

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

Wednesday July 12, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.  
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Ryan Bushey, Kim Thompson (Zoom), Rod Moore, John FitzGerald (Zoom), Alyson Humphrey (Zoom)

Commissioners Absent: Emily Reinhardt

Staff in Attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi

Public in Attendance: None

**1. Call to Order – Rod 5:07pm**

**2. Amendments to Agenda - None**

**3. Public Forum – None**

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Previous Minutes were approved.**

**5. Election Results**

Rod Moore was elected Chair

Ryan Bushey was elected Vice Chair

Kim Thompson was elected as Clerk

**6. Recreation Report**

**a) Recreation Commission Report and Updates**

- Final Meeting for the Rec Commission’s high school board members, Emily and Aly. We thank them for their time on the board and wish them well with their college endeavors this fall.

**b) Events:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July** – Parade was successful with no issue. Despite a few early evening weather delays, the evening activities and firework display went well. Mostly positive feedback from the community with the majority of negative comments being in regards to the smoke created by the fireworks obscuring the display, making the lower fireworks not visible. This was due to high humidity in the air and the low height of those particular fireworks.

**Thoughts for 4th of July 2024**

- John would like to see the same vendor used next year and to keep the fireworks display large and lengthy
  - Commissioners would like to see the parade lead and end with music such as a band.
  - Possible float themes with contest via online voting.
  - Work on minimizing gaps between floats/participants in the parade.
- **Music in the Park & Farmer's Market** – Jenna reports the events are going well and have been well attended.
- **Upcoming Events: National Night Out, Community Yard Sale, Touch a Truck**
    - National Night Out will be held Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. A band has been hired to play music. Commissioners <sup>agreed (RM)</sup> voted to have a videogame themed booth at the event where attendees can try out various video games. Ryan to help coordinate supplies for booth.
    - Community Yard Sale will be held – Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. Map to be made available to public.
    - Touch a Truck will be held either Sept 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. Kim will help reach out to potential participants to bring truck/equipment.

#### c) Park Projects

- Community Garden – All plots have been filled.
- Trails – Received approval to work on connector. Positive feedback has been received on signage improvements thus far. Signage continues to be updated.
- Basketball/Tennis Courts- Curbing has been removed from basketball court. Renovations to Tennis and Basketball Courts expected to be completed in July as well as the construction of the new Pickle ball Courts. Commissioners recommended adding a basketball rack to store balls for public use. Also discussed the idea of having sports equipment rentals available to community.
- Fields- Kim shared end of season parent survey results for Milton Youth Soccer which had multiple comments about excessive ants on the field.

#### d) FY23/FY24 Updates

- FY23 closed June 30<sup>th</sup> with a surplus of \$14,000. However, there is still a large Summer Camp invoice to be paid, so expect a surplus of around \$5500.

#### e) Summer Camps and Programming

- Jenna reports positive feedback on Summer Camps thus far.
- All camps are mostly full with waitlists. July Chess Camp was canceled due to low enrollment and replaced with the Outer Space Camp.
- Negative Summer Camp feedback has been due to lack of cooling system at the Field House. Alternative cooling options are being looked into.
- Jenna reported that Barb Johnson, owner of the Wicked Cool Summer camps, shared that Milton has one of the best locations for Summer Camps and enjoys working with Milton.
- Ladies Learn to Golf- Is very popular. Looking into adding a fall co-ed program.  
Ladies (RM)

**f) Grange**

- Renovations on the Grange are nearly complete. Fire Marshal was delayed in inspecting the Grange due to weather.
- Brittney in the front office will be handling booking space at the Grange, not the rec dept  
Brittney (RM)

**g) Volunteer Opportunities Rec Commission work, and Recruitment**

- Continue recruitment efforts for joining Rec Commission. Also keep ears/eyes out for community members with a skill/talent that would be willing to share with the community.

**7. Next Meeting**

Wed, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

**8. Adjournment of Recreation Commission Meeting – 6:04pm**

Pat Moran <sup>H</sup> 8/9/23