

Town of Milton, Vermont

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018 | 6:00 P.M.

Milton Municipal Building

Town Manager's Conference Room

43 Bombardier Road

Milton, VT 05468

Recreation Commission Members Present: Sharon Radtke - Chair, John Lindsay – Vice Chair and Wayne Peters
Staff Members Present: Kym Duchesneau - Recreation Coordinator, Ben Nappi - Assistant Recreation Coordinator,
Public Present: None

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Radtke at 6:07pm

2. Amendments to Agenda

- Add a walk out to the Park and Fieldhouse after meeting

3. Public Forum

- None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Lindsay moved to approve the June 14, 2018 Recreation Commission minutes; seconded by Peters. Approved as written.

5. Recreation Commission Updates & Discussion

- **Spring & Summer Programs, Events & Camps**
 - All summer camps are going very well. Have met minimums or full. Only one camp canceled. Day Camp Summer staff is excellent. Day Camp will hopefully move to Fieldhouse for last two weeks of Camp.
 - Tai Chi in the Park is very popular.
 - Giant pumpkin growing contest: followed up with seed growers. Have received a few photos. Best in Show Oct. 4 at Farmers Market.
 - Music in the Park going well. Shake brought 300+ people to the Park. Concessionaires this summer include KC's Red Hots, Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream, Friends of Library Ice Cream Social and Matt Mullen.
 - National Night Out: Tue, Aug. 7. Milton Police 50th anniversary. Many fun activities. Dedication of renovated Fieldhouse. Community Champion Award.
 - Community Cool Down held spontaneously July 3 at MES with Fire Dept. Huge success, media coverage.
- **Fall & Winter Programs and Events**
 - Duchesneau and Nappi planning for Fall programming. Guide will come out on Aug. 29.
 - Lindsay idea: "Taste of Milton" (similar to the former Choo Choo in Burlington)
 - Milton Activities Fair planning is underway. Thu, Sept. 27 at MMS.
 - Touch a Truck planning is underway. Sat, Sept. 15 from 9am-noon.
 - Trunk or Treat planning is underway. Fri, Oct. 26. Partner with PTA & businesses/organizations.
 - Milton Independent's Monster Mile planning is underway. Milton Recreation collaborating. Sat, Oct. 20 at the renovated Fieldhouse.

- Winter Festival planning to begin shortly. Dates: February 8 – 10, 2019. Lindsay idea: Sledding championship like a soapbox derby (similar to one in Idaho).
- **Park Projects and Updates**
 - Facility Use fees, policies and procedures: Duchesneau asked if RC members could research these points in preparation for the Fieldhouse renovation, the new pavilion attached to the Fieldhouse and the Town taking over the Grange. RC members agreed to reach out to area towns (Colchester, Williston, Essex Town, Essex Junction, St. Albans, Underhill, Burlington, Georgia, Fairfax and Newport) via phone call and/or web search.
 - Basketball nets: Peters inquired about basketball nets, which have been in rough shape. Duchesneau said that new ones are on order and will be installed asap.
 - Fieldhouse: Coming along. On schedule and within budget. Dedication at NNO.
 - MAG Mural Project: Jon Young will come back to touch up, clear coat and paint mural on new dugout.
 - Dugouts: Prospective Eagle Scout Kaleb Wright will paint the remaining sides & interior of dugouts on Aug. 4 & 5.
 - Milton Grange: Town took over the Grange on July 1. Twenty-year lease; \$1/year. Folks are already asking to rent the space.
 - Dog Park: Logger has cut trees. Highway staff will stump trees soon. Fence will be installed by vendor in July/August. Grand opening in the fall. Radtke volunteered to help plan Grand Opening event.
- **Town Forest and Lamoille River Walk trail work update**: Work has begun on replacing a LRW bridge by the VT Conservation Corps. Work should be complete in the next week or two. Work has also begun installing a bridge in the Town Forest. This work is being done by Timber & Stone.
- **Budget & Capital Improvement FY19 & FY20**: Duchesneau and Nappi will meet with Finance Director, Jessica Morris, regarding FY19 (which begin July 1) and also begin planning for FY20 budget season. Duchesneau will confirm with Morris which FY19 CIP projects have been approved to move forward with. Recommended for FY19 had been Dog Park, Update Recreation Master Plan and Electricity to East side Pavilion. Note: Park Amenities projects for FY19 have been moved into the Recreation operating budget \$23K). The RC and staff will begin talking about FY20 proposed budget and CIP at August RC meeting. The RC briefly discussed the community's desire for a pool. Lindsay mentioned a Splash Pad and noted those at Granby Zoo and Parc Safari.
- **Other Recreation Department Business**: Duchesneau explained that the annual NVTFL Football Jamboree, hosted by Milton Broncos Football and held annually in Milton the past 20+ years, has been canceled. The Northern Vermont Youth Football League has voted not to continue offering a large Jamboree and may focus on smaller regional games.

6. Recreation Commission Report

- **Recreation Commission Nominations and Elections**
 - **Chair**: Radtke made a motion to nominate Lindsay. Seconded by Peters. Motioned carried. New Chair John Lindsay
 - **Vice Chair**: Lindsay made a motion nomination Radtke. Seconded by Peters. Motioned carried. New Vice Chair Sharon Radtke.


7. Next Meeting

- Wednesday, August 8, 2018

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. Moved by Radtke, seconded by Lindsay
- Recreation Commission members and Staff walked to the Park and visited the Fieldhouse

Respectfully Submitted:


John Lindsay, Chair
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