

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 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, Russell
Absent: Kilcomons

Oath of office administered to Joseph Strickland by Committeeman Gary Dorfman

Oath of office administered to Brian Lourenco by Committeeman Gary Dorfman

Oath of office administered to Chris Morris by Committeeman Gary Dorfman

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

Chairman Morris closed Public Comment at 7:32pm

Adult Programs – Lighting in the Primary school was fixed. The hoop in the Middle School required a motorized part that is on order. C/Skowronski noted that Lacrosse would not be using that much gym time in the school on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Pop Warner – Waiting on cheer program to provide details of their program to begin advertising. C/Lourenco will follow up with Melody Appel to confirm details. Pop Warner will need to update their budget to present to the commission. C/Skowronski noted that the kitchen needs to be cleaned before Lacrosse season begins. Secretary DeFelice noted that recreation is looking into getting a cleaning service to prepare the kitchen.

Flag Football – C/Strickland will be responsible for working with the program to get it ready for the Fall. Moving the program over to Millstone Park might generate additional interest. Committeeman Dorfman suggested reaching out to flag participants early to push for the Fall registration. C/Strickland noted that referees need to be secured for the upcoming season.

Soccer – C/Simels met with Anthony from MUTS to review equipment needs. They also asked about opening the instructional soccer program to non residents. The commission is receptive to the idea as long as there is a limit in case too many registrations come in from other towns. After the Spring, we will look at the impact. Committeeman Dorfman felt that a non resident fee should be considered.

Field Hockey – Nothing to report

Basketball – C/Adornetti noted that the playoffs are this weekend. There were several complaints this year regarding the referees. The referee assignor has also been difficult to communicate with this year. When the season is over, we need to review the referee situation for next year.

Wrestling – Nothing to report

Lacrosse – C/Skowronski has confirmed that when lacrosse begins, the 5/6 and 7/8 coaches will follow the rules regarding playing up. East Windsor is unable to form teams. A clinic for girls to learn Lacrosse was created and received a good turnout of approximately 12-14 girls. Hoping to hold a tournament next year at Millstone Park.

Tennis – Tennis instructor is unable to do Spring. Committeeman Dorfman will reach out to a contact regarding helping run a tennis program for the Spring.

Summer Camp – C/Morris noted that expanding to 6 weeks and opening up the camp to Kindergarten level is being reviewed. Adding K level would require additional counselors due to the lower ratio of counselors to children but would still generate a significant revenue increase. Secretary DeFelice noted that the camp director is concerned about handling a younger group that would need a different activity schedule and more hands-on attention. C/Chris and Secretary Defelice will meet with camp director Miller to discuss in more detail any issues with expanding camp ages.

Millstone Day – C/Russell noted that Millstone Day will be September 27th this year. The recreation commission will have a booth this year and try to coordinate with the other programs that currently have booths. Next year, the commission will look into the possibility of having Millstone Day at the new park.

Holiday Lighting – Nothing to report

Memorial Day – The Veterans Memorial Committee has assigned Mike Cunningham to be the liaison to the Township in preparations for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Al Ferro has met with Black Bear Lake Daycamp and Dr. Sico to begin preparations.

Building and Grounds – Millstone Park has 6 cameras up and running. Although there are multiple signs stating that the park is closed and under surveillance, people continue to enter the park.

New Business – Program fee increases were discussed. Fees have not gone up in quite a while and expenses continue to rise each year. With the cost of the new park coming on line, the program fees will need to go up to cover the costs of using recreational facilities. The fees for special needs programs will remain the same. The increases will take effect for the summer programs provided that the Township Committee approves.

C/Morris motioned to approve the new fee structure. C/Skowronski offered a second.

C/Morris, C/Skowronski, C/Simels, C/Adornetti, C/Russell, C/Lourenco and C/Strickland voted in favor.

Wagner Park Maintenance – DPW has repaired the damage to the bathroom walls, gym walls and gym duct vents. The significant and costly repairs have not been approved and budgeted for yet. The exterior and interior bathroom doors need a better solution in order to allow public access to the bathrooms.

Millstone Park and recreation fees proposed ordinance – The fees are for reserving courts and field usage not for casual usage. All permits are reviewed before approval is provided. Committeeman Dorfman suggested having a yearly subscription fee to allow people to reserve courts and fields. C/Russell asked if a range of fees or a seasonal rate could be created rather than 1 set price. There was concern over the pricing of the fields and courts with lights being able to cover the cost. Costs were adjusted up to cover the true cost of using the fields and lights. Discussion ensued regarding whether the other parks outside of Millstone Park were able to be closed to outside groups. C/Skowronski asked if the park fees would now allow outside groups or individuals to reserve fields and charge fees for training or participation. Secretary DeFelice noted that there is a section in ordinance 3-3 that prohibits any person from receiving remuneration outside of the recreational programs. A discussion ensued regarding the booster clubs of the various programs and what type of disclosure is needed regarding the funds they collect. C/Adornetti noted that the warriors established the booster club in response to the need to pay referees on the day of games which could not be done by Twp PO. The booster clubs were encouraged to use funds for items that were needed quickly and for personalized items like uniforms. C/Morris noted that there has to be some minimum reporting by the booster clubs to provide insight

into what their fees pay for and what type of funds they carry from year to year. C/Dorfman requested that Recreation ask booster clubs for their beginning and ending bank statements and that the Recreation Commission look at setting some kind of maximum balance that a booster club is allowed to maintain.

Commissioner Rosenfeld does not have the time to continue on the Recreation Commission and has submitted his resignation.

Seeing no further business, C/Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Adornetti offered a second. The Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.