

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday October 12, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Ryan Bushey, Rod Moore, John FitzGerald, Kim Thompson

Commissioners Absent: Julia Pfaff

Staff in Attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi

Public in Attendance: None

1. **Call to Order:** Rod – at 5:05 pm
2. **Amendments to Agenda** – None
3. **Public Forum** – None
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Correction to September 2023 minutes, Rod was Absent, Ryan Bushey called meeting to order. Motion made to approve minutes by Ryan Bushey with a second by John FitzGerald. All approved.
5. **Recreation Commission Report**
 - a. **Recreation Commission Report and Updates:** None
 - b. **Upcoming Events:**
 1. **Halloween Costume Swap** Jenna advised that she is still working on getting the costume swap set up.
 2. **Trunk or Treat** Still receiving registrations, looks to be as many trunks as last year. Starting to plan the setup, will have minor changes due to ongoing construction will be looking at getting lighting for far back corner. Volunteers will be assigned to Commissioner's trunk, Recreation welcome tent, line attendants, parking attendants. Jenna is exploring "line entertainment" as some wait times were 1 hour last year.
 3. **Spirited Homes:** No report
 4. **Letters to Santa:** Advertisements will begin in November with due date on December 11th (or tbd)
 5. **Tree Lighting:** Tree lighting will be on December 2, 2023. The activities will be similar to last years event.
 6. **Holiday Concert / Human Rights Day:** Will both be on Sunday December 10th.
 7. **Holiday Decorating:** Still moving forward with plans.
 8. **Holiday Light Parade:** Still moving forward with plans. John asked about the route. Will be same route Jenna will work with Police Chief Laroche to finalize.
 9. **Ice Out:** Continued conversation about Ice Out, discussion about opening online in November, selling tickets at Upcoming craft shows, Holiday Concert, Adding QR code to advertisements, Online purchasing removing 1 ticket online option going with 5-10-20 tickets, adding business donations/matching amount to prize. Discussions will continue.

c. **Fall & Winter Programming:**

1. Tai Chi classes added starting October 24th running on Tue and Thurs thru December
2. Dance classes Starting in November for 4 weeks
3. Luncheon in partnership with Age Well on November 17. Jenna is working with Age Well to have these on a regular basis.

d. **Park Projects:**

1. **Ice Rink:** Building and Grounds will be working on making the rink this year, rink area no longer has the cement bumpers so different structure will be built. Ben and Jenna are working on obtaining funds for Ice Rink Kit cost is between \$10,000 to \$15,000.
2. **Field House Cooling & Heating:** Receiving quotes for a mini split heat pump which will provide AC to field house in summer and ability to provide heat downstairs during winter months. Ben advised there is a meeting later this month to work on this.
3. **Mountain Bike Trails/Trails and Pathways Project:** Ryan and Ben discussed moving onto phase 2 of Bike Trail, looking at potentially 2 grants to assist advance terrain for jumps corners. Looking at renting an excavator for work in the spring.
4. **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.

e. **FY25 Budget Preparation**

1. Jenna advised that budget preparations start this coming Monday and goes till November 3rd. Please get idea's or suggestions for the budget to Jenna ASAP. Discussed the Skate Park. Jenna advised increases in programming and Trails and Pathways.

- f. **Volunteer Opportunities, Recreation work and recruitment:** Multiple upcoming events will need volunteers, please let Jenna know which you might be available for. Ryan and Jenna discussed potential new Recreation Members will work on getting them onboarded.

6. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 5:00pm

7. **Adjournment of Recreation Commission Meeting:** Motion made at 6:15 pm by Ryan Bushey to adjourn with a second by Kim Thompson. All approved.

Ryan Bushey

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