

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 4, 2020**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

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

Absent: Kilcomons, Lourenco

Twp. Business Administrator Kevin Abernethy joined the meeting

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** February 3, 2020

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** March 2, 2020

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Morris opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Chairman Morris closed Public Comment at 7:36pm

C/Morris mentioned that due to recent COVID-19 restrictions, most if not all recreation programs are on hold. We must rely on the State of NJ and CDC guidelines before moving forward.

C/Skowronski noted that he has not received any calls regarding Lacrosse even though they would typically be in the middle of their season. He does not expect anyone to want to get back to group sport activities right now.

Adult Programs- Nothing to report

Pop Warner – Nothing to report

Flag Football – Nothing to report

Soccer -Refunds are being issued to Spring registrations. The fields will continue to be lined every 3 weeks to preserve the initial lining. Youth travel soccer hopes to get something going in late July.

Field Hockey – Nothing to report

Basketball – Nothing to report

Wrestling – Nothing to report

Lacrosse – Refunds are being issued for the Spring season.

Tennis – The summer tennis program is ready to open as soon as state guidelines allow. Until then, anyone that registers will be waitlisted.

Sean Kilcomons and Brian Lourenco join meeting around 7:51pm

Summer Camp- NJ COVID-19 regulations currently does not allow for camps. Most area towns are in the same position of waiting on guidelines. A few towns have canceled especially those that rely on school facilities and some have offered virtual camps. The towns that are postponing or delaying camp have

cancelled all trips. Millstone has moved their summer activities virtual and are not planning on opening over the summer. C/Morris noted that social distancing guidelines will make it impossible to move camp to Wagner Farm Park. C/Kilcomons noted that the PPE and cleaning supplies that will be required if camp is allowed will be difficult to secure and implement. Township Administrator Abernethy noted that the Governor is expected to issue guidelines by mid-May and suggested that we wait until June before deciding about camp. Secretary DeFelice noted that the bus bid needs to go out if we don't cancel trips and counselors need to be hired. There is not much time left to properly plan for camp if we decide to move forward. C/Simels suggested that the website notify parents about the delay in camp and note that we are waiting on the state issue guidelines. Taking registration now would send the wrong message.

Millstone Day – C/Russell noted that Millstone Day will be September 27<sup>th</sup> this year. We could hold off promotion and vendor registration to mid to late June. C/Lourenco asked what the drop dead date would be for Millstone notifying Frogbridge about having Millstone Day. Secretary DeFelice noted that a PO has already been sent to Frogbridge and he will follow up with JR to see what the options are. C/Russell requested that Secretary DeFelice find out if any other dates opened up due to COVID-19 concerns.

Holiday Lighting – Nothing to report

Memorial Day – It is up to the Veterans group and the Township to decide about canceling the parade. Twp. Business Administrator Abernethy noted that the Veterans are looking for a small ceremony and no parade or picnic due to COVID concerns.

Building and Grounds –C/Morris noted that there was some damage done to Millstone Park in the past week even though the Park is closed and barrels are blocking the entrances. Vehicles were seen doing donuts in the parking lots and driving on the fields. Fortunately, the camera system is in place and we should be able to identify many of the individuals. C/Skowronski requested that the individuals be held accountable and an example is set. The damage to our fields prevents our youth programs from using the fields and is a significant cost to the Township.

C/Morris advised the commission that the grant for improvements to Millstone Park was completed and submitted. The plans for Millstone Park include baseball fields, a hardcourt field that will include up to 10 additional sport activities and a storage facility to house recreation, Open Space and DPW equipment. The improvements will allow multiple residents of all ages to enjoy the park. Twp. Administrator Abernethy noted that in addition to the grant and improvements to Millstone Park, the proposed budget includes funding for much needed repairs to Wagner Farm Park.

Wagner Park Maintenance – Many of the major items on the punch list are included in the proposed budget. As soon as the budget is passed, we should be able to move forward with making repairs.

Millstone Park and recreation fees proposed ordinance – Add to June agenda

New Business – The pay structure for camp counselors has to be raised to meet the state requirements for minimum wage. This item was moved to the June agenda.

C/Skowronski asked if Lacrosse can run a program in the Fall since the Spring was cancelled and if the lit fields at Millstone Park would be available. C/Morris noted that the opening of the fields would depend on results from professionals who will review the status of the field conditions and grass establishment. Twp. Admin. Abernethy noted that he expects the fields to be available by the Fall.

C/Morris motioned to adjourn at 8:41pm. C/Skowronski offered a second.