

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

June 2, 2008

C/Bell opened the meeting at 8:05 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 6, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell, present; Rob Faber, present; Al Morrone, present; Mike Turner, not present; Fiore Masci, present; Gary Dorfman, present; Bill Hanson, present; Bob Brown, present; Dominick Ricci, present.

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

C/Bell opened the meeting to the public at 8:06 PM

Jim French, (2 Mount Drive, Perrineville, NJ 08535) Presented the commission with a petition which included 72 signatures of Millstone Twp boys and girls in grades 8th and 9th who are interested in participating in Millstone recreation sponsored soccer and basketball. Grade cut off is grade 8th. Mr. French requested the rec commission to consider opening up the registrations for soccer and basketball to older children in 9th and 10th grade. He coaches both basketball and fall soccer and advised there was a great disappointment amongst the 8th graders whom next year are unable to participate in rec sports due to the grade restriction. He also suggested if not enough children register, possibly pick up styles games could be organized. C/Bell was concerned players would register, but not always show, making practices and games difficult. The availability of gym time was discussed. It was agreed to open fall soccer registration for 9th and 10th graders.

Tom Banyacski, Jr (3 Sawmill Pond Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08510) life scout, troop 116, working towards his eagle scout. He presented the commission with a project proposal. The project includes constructing a fitness trail or area at Abate Park. He supplied handouts of Information in regards to available equipment, manufacturers and prices for this project. It was discussed whether it should be a fitness trail or a fitness area. C/Kinsey stated a fitness area would be easier to maintain and additional equipment can be added in the future. T. Banyacski would prepare the area for the installation of the equipment by clearing and marking out the area, enclosing it with a railroad tie border and finish with a ground cover of wood chips or recycled rubber chips. Signs would also be installed with detailed information on how to utilize the equipment. C/Kinsey supplied the commission with a map of Abate Park and possible locations for the fitness area. The Township would purchase the equipment and have it installed by the manufactures recommended contractor. It was stated the equipment should have non-moving parts. He would like to complete the project by September 2008. By next months meeting, it was requested by the commission to decide on the required clearing space needed for each piece of

equipment and layout of the area. It was also requested to research what equipment is sold in sets and a recommendation from the manufacturer of a footprint and equipment which can be added onto in the future.

Motion to approve, C/Masci, ~~Seconded~~; C/Morrone, Carried

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell, Aye; Rob Faber, Aye; Al Morrone, Aye; Mike Turner, absent;
Fiore Masci, Aye; Gary Dorfman, Aye; Bill Hanson, Aye; Robert Brown, Aye; Dominick, Ricci Aye

C/Bell closed the meeting to the public at 9:02 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Background Check**
Rec Secretary advised the required applications for the scan fingerprinting is now located on the Township website. C/Masci went on to say, he was approached by a state trooper who lives in town and offered to do the fingerprinting. C/Bell advised the scan fingerprinting is more efficient and timely, it was also discussed ink prints are no longer accepted by the State police.
- **Speed and Agility program**
No report - C/Turner not present.
- **Millstone Day**
Date of Sunday, September 21, 2008 has been reserved for Millstone Day to be held at Frogbridge Day camp. Discussion took place in regards to allowing private entities to register as vendors for a booth fee. C/Masci stated it might change the feel of millstone day, but it could also generate more involvement with the community and help offset the cost of the festivity. This would only involve Millstone Twp businesses and a separate area would be set up for these vendors. The agreed upon fee would be \$250.00. C/Kinsey advised he will inquire if an ordinance is needed to collect the fee. As in the past, non-profit organization would not be charged a fee. C/Bell also advised we need volunteers from the commission to help work the food booth this year.
- **Lacrosse update**
C/Masci advised he spoke with Coach Matt Deiner who stated the season is going smoothly. C/Masci inquired if anyone from the lacrosse program requested a key for entrance into the Wagner Farm Park building as some parents questioned why the bathroom facilities were locked. It was discussed who had a key from the program.

- **Basketball update**
Discussed earlier

- **Instructional Soccer**
Rec Secretary discussed being approached by a resident who inquired about starting a Pre-k soccer program during the daytime. Elite soccer instructor contacted the rec secretary and advised he is running a program in a neighboring town and has 10 pre-kindergarten children from Millstone Twp and inquired if we would be interested in running the program within our town. C/Bell advised to table the discussion until February for next spring's soccer program. It was discussed the need is greater for an older division than a pre-k division.

- **Football/Cheerleading update**
C/Masci informed the commission, enrollment numbers are up slightly from last year. Some age groups will have multiply squads due to higher enrollment for some divisions. C/Bell inquired if any budget issues need to be discussed. None at this time.

- **Wagner Farm Park update**
C/Bell discussed comments made in regards to the fields needing to be lined by the program's coaches this year. C/Masci volunteered to cover over the graffiti on the back of the entrance sign. The swipe key card is now operational for entrance into the facility. All program heads who are using the facility have a card and instructions for usage. Access to the building is only obtainable through the front door as where the alarm can be deactivated. The original front door key still unlocks the interior concession stand door. Exterior bathroom doors need to be unlocked from the inside.

- **Brandywine Soccer Fields update**
No report at this time

- **Summer Rec**
Registration is at 245 campers increase of 188 from last month. C/Bell attended a meeting with camp director Gary Conk, it was discussed the enrollment number will be up from last year. Salaries have increased for some counselors who are qualified and have been with the program for multiply years.

- **Fishing Derby**
Fishing Derby to be held this Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Blackbear Day camp from 8:45-10:15 am. C/Brown volunteered to assist the Drug Alliance with the festivity.

- **Field Hockey**

Lisa Bellotti unable to make tonight's meeting, would like to run a one day clinic. An ordinance is already in place, a date and time has not been decided on as of yet. She would like to open the fall season enrollment to 8th grade girls. Flyers need to go out to the school next week for the fall season. Equipment needs to be purchased.

- C/Bell discussed a flyer that was being distributed at Brandywine Soccer fields by the Millstone united traveling soccer association advising they are having open enrollment for boys and girls "All welcomed, no cuts!!" The traveling soccer program head Bryan Walkley was made aware this flyer was being distributed. A discussing took place in regards to combining Rec and traveling soccer, it was agreed that is not something beneficial for Millstone Twp Recreation.

- **Approval of the May 5, 2008 Minutes**

Motion to approve: C/Masci **Seconded:** C/Dorfman

Motion to approve: Jim Bell, abstain; Rob Faber, abstain; Al Morrone, aye; Mike Turner, absent; Fiore Masci, aye; Gary Dorfman, aye; Bill Hanson, aye; Bob Brown, abstain; Dominick Ricci, aye

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Vladimirov

cc: Township Committee
Jim Pickering
Maria Dellasala