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Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 9, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Kim Thompson, Rod Moore, Emily Reinhardt

Commissioners Absent: Ryan Bushey, John Fitzgerald

Staff in Attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi

Public in Attendance: None

1. Call to Order – Rod 5:12pm

2. Amendments to Agenda - None

3. Public Forum – None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Grammatical Corrections made. Previous Minutes were approved. Emily made motion to Approve, Rod seconded.

5. Recreation Report

a) Events:

- **National Night Out** – was a success and well attended. 900+ meals were served, but estimated an attendance of 1100. Recreation Booth ended up having a basketball hoop game that was popular with the kids. Technical issue with sound at band shell due to a loose outlet. It has since been repaired.
- **Community Yard Sale** – was a huge success. 29 participating sales, 4 of which were at Bombardier Park West. Positive feedback on Facebook.
- **Circus Smirkus** – Poor Weather caused scheduled days of the Circus to be pushed back. All shows were well attended, with at least 1 evening showing selling out. Wet fields led to some field damage that has needed repair, including flattening, new soil and new seed. Soil cost \$1050. Deposit collected from Circus Smirkus is being put towards the repairs. Circus Smirkus looks forward to coming back in years to come.
- **Music in the Park & Farmer's Market** – July 11th was canceled due to flooding, July 18th was postponed to Sept 5th due to poor weather, July 25th was held but had low attendance (approx. 215) due to rain, Aug 1st was NNO and well attended and Aug 8th was canceled due to weather.

- MCYC has dissolved and has been reabsorbed into MFCC. Jenna and Ben to meet with MFCC to discuss continued collaboration with the Farmers Market.
- **Upcoming Events: National Night Out, Community Yard Sale, Touch a Truck**
 - Touch a Truck will be held either Sept 9th. Kim will help reach out to new potential participants to bring truck/equipment. Jenna to invite last year's participants. Matt Mullen has been invited as a food vendor. Volunteers needed
 - Trunk or Treat – Friday Oct, 27th. Volunteers needed.
 - MHS Day of Service- Students will be asked to pull weeds at the fruit tree grove. Emily recommended Rick Sharffe as someone who could help students with this project.

b) Park Projects

- Trails – Volunteer Trail day is 8/12. Work on phase 2 will begin. Fellowship of the Wheel will be helping. Memorandum of Understanding still in works with the Fellowship to allow them to become stewards of the trails. Memorandum hopes to be completed in coming months. Dan Carry of the Conservation commission has retired. There is a new town volunteer who has been doing a great job working on the trails. Larry Underwood is being used for tree removal and has been going well.
- Basketball/Tennis Courts- New Basket Ball hoops have been installed and already being used by community. Lining of the courts will be happening later in August. Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts were completed and will be open to the public on 8/10.

c) FY23/FY24 Updates

- No new CIP for this year. Existing CIP being used towards trails/pathways and heating/cooling in Field House
- Final numbers for FY23 have not been made available yet, however it is expected to be under budget by approx. \$3000.
- FY24 had a budget increase of 3%. Slight concern on budgeted amount for Maintenance as it did not increase.
- Approx. \$5500 was spent on maintenance to Major, Minor and Soft Ball fields.
- FY24 projected to include added mulch to playground, garden and fruit grove updates such as raised beds, continued maintenance on sports courts, tree lighting repairs, rubber padding at playgrounds, granite post.
- Improvements to River Street park on hold due to recent flooding. Pending approval of FEMA funds.
- FY25 budget season starts in 1 month. Commissioners to review current budget for next meeting to be able to make recommendations for FY25.

d) Summer Camps and Programming

- All remaining camps are full or nearly full. Chess camp had low enrollment of 8, but it has been confirmed the camp will move forward.
- Minds in Motion Space camp was not as successful as Wicked Cool. Plan to stick with Wicked Cool's programming next summer
- Kim commented on wanting to make sure the camps/themes offered each summer are new so returning campers have variety and are not doing the same camps each summer.
- Planning for Fall/Winter Programming has begun. Excited to be able to use the Grange for indoor programs.

e) Grange

- Approval was received on 8/8 that the programming and events can begin being scheduled at the Grange.

f) 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.
- Touch a Truck and Trunk or Treat

6. Next Meeting

Wed, Sept 13th at 5:00pm

7. Adjournment of Recreation Commission Meeting – 6:10pm Emily made a motion to Adjourn, Rod seconded.

Roger Bushy
9/13/2023