

Milton Recreation Commission Meeting

Fieldhouse in Bombardier Park West

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

6:00pm

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Radtke

Attendance:

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

Recreation Commissioners: Sharon Radtke – Vice-Chair (via phone), Wayne Peters and Renee Berteau

Absent: John Lindsay- Chair and Commissioner Paul Morits

Amendments to the Agenda: Duchesneau requested the date of the next regular meeting be changed due to Recreation staff attending the Vermont Conference on Recreation on October 10 and 11. Next meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, October 16 at 6pm.

Public Forum: While the public surrounded us in the form of children, parents and coaches spread all over the park, no one requested to address the commission.

Approval of Minutes: Berteau moved to accept the August 8, 2018 minutes as written. Peters seconded. Sharon Radtke, as Vice-Chair, will stop by the Recreation Office to sign the minutes.

• Recreation Department Report

- **Summer Programs:** Wrapped up and overall numbers increased for full and half-day campus. The Ice Cream Social capped off the programs, and was fun. The three counselors, who received great reviews, are likely to return next year.
- **Summer Concert Series:** Went well, and the food vendors available improved attendance. Next year, hoping for sponsors, additional bands and vendor choices to boost numbers.
- **Fall and Winter Programs:** Free programs are filling up quickly. The cost programs are filling more slowly, but still filling.
- **Upcoming Events:** (Recreation staff would love help with any or all of these in any way)
 - **Touch a Truck** (Sat, Sept 15 from 9am-12pm): Nappi will arrive at 8am and set up table at far end of West park, near back field where 15 companies' trucks will stage. Peters will cover 9:15-10:30, and Berteau will cover 10:30 – 12:15 or closing and break down.
 - **Milton Activities Fair** (Thu, Sept 27 from 6-8pm): Milton Elementary School. 47 organizations for families and the community will be represented. Peters offered to help with this.
 - **Monster Mile** (Sat, Oct 20): Bombardier Park West. Collaboration with Milton Independent. Volunteers needed to man checkpoints and cheer the walkers/runners.
 - **Trunk or Treat** (Fri, Oct 26 from 6-8pm): Area businesses will decorate vehicles and have treats available for Trick or Treaters to visit in the Bombardier West parking lot near the fieldhouse. A best in show prize will be awarded for the best-decorated vehicle, and a magnet will be awarded so the vehicle can display the prize all year.
- **Park Projects and Updates –**
 - **Dugouts:** The murals have been touched up and sealed, and look wonderful. Kaleb Wright, the Eagle Scout candidate who painted the remaining sides and trim work will be presenting his project to the Milton Selectboard on Monday, Sept 17.
 - **Dog Park:** Area has been seeded and intention is that grass will grow this Fall and Winter, and be grassed in the Spring for the Opening. No fence yet, but will be installed soon.
 - **Milton Grange –** There are many requests for use, and the Town Manager's office is handling rentals. A Facility Use and Fee schedule is being drawn up, will be put into use and reviewed

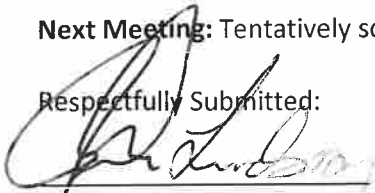
after 3 months to see what may need to change. The Hall does need some TLC, which will occur over time.

- **Basketball Court/Ice Rink:** There is a low spot on the Ice Rink that is being looked at to see what can be done to improve it, at the least cost.
- **MOPC:** The floor and stairs improvement has been completed, and looks great.
- **Budget and Capital Improvement FY19 and FY20:**
 - Work is beginning between the Recreation Department, Finance Director and Town Manager. The goal for the FY20 budget is no more than six Selectboard Budget meetings. Duchesneau and Nappi will let the Commission know which SLB meeting agenda the Recreation Department will be on so RC members can attend and support the Recreation staff. Recreation Commission members are encouraged to let Recreation staff know if there are Capital items they have heard community members talk about or having been thinking about themselves.
- **Vermont Conference on Recreation:**
 - Wed & Thu, Oct 10 & 11. Duchesneau and Nappi will attend. Berteau and Peters both said they felt they were too new to be able to contribute, but likely will attend next year, and see this as a great networking opportunity for Milton's Recreation Department staff.
- **Other Recreation Department Business:** none
- **Recreation Commission Report**
 - **Giant Pumpkin Growing Plus** effort is underway – pumpkins are growing! The Best in Show will be awarded at the Farmers Market on Thursday Oct 4.
 - **Winter Festival 2019:** Fri, Feb. 8 – 10. Planning is underway. Duchesneau distributed last year's schedule of events, and asked Recreation Commission members to solicit ideas from the community for changes, ideas, breakfast celebrities and other fun. One big change to the schedule could be the Library Chili Cook-off moving to Saturday (rather than Sunday) – this will not affect overall schedule of events.
 - **Other Recreation Commission Business:** none

Motion to adjourn: Peters motioned to adjourn, seconded by Berteau. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Tue, October 16, 2018

Respectfully Submitted:



John Lindsay, Chair
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