

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

May 4, 2009

C/Bell opened the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 16, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; present, Bill Hanson; present, Al Morrone; not present, Mike Turner; not present, Gary Dorfman; present, Dominick Ricci; present, Robert Brown; present, Tracey Klehr; present, Terrence Murphy; present

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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Tom Banyacski, Jr. (3 Sawmill Pond Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08510) submitted photos of his Completed Eagle Scout project which included installation of fitness equipment at Abate Park. He plans to add a plaque thanking those whom supplied donations for the project. Instructions for use of the equipment have been applied to each apparatus. C/Bell signed off on the completed project and thanked him for his service to the town.

Fiore Masci (13 Fawn Way, Millstone Twp, NJ 08510) voiced his concerns to the commission in regards to the Lacrosse program. He explained how an email went out to a select group of 7th and 8th grade participants in the boys program inviting them to participate in an upcoming tournament. The invitation was asked to be kept confidential amongst the selected group. Mr. Masci stated this is a recreation program and participants should not be excluded due to their level of skill. He feels the situation was handled poorly and divided the team as a whole and angered many parents who support the program.

John Curran (8 Hogrefe Way, Millstone Twp, NJ 08510) also voiced his concern about the recent Lacrosse tournament in which only select group of individuals were invited to participate in. He explained that all participants on the recreational lacrosse team should be afforded the same opportunities to participate in all games. Mr. Curran stated the Lacrosse program, like all other Rec programs were intended as "educational" programs and should not exclude due to level of skill. Participants that were invited were specifically told not to discuss this with the team in general, but rather to keep it among themselves.

Greg Dey (14 Stayman Court, Manalapan, NJ 07726) Coach of the 8th grade recreation lacrosse team discussed the reason for the tournament for a select group was due to participants whom are not as skilled as others could be injured as lacrosse can be a rough game. The chosen group plays in other leagues together and the tournament had nothing to do with Millstone Twp Recreation. He stated the group paid an additional \$15.00 to participate in the tournament and the lacrosse booster club paid the remaining balance. He went on to say, as a private individual,

he can form any group he desires. He agreed it could have been handled better and stated this past tournament is the only planned tournaments that excluded the team as a whole. He advised the next planned tournament is scheduled for after the end of the rec season. C/Brown inquired if starting a travel team would be an option. He agreed it may be an option and will need to be discussed further for next season. Another option might be having an "A" team and a "B" team. Mr. Dey went on to say, the current coaches of the rec team would leave the rec program to coach the travel program which would hurt the rec program. A discussion continued in regards to vouchers that were submitted to the Rec Dept for reimbursement to the lacrosse booster club for tournaments that potentially not all registered individuals in the rec program participated in. He advised he will send out an email in regards to the past tournament. C/Bell also mentioned the proper protocol for ordering equipment over \$1,000.00 needs to have three quotes submitted if being reimbursed by the rec program.

C/Bell closed the meeting to the public at 8:55 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Eagle Scout Project** - Scott Keleher
The Commission discussed the proposed project of last month's meeting. The project consists of installing a bulletin board at the Brandywine Soccer fields, similar to the ones located in other Millstone Township parks. The recreation soccer schedule could be displayed there as well as the field number assignments. The commission agreed on the project and appointed C/Klehr to oversee the project.
- **Speed and Agility**
Nothing to report - C/Turner not present
- **Lacrosse**
A discussion took place in regards for next year, to divide the 8th grade boys division into two groups due to the amount of enrollment. Further discussion is required to avoid the issues we faced this season which involved only a select few on the roster playing in tournaments. A meeting with the current coaches for next year's season needs to take place.
- **Basketball**
Nothing to report
- **Wrestling**
Nothing to report
- **Tennis**
Nothing to report
- **Wagner Farm Park / Abate Park / Brandywine / Rocky Brook Park**
C/Kinsey stated they are installing the well at Abate Park for the newly installed bathroom facility and the electric for the well is scheduled to be hooked up. The graffiti has been removed and additional clean up of the landscaping has taken place. Topsoil was brought in and grass seeding was spread.

- **Spring Instructional Soccer**
C/Bell stated season going smoothly with no issues.
- **Summer Rec**
124 registered to date, late fee goes into effect May 15.
- **Volunteer Coaches form**
A discussion took place in regards to ensuring volunteer coaches need to read and sign the code of conduct required by the Rec Dept before coaching a program. C/Bell stated this info needs to be monitored along with the background check.
- **Millstone Day 2009**
C/Hanson stated he spoke to JR and Frank, owners of Frogbridge and requested the available dates for the event. It was agreed on by the commission for the date of Sept 13, 2009. C/Hanson also discussed an offer from Frogbridge to utilize the newly added inflatable amusements at a discounted price. It was also discussed the possibility of bringing in carnival type amusement rides, although setup time could be an issue. A price will be obtained and discussed at the next month's meeting. C/Hanson discussed with Frogbridge the decision to allow Millstone Twp businesses to participate this year. Frogbridge advised they will come up with a new layout which will include a separate area for the businesses.
- **Approval of the April 13, 2009 Minutes**
Motion to approve: C/Hanson **Seconded:** C/Dorfman

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; abstain, Bill Hanson; aye, Al Morrone; absent, Mike Turner; absent, Gary Dorfman; aye, Dominick Ricci; aye, Robert Brown; abstain, Tracey Klehr; aye, Terrence Murphy; aye.

Motion to adjourn, **Moved** C/Bell, **Seconded** C/Hanson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole C. Vladimirov

cc: Township Committee
Jim Pickering, Maria Dellasala