

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2020**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco
Absent: Russell, Randazzo, Strickland (7:46)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Morris opened and closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

C/Morris informed the Recreation Commission that Commissioner Russell is moving and has resigned from the commission. There are 3 individuals that have expressed interest in joining. If anyone knows of anyone else that is interested, please have them contact the Recreation Office for a talent bank application. C/Lourenco inquired about the process of appointing new members. C/Morris stated that it is a joint decision between the Recreation Commission and the Township Committee.

Adult Programs- Nothing to report. Without gyms, nothing can move forward.

Pop Warner- C/Lourenco noted that cheer is still holding practices with the expectation of competing in the Spring. C/Morris noted that C/Randazzo will be assisting with Pop Warner liaison.

Soccer –C/Simels noted that Recreation met with MUTS to push for getting team rosters and coach information. Practices are being moved from Brandywine to Millstone Park to use the lights. Recreational soccer has over 100 registered for preK through 2nd grade and will be able to form 2 teams for 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls to play interleague. C/Morris noted that the meeting with MUTS also discussed issues with lining the fields at both parks and access to Millstone Park fields.

Joe Strickland joined the meeting at 7:46pm

Flag Football – C/Strickland noted that registration has reached 160 participants. The first game was this past Friday and drew large crowds. There was some issues with ordering uniforms but we were able to get it resolved just in time for the season opener.

Field Hockey – C/Skowronski noted that they have a decent turnout of about 14 girls and that Lisa Bellotti has agreed to instruct. Most of the participants will also be taking advantage of the Lacrosse clinic on Tuesdays. Field Hockey will use Field 1 until they need lights due to the shortening days when they will be moved to field 3. The lacrosse nets were set up on Field 2 instead of field 3.

Basketball – C/Adornetti noted that there is no basketball planned yet since there are no gyms. Secretary DeFelice mentioned that if the middle school does not proceed with their indoor sports, they will not be able to accommodate recreational indoor sports.

Wrestling – The program will not be moving forward this year due to COVID-19 concerns. The volunteers who run the program do not see an interest this year due to the high level of contact for this sport. C/Lourenco inquired about which programs get priority if gym time is limited. C/Morris noted that youth programs get priority over adult programs. Secretary DeFelice noted that gym time conflicts are more common with outside dance companies that reserve both gyms and the MPAC in March and April.

Lacrosse – C/Skowronski noted that the girls clinic begins on Tuesday. They have 64 registered for K-8 and 14 registered for HS grades.

Tennis – C/Kilcomons noted that the courts at Abate and Rocky Brook are very active. There is no Fall program due to a lack of an instructor.

Millstone Day –C/Morris noted that Millstone Day has been cancelled. There was a general concern that it would be impossible to control the number of attendees due to the low limits on outside gatherings by the State. It would be difficult to turn away residents and their families.

Holiday Lighting – C/Kilcomons noted that due to indoor restrictions, the tree lighting should be moved to Millstone Park provided that the Township gets a tree planted this Fall. Recreation could look at getting approval to have a bonfire. Renee Randazzo will be added as co-liaison.

Building and Grounds – C/Morris reviewed the design for field 5 with the Commission. He noted that recreation is working with Musco lighting to break the lights for the field into separate zones. Work on the field should begin shortly. The Township Committee also approved 2 lit ball fields to replace fields 7,8 &9. These ball fields would be open to residents, support Millstone travel teams and serve as overflow for little league teams and out of season play when lights are needed. Completion is anticipated for Spring. C/Lourenco inquired about how often lights would be used at Millstone Park and light usage costs. C/Morris noted that lights will be used often between all of the programs. Secretary DeFelice noted that costs are currently unknown because the fees from JCP&L fluctuate greatly depending on our demand load surcharges. We have monitors on the electrical box to gauge and check JCP&L. We know that our field lights will use approximately 70 Kilowatts per hour per field. Recreation is budgeting \$25-\$30 per lit field hour. C/Morris noted that coaches must communicate to recreation changes in their schedule so lights are not on when no one is using the field. C/Morris noted that the MP bathrooms are now on a timer. Wagner Farm Park bathrooms are scheduled to get timers.

C/Lourenco was appointed to fill C/Russell's position on the Code of Conduct Committee.

New Business- C/Morris noted that Movie Night hosted by Open Space was well received by the residents. Recreation should consider doing something similar in the future. C/Morris presented an Eagle Scout project to the commission that would improve the landscaping in front of the bathrooms at Brandywine. The only concern with the design presented by the Scout was the sod area. It would be difficult to maintain sod without an irrigation system. The Recreation Commission approved of the project with the condition of addressing the sod area and recommending mulch.

C/Morris motioned to adjourn at 8:31pm. C/Adornetti offered a second.