

**Town of Milton, Vermont**  
**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday May 10, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.  
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Ryan Bushey, Rod Moore, John FitzGerald, Alyson Humphrey  
Commissioners Absent: Emily Reinhardt, Kim Thompson  
Staff in Attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi  
Public in Attendance: None



1. **Call to Order:** Rod – at 5:10 pm
2. **Amendments to Agenda** – None
3. **Public Forum** – None
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made to approve minutes by Ryan Bushey with a second by Alyson Humphrey. All approved.
5. **Recreation Commission Report**
  - a. **Recreation Commission Report and Updates:** None
  - b. **Events**
    1. **Park Spruce Up** April 15, 2023 from 9am-Noon, 9 volunteers came out to assist with cleaning of the park, Dog Park, cleaning and setting up tennis courts and other activities. Another 9 volunteers working with Ryan Bushey on the mountain bike trails.
    2. **Green Up Day**, May 6, 2023 8am-Noon. An estimated 500 of 600 bags were taken by volunteers cleaning up the sides of the roads in Milton. Jenna is waiting on the official totals collected, will have update for next month. It was a great turnout.
    3. **Inclusion Fair** May 6, 2023 11am-6pm. The event had a good turnout an estimated 500-550 people visited throughout the event. The Committee will be meeting again to do an after action review on event to better it for next year. It was a very busy day at the park, discussion on the commission about holding it a different weekend.
    4. **Upcoming Events:**
      1. **Music in the Park / Farmers Market** begins on June 13, 2023 and runs till August 22. Finalizing the last few bands. Farmers Market will be set up to accept SNAP EBT Wick this year which will be beneficial for many. Matt Mullen and Husky are the sponsors again this year.
      2. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrations** Still finalizing events, we have secured a 3<sup>rd</sup> food vendor, may have a 4<sup>th</sup> unconfirmed at the moment.

3. **National Night Out** August 1, 2023 Event will be the same as in the past. PD is planning on providing hotdogs and hamburgers will have local and State organizations participating. Committee is working on getting a new band.

c. **Park Projects:**

1. **Youth Sports** Softball fence was put up separating the softball field and the soccer fields to prevent kids and adults from accidentally interrupting or being injured from an active softball game. Minor league field and Softball field was reconditioned. Scoreboard in minor league field was named Lynn Waring. Discussions about field naming and grass condition on soccer fields.
  2. **Community Garden:** Rod Moore presented his idea for raised garden beds for the Community Garden for 2024 season. Cost of and fundraising for the project would determine the size. Size of raised beds varied in sizes and shapes. Rod advised that he'll work with community partners over next year to create a 2nd garden. Commission agreed with project.
  3. **Fruit Tree Grove:** 5 fruit trees had to be replaced due to trees dying which was to be expected. Same types of trees were replaced. Discussion on putting mulch in the grove area or allow grass to grow. Discussion with members present agreed that grass for now works, can be looked at later if needed.
  4. **Mountain Bike Trails/ Pathways Project:** Cleanup day worked on trails regraded and reworked some of areas. Now working on Phase 2 of the project, connecting Town trails to Sharp Park trails which will bring the trails to 2 miles length. Pathway project estimate came in \$50,000.00 will have more info for later meetings
  5. **Basketball Courts:** Work will soon be starting to take out the yellow curbing out. A 2<sup>nd</sup> court will be added, court lines will be repainted on both courts. Discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the court Youth Hockey asked for a roller rink for summer games, other options could be a bare bones skate park.
  6. **FY23 Projects:** Tennis Courts will be repaired in July. Playground has some small fixes over the next few months. Refreshing the dugout murals, new signage for trails, disc golf, bike trails are needed. AC in the field house.
- d. **Summer Camps and Programming:** No updates on Summer Camps, Jenna has had a large number of scholarship request for camps. She will be going through them to see what can be filled. Jenna advised that there will be no summer program guide out at this point.
- e. **Grange Update:** Opening of the Grange has been delayed again, now looking at July opening. More to come.
- f. **Feasibility Study:** Committees proposal went to the Selectboard to approve, if approved then it will go out to bid for engineers to bid on.
- g. **Volunteer Opportunities, Recreation work and recruitment:** The Recreation Commission will be losing its two Student Representatives this summer as they both move away to

college. Interested students are encouraged to apply. Discussion on age minimums on Commission members.

6. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 5:00pm
7. **Adjournment of Recreation Commission Meeting:** Motion made at 7:05 pm by John FitzGerald to adjourn with a second by Ryan Bushey. All approved.



Handwritten signatures and date: 6/14/23