

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

Wednesday September 13, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.  
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Kim Thompson, Ryan Bushey, Julia Pfaff  
Commissioners Absent: Rod Moore, John Fitzgerald  
Staff in Attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi  
Public in Attendance: None

**1. Call to Order – <sup>Ryan</sup> Rod 5:06pm**

**2. Amendments to Agenda** – Confirmation of Julia added to Recreation Report

**3. Public Forum** – None

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes** – Ryan made motion to approve previous minutes, Kim seconded

**5. Recreation Report**

Welcome Julia to the Recreation Commission as the new Student Volunteer. She has been confirmed by the Select Board.

**a) Events:**

- **Music in the Park & Farmer's Market** – Last Music in the Park was 9/5. 2130 total attendees over 8 events (down from 10 last summer). Average of 267 attendees per event. Devon McGarry band had the largest attendance with 500 attendees. Suspect poor weather conditions throughout the summer contributed to lower attendance.
  - MCYC has dissolved and has been reabsorbed into MFCC. Jenna and Ben to meet with MFCC to discuss continued collaboration with the Farmers Market.
- **Touch a Truck**– Event was held on 9/8. There were 3 last minute cancellations, but still had around 18 vehicles on display. Paw Patrol Mascots were a big hit with the children. Event was well attended with 1100 attendees. Matt Mullen as a food vendor was also a success.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Trunk or Treat- Event will be held 10/27. Volunteers needed! Expecting up to 2000 attendees. Discussed line management, such as using caution tape. Looking for entertainment such as stilt walker, magician, ect.
  - MHS Day of Service- Event will be held 9/15. Student volunteers will be helping with park projects

- Grand Opening- Pickle Ball. Date TBD, but would like to hold a Grand Opening this fall.
- Harvest Festival- Milton Recreation will have a booth at the MCYC Harvest Festival. Will look into Pin the Leaf on the Apple or Pin the Face on the Pumpkin as an activity.
- Halloween Decorating Contest- Will be open for public voting. No judging.
- Holiday Events- Will include Holiday Concert, Letters to Santa, Tree Lighting and Ice Out.

#### **b) Park Projects**

- Trails – There has been concern of trail congestion on the yellow trail due to construction work in the area. Per Public Works Director the red trail will be untouched during construction and roped off for 1 year. It will reopen after construction is finished. Work on the Connector Trail has started. Work has been done to revitalize the jumps on mountain bike trails. Ryan inquired about renting an excavator to help lessen manual work. Jenna said she would look into this. There has been signs of dirt bike use on the trails. Jenna encourages trail users to report sightings of motorized vehicles on trails to police. A reminder will also be posted on social media reminding community members that Dirt Bikes and ATVs are not allowed on the trails. Motion was made to postpone the Grand Opening of the Mountain Bike trails due to poor weather conditions and wetness of the trails. This will also allow time to finish the connector and improve jump lines. Commissioners voted to postpone the grand opening. Commissioners reviewed two options for new large trail head sign. It was a split decision between the two options. Would like to know the cost difference between the two. Bill Kagel has been contacted for a quote for trail signage.
- 300 cubic yards of playground chips have been delivered
- Weatherization of the field house will be happening soon. Still looking into a Mini Split.

#### **c) FY25 Updates**

- No new updates
- Ryan inquired about offering a new town wide survey to obtain updated data on community interest in recreational offerings as the Milton community has grown since the last survey was done for the Master Plan in 2019. Jenna to inquire.

#### **d) Fall/Winter Programming**

- Possible Fall/Winter Offerings may include Pebble Art, Thrift Ghost Paintings and Costume Swap

- Jenna to reach out to Age Well for recommendations for Thai Chi instructors.
- Holiday Lights Contest TBD- Discussed ideas on how to make judging more time efficient. Possible 1 day event with treats and in-person voting. Would like to incorporate it being a fundraiser.
- Ice Out- Would like to start selling tickets earlier this year. Want to sell tickets are local sporting events, craft fairs and recreation events.


**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.
- Trunk or Treat – All Hands on Deck!

**6. Next Meeting**

Wed, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

**7. Adjournment of Recreation Commission Meeting** – Ryan made a motion to Adjourn, Kim seconded. 6:55pm

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