

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Town Manager's Conference Room
Milton Municipal Building
43 Bombardier Rd Milton, VT 05468
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
6:00pm

Attendance:

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

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

Absent: Renee Berteau, Recreation Member

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Lindsay, Recreation Commission Chair

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Public Forum: None

Approval of Minutes: Morits moved to accept the October 16, 2018 minutes. Peters seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

Recreation Commission Report:

Fall & Winter Programs and Events – Debrief & Upcoming:

- Monster Mile: Held Oct. 20. Good weather, approximately 100 people attended (less than other years). Suggestions – higher visibility when it was in the Village, move to earlier in the day, add pumpkin carving?, more of a 5K race rather than a walk, orient toward Park Place rather than pavilion.
- Trunk or Treat: Held on Oct. 26. Amazing turnout (over 1000 attendees). Suggestions: more light in the middle section of event, add a black light area, MOPC flood/black lights with DJ and dance party, no pumpkin carving, more cider (hot cocoa?), shorten event time (6-7:30pm rather than 6-8pm). Radtke said judging went really well however move judging a little later so it is darker out.
- Community Dinner: Thu, Nov. 15 at Middle School from 4:30-7pm. Thanksgiving theme.
- Letters to Santa: Mailboxes to be delivered to local banks, Library and MFCC. Letters written back by MHS NHS students.
- Holiday Tree Lighting: Sat, Dec. 8 at Hannaford Plaza. Collaboration with Milton Independent. Lindsay, Radtke and Peters volunteered to help at event at 6:30pm serving hot cocoa and cookies.
- Community Band Holiday Concert: Sun, Dec. 9 at 2pm at MHS. Collaboration with Milton Recreation and Community Band.
- MCYC's "Are You My Neighbor?" program for preschoolers is going well.
- Tai Chi and ThinkSafe for Kids programs have been very popular this fall.

Winter & Spring 2019 Programs & Events:

- Recreation Program Guide will be released in Milton Independent the 2nd week in January however many programs and events will be advertised before this time. Many traditional programs however new ones as well.
- Sample of upcoming programs/events: PiYo Fitness, Babysitter Safety, Zumba, Chalk Paint, Recycling Right, Reptiles, Tai Chi, Chakras, Hunter Education, Anatomy Academy and many more.
- Nappi recently met with SASH Coordinator at Elm Place regarding collaboration for seniors. Also met with Workshop Coordinator from the Milton Artists Guild about collaborations. Programs are in the works.

Park Projects and Updates:

- Fieldhouse restrooms have been winterized and East side portolets removed for season.
- Eight folding tables and 40 chairs ordered from WB Mason for the Fieldhouse and delivered. Some damage and incorrect color of items – WB Mason is rectifying this.
- Dog Park looks great. Will open late spring 2019. Working on signage. Gravel pathway to be installed in spring – ADA accessible, walking path. Concerns and discussion about parking.
- Canvas paintings created by children during the Park mural painting day were donated to Milton Recreation by MAG. These have been sealed and will be hung in the Fieldhouse restrooms in the spring.

Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan FY20:

- Duchesneau stated that Staff will meet with the Finance Director and Town Manger on Tue, Nov. 27 to review the proposed FY20 Recreation Budget and CIP.
- All Town Budget meetings with the Selectboard will take place between Dec. 4 and Dec. 20.
- Duchesneau will let Recreation members know as soon as the Recreation Budget date and time with the Selectboard has been determined. Recreation Commission members are encouraged to attend the Budget meeting for input and support.

Other Recreation Department Business: Duchesneau and Nappi are working on an RFP for Updating the Milton Recreation Master Plan. Goal is to get the RFP out before the end of the year and select a consultant in early 2019.

Recreation Commission Report:

- **Winter Festival 2019:** Planning is coming along. Duchesneau and Nappi will be reaching out to Recreation Commission members for planning help in the next month or so. MCYC will be hosting a “Snow Ball” Adult Prom on Sat, February 9 at Georgia Mountain Maples.
- **Other Recreation Commission Business:**
 - Lindsay said that the Planning Commission is looking into ways to advertise and get the word out about Milton. The PC had an idea to offer a “Hidden Gems of Milton” photo contest or challenge. Photos would then be featured on the website. Maybe the Artist Guild would be interested in collaborating on this.
 - Morits and Lindsay mentioned the recent Hourglass Project presentation to the Selectboard and asked about a possible/potential Park. Lindsay stated that this would be a great place for a large banner across the Park featuring upcoming events. The other members and staff agreed.

Next Meeting: Wed, December 12, 2018

Motion to adjourn: Lindsay moved to adjourn; seconded by Radtke. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted:

John Lindsay, Chair
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