

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2019**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Russell, Aprile, Casale, Kilcomons

Absent: Skowronski

Committeeman Gary Dorfman in attendance

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: February 4, 2019

C/Morris made a Motion to approve and C/Adornetti offered a Second. Roll Call Vote:

Morris, Simels, Adornetti, Russell, Aprile, Casale and Kilcomons vote yes to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Morris opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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Adult Programs – C/Adornetti noted that Men’s Basketball had to move their Sunday activity to the Primary school since the dance companies have the MS gyms almost every weekend. Secretary DeFelice noted that the requests for the Primary school gym have not been completely fulfilled. C/Morris asked if a meeting with Dr. Huss is needed. Committeeman Dorfman asked what calendar is available to show what gyms are open. Secretary DeFelice replied that the BOE has its own calendar. Recreation updates its league athletics calendar by cross referencing the BOE calendar but it is time consuming. There needs to be an auto notification process when something changes on the BOE calendar. Committeeman Dorfman will address the issue with Dr. Huss since he needs to speak with him about other township business. C/Morris asked if Recreation can check weekly with the BOE calendar to make sure that everything matches with the Recreation calendar.

Pop Warner – C/Casale noted that there will be 2 cheers moving forward. Game cheer and Competition cheer. Competition cheer is new to Pop Warner and will be year round. There is not enough information from Pop Warner yet on how to handle Competition cheer. Cheer will have the following competitions. YCADA Global; Central Jersey Pop Warner; CJPW Regional and CJPW Nationals. Game cheer and Competition cheer will include different girls but have a lot of overlap. Competition cheer will be for those girls that want to cheer year round and be more competitive. The Pop Warner budget is based upon 135 registered participants for both football and cheer. The 135 number is based upon what they saw last year. Although football numbers have dropped, cheer numbers have risen. C/Morris expressed concern about the declining football numbers and whether the budget might be too aggressive. Committeeman Dorfman asked how competition cheer would affect the coaches for game day cheer and how booster club monies would be allocated between the 2 cheers. C/Casale noted that the coaches would be the same between the 2 cheer groups. She noted that football and cheer share in the disbursement of booster funds and the A&M Board oversees how the funds are allocated. Football and cheer are not treated separately. C/Morris noted that the recreation commission does not get involved in how the sub boards allocate booster funds. He asked if the recreation fee of \$175.00 was enough to cover the costs for Pop Warner’s expenses associated with the items assigned to recreation.

C/Casale felt that increases in cheer registration would offset decreases in football registration and that we would need to see how the addition of competition cheer plays out.

Soccer – C/Simels noted that MUTS wants to have travel players assist with strengthening the recreation program by being allowed to participate in recreation but without having to pay the full fee since they are already paying recreation for travel fees. Committeeman Dorfman expressed concern over having recreation players subsidize travel players for recreational play. C/Morris noted that without travel player participation, the recreational soccer programs would not be able to field teams in the Fall and therefore recreation players would not be able to play at all. Committeeman Dorfman agreed that under that situation, travel players should be permitted to participate in Recreation soccer. The commission agreed that the travel players should only be charged the additional costs associated with purchasing a recreation uniform. Secretary DeFelice will identify that cost figure. C/Simels noted that soccer goals on Field 12 need to be replaced. C/Morris asked if it was budgeted for. Committeeman Dorfman suggested that each program set aside monies for capital expenditures. C/Morris noted that the Recreation Trust does that and it would be problematic if each program had their own trust. Secretary DeFelice was asked to get quotes for the goals for Field 12.

Field Hockey – C/Kilcomons mentioned that the Monroe coach running the program was doing a great job.

Basketball – C/Adornetti mentioned that the championship games were held the past weekend and everything went well. Warriors were also finishing their winter season. Mid Monmouth is looking to expand the season to Spring and several teams are going to play Spring basketball. An issue that needs to be addressed is how to charge new additional players for joining mid-season. C/Morris suggested that Warriors look at having a whole new registration for mid-season. The fee would not have to be \$150 but should reflect any additional costs associated with recreation. Warriors season starts in September so any new registration needs to be finalized before summer.

Wrestling – C/Russell noted that wrestling mats need to be moved from the Middle School to Wagner.

Lacrosse – C/Morris noted that the lacrosse booster club submitted revised bylaws. Playing up is prohibited unless a team can't field enough players. Lacrosse needs to better define what number would trigger the need for players to play up. Recreation would be notified for each instance. Committeeman Dorfman asked for the status of lacrosse registration and if flag football was having a negative impact. Secretary DeFelice stated that 7/8 boys was lower than last year but could not determine the cause. Flag football in neighboring Hightstown has been around for years and always draws Millstone youth looking to play that sport. A discussion ensued regarding the importance of recreational sports for today's youth and the need to promote participation.

Tennis – C/Kilcomons noted that we are still trying to find a professional to run the program.

Summer Camp –C/Morris noted that there was discussion about allowing non- resident children to participate in the summer recreation camp. Since camp registration numbers are trending down over the last few years and trips are going unsold, it makes sense to review the resident only decision. Children of township employees and camp counselors should be able to attend camp at resident rates. Out of town children with no Millstone affiliation can attend camp but with a non-resident surcharge. Committeeman Dorfman agreed with the millstone affiliated situation. In regards to the out of town

children, he wanted to insure that Millstone residents had first choice on trip registrations to prevent overcrowding on trips. Out of town attendees need to have a surcharge and be limited in numbers. Secretary DeFelice noted that many of the trips were undersold last year and registration for trips can be opened up to Millstone residents earlier. C/Aprile asked if recreation could send out notices to camp attendees informing them of upcoming trips that are still open. C/Morris noted that the camp trip sheet is updated on-line and shows how many spots are open. C/Morris will work with the recreation coordinator and come up with pricing to present to the commission and township committee.

Millstone Day – C/Russell asked if outside vendors can be secured for food. C/Morris noted that outside vendors are not excluded but that local vendors who support Millstone Township should be approached first.

Holiday Lighting – Nothing to discuss

Building & Grounds – C/Kilcomons noted that the sidewalk at Wagner Farm Park near the entrance door has sunk down and poses a tripping hazard. C/Morris noted that Wagner Park will have upgraded security within the next 60 days. Millstone Park is not scheduled for phase 1. A discussion ensued about whether dogs were permitted at Wagner Park inside the fence on the lacrosse and football fields. C/Morris noted that there is a proposed ordinance that would address that. Committeeman Dorman suggested that every park have signs identifying what is permitted and not permitted.

Code of Conduct – C/Adornetti noted the code of conduct will be sent to the Township Committee for review.

New Business – C/Morris noted that Jared Rosenfeld is being appointed to the open seat on the Recreation Commission

Seeing no further business, C/Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Adornetti offered a second. The Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew DeFelice