

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Recreation Office
Milton Municipal Building
43 Bombardier Rd Milton, VT 05468
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
6:00pm

Attendance:

Recreation Staff: Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator

Recreation Commission: John Lindsay (Chair), Sharon Radtke (Vice-Chair), Wayne Peters, Paul Morits and Renee Berteau

Absent: Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Coordinator

Guests: Members of the General Stannard House Committee: Kate Cadreact, Terry Richards and Bill Kaigle

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

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Public Forum: None

Approval of Minutes: Berteau moved to accept the September 12, 2018 minutes. Morits seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Recreation Commission Report:

General Stannard House Presentation and Discussion:

- Members of the General Stannard House Committee presented a project update to the Recreation Commission. There was discussion about the General Stannard House being moved from route 7 to the property near the Bombardier Family Barn on the corner of Middle/Bombardier Roads. The General Stannard House committee has met all of the permitting and other requirements to move the house and has been in discussion with the Selectboard and Town Manager about doing so. The Selectboard and Town Manager asked that the Recreation Commission weigh in on this as well. The GSH committee would like to begin moving the house in pieces and want to store them in the Bombardier Family Barn beginning in early 2019. Although they have received a state grant to do this, they still need to raise more funds to complete the project. They are having a fundraiser at Boves on Saturday, October 20. After some discussion, Milton Recreation Commissioner Berteau moved to recommend having the General Stannard House erected somewhere near the Bombardier Barn property pending the completion of the Milton Recreation Master Plan in 2019. This was seconded by Morits. During the needs assessment/public forum piece of completing the updated Milton Recreation Master Plan in 2019, a section of the Plan and questions during public forum will relate to the recently purchased Bombardier property and what community members might support there. The goal of the General Stannard Committee is to have the house reconstructed by October 20, 2020, which will be General Stannard's 200th birthday.

Fall Programs:

- Fall Programs are going well. Tai Chi has 40 participants and has been moved to the Milton Grange. It has two classes on Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. ThinkSafe (Stranger Danger) has a wait list.
- Monster Mile will be on Saturday October 20. Need volunteers about 2 pm. The race begins at 2:30 pm.
- Trunk or Treat is on Friday, October 26 and has 25 businesses and organizations signed up. Set up will be at 5 pm. The event begins at 6 pm. There will be an award for Best Decorated Vehicle (car magnet). McDonalds is donating coffee. We will provide hot cider. The site will move south from the fieldhouse.
- Community Dinner is on Thursday November 15 at the High School.

- Holiday Tree Lighting will be on Saturday, December 8 at 6 pm. Volunteers are needed to set up about 5:30 pm and to pass out hot chocolate.
- Milton Youth Coalition has a new project called “Are You My Neighbor?” for pre-schoolers. There are multiple locations for the children to visit and have their passport stamped from October 15-December 17. Milton the Bear is their mascot.

Park Projects:

- Bombardier East Kiosk/Bulletin Board is up. Portolets will be removed for the season on Nov. 2.
- Dog Park fencing is almost complete. The Dog Park will open in the spring.
- Restrooms in the Fieldhouse will close for the season on November 8th.
- Ordered 8 tables and 40 chairs for the Fieldhouse Event Room.
- Fees will be revamped for spaces in the Spring of 2019.

Proposed Budget FY20 and Capital Improvement Plan:

- Duchesneau reviewed proposed spreadsheets with Commission members. Recreation Department Staff will be meeting with Finance Director and Town Manager in the coming weeks re: proposed Budget and CIP. Staff will update Recreation Commission members as the timeline/Selectboard meeting dates surrounding Budget and CIP are laid out.
- After discussion, Recreation Commission members concluded they would like to request that the ½ Penny for Parks be reinstated in FY2020.

Recreation Commission Report:

- **Winter Festival 2019:** Friday: Party in the Park; Lazer Tag; Danceworks performance; Fireworks; Pizza and Cocoa. Saturday: Breakfast at the High School; Big Blue Trunk; Leno, Cheney and Young Band performing; Footworks Dance for Kids; MCVC Snow Ball for Young People. Sunday: Dog Sled Rides; Boy Scout event; Ice Carving? Not sure which day the Library Chili Cookoff will be (Saturday or Sunday).
- **Other Recreation Commission Business:** None

Next Meeting: Wed, November 14, 2018

Motion to adjourn: Radtke moved to adjourn; seconded by Berteau. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Lindsay, Chair
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