris to re-allocate \$1,300 from the cheer competition budget to be used to reimburse Pop Warner for the music required for the cheer competitions. C/Skowronski offered a second. C/Morris, C/Skowronski, C/Simels and C/Adornetti voted in favor.

C/Skowronski asked if Pop Warner had cleaned out the kitchen and Fryer. Secretary DeFelice noted that they had cleaned out the kitchen but did not clean the fryer. C/Morris noted that this has been an ongoing issue and that leaving the cleaning to volunteers is getting more and more difficult. Recreation needs to look at having the kitchen cleaned properly at least 2 times a year and charging the cost back to the programs that use the kitchen and collect a work bond from the program participants. The secretary will look into finding a company to clean the kitchen and the exhaust hood.

Flag Football – Nothing to report

Soccer – The Spring instructional registration form was sent to MUTS for review. Expect to open registrations next week.

Field Hockey – C/Skowronski will reach out to last year's instructor. Lacrosse will promote Field Hockey at the end of their season to help improve registration numbers.

Basketball – C/Adornetti noted that they are having a tough time finding people to step up and run the basketball board. C/Morris suggested a write up of the sub-board's responsibilities that can be handed out to potential volunteers. He does not feel that monitors are needed on the weekend for the basketball program. Coaches need to step up and monitor their kids.

A motion to raise the Junior Board pay to \$11.00 per game to comply with the minimum wage rules for 18 year olds was made by C/Morris and seconded by C/Adornetti. C/Morris, C/Adornetti, C/Skowronski and C/Simels voted in favor.

A motion to pay Junior Board members that helped referee games on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 a fee of \$20.00 per game was made by C/Morris and seconded by C/Adornetti. C/Morris, C/Adornetti, C/Skowronski and C/Simels voted in favor.

Wrestling – Last home tournament was held last weekend.

Lacrosse – C/Skowronski stated that the coaches met to review the bylaws and playing up rules. C/Morris noted that the 5/6 boys coach and the 7/8 boys coach are aware that playing up will only be permitted if and when there is a need based upon the roster size. Anyone playing up must first play with their respective age group. Coaches will be held accountable for failure to follow the rules.

Tennis – Nothing to report

Summer Camp – Nothing to report

Millstone Day – Nothing to report

Holiday Lighting – Nothing to report

Memorial Day – Nothing to report

Building and Grounds – C/Morris noted that the opening of Millstone Park will be decided by the Township committee. The fields will not be open for team play until they can be deemed viable to support that type of activity. Cameras are expected to be added to the current street light poles for security.

New Business – Secretary DeFelice distributed the budget request from DPW to show the repair request for the Wagner Farm Park facility. C/Morris will follow up with Committeeman Dorfman to push for allocating the funds necessary to make the needed repairs.

The Recreation Commission also reviewed the draft of the park ordinance that would establish a fee structure for reserving active recreational facilities and lit fields that will be needed with the opening of

the new Millstone Park. C/Morris asked what would prevent someone from reserving courts for the entire day to prevent others from using them. C/DeFelice noted that all permits would be reviewed before being granted. DPW, Recreation and Open Space need to work together to create the ordinances needed for the new park.

C/Morris presented the price increases proposed for the recreational programs for Millstone Twp. With the addition of the new fields and lights, prices will need to be brought up to date and are in line with area towns. C/Adornetti asked when the fees were last raised. Secretary DeFelice noted that most fees have not been raised in over 10 years.

Seeing no further business, C/Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Simels offered a second. The Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.