

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Recreation Office
Milton Municipal Building
43 Bombardier Rd Milton, VT 05468
Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Attendance:

Recreation Staff: Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator and Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Coordinator

Recreation Commission: Sharon Radtke (Vice Chair), John Lindsay (Cahir) and Wayne Peters

Absent: Renee Berteau and Paul Mortis

Public: Marissa Cooney Moore, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Lindsay, Commission Chair.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: Radtke moved to accept the December 12, 2018 minutes. Peters seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

Public Forum:

Marisa Cooney Moore was there to inform the Commission about "Students of the Year" which is a leadership program for 9-12 graders primarily in which they participate in an Initiative fundraiser specifically for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. If they raise \$10,000, they can earn an incentive of \$2500 toward college or a merit incentive of \$500.

Recreation Department Report:

- Fall/Winter and Winter/Spring Programs and Events:
 - Record number of Letters to Santa (140)
 - Tree Lighting Ceremony had around 300 people
 - Community Band Concert with Night Before Christmas had 250-300 people attend
 - New Guide with new programs was released in early January. Several new programs this winter and spring. Tai Chi is a hit again and there are some new programs which are filling up well.
 - Beginning to plan for Spring/Summer camps, programs, events, Music in the Park Series, etc.
- Milton Recreation Master Plan Update RFP:
 - Requests for Proposals were sent out and three came in: Greenplay (unable to provide a full proposal due to the dollar threshold proposed), SE Group (\$50,000) and Weston and Sampson (\$26,400). Duchesneau would like to get the price down to fit into the budgeted amount for FY19 and FY20. Lindsay moved that the bid by Weston and Sampson be accepted with the proviso that we can negotiate reducing the fee to \$20,000 noting that some work on updating the Master Plan may need to be done by Staff and/or Commission members. Radtke seconded this motion. It was approved. Duchesneau will meet with Weston and Sampson and work on reducing the fee. She will also set up a time for them to meet with the Milton Selectboard members.
- Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for 2020:
 - It appears that the Milton Selectboard will accept the budget proposed by the Milton Recreation Department and the Town for FY20, however but we will not know definitely until the proposed budget is approved by the voters on Town Meeting Day.
- Parks Projects and Updates:
 - Ice skating rink will tentatively open on January 17th, depending on the temperatures outside.
 - The Grand Opening of the Milton Dog Park has been set tentatively for Saturday, May 6. Duchesneau will make a recommendation to have a large boulder to be moved near the Dog Park and used as a "Rock of Remembrance" where visitors can touch and remember lost and/or deceased pets.
 - Rising Eagle Scout David Heath will create benches for the Dog Park as part of his Eagle Scout project.

- Music in the Park will begin June 25th with the band Shake. Other bands lined up include the Hitmen and the Milton Community Band. A food vendor has proposed being the exclusive food vendor and would donate \$1000 to be used for more bands throughout the summer.

Recreation Commission Report:

- Winter Festival:
 - So far, have raised \$2,400 from business/organization Winter Festival sponsorships.
 - Milton Eateries will also participate by having Winter Festival “specials”.
 - Commission members took Winter Festival posters to hang around Town
 - Commission members encouraged to help out during Winter Festival weekend
 - Friday, February 8- Ice Skating; Laser Tag; Danceworks performance; Bonfire; Hot Cocoa; S’mores (Milton Community Youth Coalition); Pizza; Fireworks.
 - Saturday, February 9- Celebrity Breakfast 8:30-11:30 am; Big Blue Trunk; Music with Leno, Cheney and Young; Cupcake Creations interactive decorating.
 - Snowshoeing 11 am- 1 pm Milton Town Forest.
 - Sled-o-rama-10 am – 4 pm Sharp Park in Cobble Hill
 - Snow Ball Adult Prom Milton Community Youth Coalition 8-11 pm +21 Georgia Mountain Maples
 - Ice Crystal Ball- 6:30-8:30 pm ages 2-12 years at the Milton Grange. Sponsored by Footworks.
 - Sun, Feb. 10- 12-2 pm -Sled Dogs and horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Hot cocoa and refreshments, fun and games for all ages, Chili Cookoff at Milton Library, Scouts- Snowshoe Spring and Slingshot Showdown.
- Other Recreation Commission Business – The Selectboard will host a Milton Board & Commission Summit during their regularly scheduled meeting on Mon, April. 29 at 6pm. Details to be determined.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6 at 6pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Lindsay moved to adjourn; seconded by Peters. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Lindsay, Chair
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