

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2021**

Commissioner Simels opened the Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Commissioner Simels

Roll Call: Present: C/Simels, C/Adornetti, C/Skowronski, C/Kilcomons, C/Lourenco, C/Strickland, C/Randazzo, C/Italiano  
Committeemen Chris Morris and Gary Dorfman attending

Oath of office was administered to Commissioners Adornetti and Skowronski

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** December 7, 2020

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

C/Adornetti, C/Simels, C/Skowronski, C/Kilcomons, C/Strickland and C/Italiano vote yes to approve the minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Commissioner Simels opened Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Matt Pless, 11 Palmer Circle, addressed the Commission. Matt requested that the Warriors program only pay for gym time due to the impact that the COVID pandemic has had on their season. Since gyms have not been available since September, teams are unable to practice. Some teams have joined a league at Monroe Sports before registering with Recreation since there was no guarantee that they would have access to Millstone gyms. Since there is no way to determine if Warriors will be able to participate in any additional leagues or tournaments, they should only pay for access to the gyms that may open in late January. C/Randazzo asked the Recreation Coordinator if the costs associated with Warriors using the gyms only was known. RC/DeFelice noted that Recreation does not incur costs for school gyms. C/Italiano asked what the \$175 fee for Warriors would typically cover. RC/DeFelice noted that Warrior fees pay for the Mid-Monmouth league and 2 tournaments or another league. Mid-Monmouth has cancelled their league this year and Warrior teams have already paid out of pocket for a winter league at MSC. C/Lourenco asked if access to the school gyms are tied to the status of middle school sports programs. DeFelice replied that Recreation will be allowed access to the school gyms if the school is open for instruction. It is not tied to the status of school sports programs. C/Skowronski asked if the gyms are open, would outside teams be permitted into the gyms. DeFelice replied that at this time outside teams would not be permitted. Warriors would not have home games. Committeeman Morris asked if Warriors had communicated to Recreation that they were signing up for a league without registering through Recreation. C/Adornetti replied that Warriors is only looking for access to the gyms if they are open. They were aware that they would not be reimbursed for any league fees incurred before registering through Recreation. Matt Pless noted that Warriors could not wait for gym time through recreation and had to make a decision quickly regarding participating at MSC. They did not want to charge families \$175 if there was no idea of what kind of season they would have. C/Lourenco asked what Warriors was requesting from the Recreation Commission. Matt Pless responded that Warriors wanted a fee for gym access only. C/Randazzo asked if there were specific costs that can be associated with the league and tournament fees that can be deducted from the \$175 in order to arrive at a residual fee to charge Warriors. Committeeman Dorfman noted that there is an ordinance presented that provides the Commission with the flexibility to adjust fees in this type of situation without requiring an ordinance change. RC/DeFelice noted that Warriors and Men's basketball use the MS gyms the same times each week. Since there are no league or tournament fees this year, Warriors should pay the same rate for access to the gyms which is

currently \$50 for the balance of the year. Committeeman Dorfman noted that Warriors has to understand that any adjusted fee this year can not set expectations for next year when the fee goes back to \$175.00. Matt Pless confirmed that Warriors understands the reduced fees are only due to the circumstances associated with COVID this season. C/Italiano and C/Adornetti agreed that the \$50 fee was appropriate for gym access only.

**C/Simels moved to set the fee for Warriors for the balance of the season for gym access only to \$50.00.  
C/Lourenco offered a second.**

**C/Simels, C/Adornetti, C/Skowronski, C/Kilcomons, C/Lourenco, C/Strickland, C/Randazzo voted in Favor**

C/Skowronski noted that Lacrosse raised its Recreation fee to \$75 for this coming season. If they are unable to play the same number of games they usually play, how much would be refunded back. Committeeman Morris replied that each situation will be discussed when the impact is known but it can't be based upon the number of individual games and practices from year to year. It has to be based upon losing major parts of a program. Committeeman Dorfman noted that basketball does not have equipment and field costs since they use BOE facilities unlike other programs that use recreational parks and fields.

Commissioner Simels closed Public Comment at 8:11pm.

Committeeman Dorfman leaves the meeting.

### **Reorganization**

**Chairman** - C/Simels made a motion to nominate Joe Adornetti as Chairman and C/Skowronski offered a second. Roll Call Vote: Simels, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco, Strickland, Randazzo and Adornetti vote in favor.

**Vice Chairman** - C/Adornetti made a motion to nominate Ken Simels as Vice Chairman and C/Randazzo offered a second. Roll Call Vote: Adornetti, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco, Strickland, Randazzo and Simels vote in favor.

**Treasurer** - C/Simels made a motion to nominate Renee Randazzo as Treasurer and C/Adornetti offered a second. Roll Call Vote: Adornetti, Simels, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco, Strickland and Randazzo vote in favor.

**Commission Meeting Dates** – C/Adornetti made a motion to approve the regular monthly meeting schedule and C/Lourenco offered a second.

**2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 7/12\*, 8/2, 9/13\*, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, & 1/10/2022\***

Roll Call Vote: Adornetti, Simels, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco, Strickland and Randazzo vote yes to adopt the regular monthly schedule to be held on the following dates in 2021 and the first meeting date in 2022 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Meeting Room located at 215 Millstone Road, Millstone Township, NJ. (\*) Meetings to be held at 470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, N. J. 08510

### **Liaison for Recreation Programs 2021:**

Liaison for Adult Program	C/Strickland/ Kilcomons
Liaison for Pop Warner Football	C/Lourenco/Kilcomons
Liaison for Pop Warner Cheerleading	C/Randazzo/ Kilcomons
Liaison for Flag Football	C/Strickland/ Simels
Liaison for Fall & Spring Soccer & MUTS	C/Italiano/ Simels
Liaison for Field Hockey	C/Skowronski/Kilcomons
Liaison for Basketball	C/Adornetti/Kilcomons
Liaison for Wrestling	C/Lourenco/ Italiano
Liaison for Lacrosse	C/Skowronski/Lourenco
Liaison for Tennis	C/Adornetti/ Kilcomons
Liaison for Summer Recreation Camp	C/Italiano/ Randazzo
Liaison for Millstone Day	C/Randazzo/ Lourenco

Liaison for Holiday Lighting C/Randazzo/ Italiano  
Liaison for Memorial Day Parade C/Adornetti  
Liaison for Building & Grounds C/Adornetti/ Skowronski

2021 Code of Conduct Committee RC- Joe Adornetti  
RC-Rich Skowronski  
RC- Renee Randazzo  
RC Alt. – Anthony Italiano

Millstone Park – C/Randazzo asked if a date has been decided upon for the official opening of Millstone Park. Committeeman Morris noted that it is being discussed by the Township and AdHoc Committee. The Commission will be asked to help but will not need to plan the event. The Recreation Commission reviewed the Millstone Park punch list. Safety features listed on the list need to be in place for Spring sports.

Wagner Park Status- A motion was made by C/Simels to close Wagner Park gym in coordination with the closing of the Millstone School facilities in order to control the recent COVID outbreak. C/Adornetti seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Adornetti, Simels, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco, Strickland and Italiano vote in favor.

Basketball – C/Lourenco asked if girls would be permitted to play on the boys teams since there are not enough girls to form their own teams. RC DeFelice noted that girls would be offered that opportunity similar to what we do for soccer. Since the other towns have cancelled their basketball programs, Allentown residents have been inquiring about Millstone opening up grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> to Allentown residents. The Recreation Commission decided to not mix additional cohorts since it would go against current measures to limit COVID spread. C/Simels asked what the timeline for basketball looked like. RC DeFelice noted that if gym open on the January 25<sup>th</sup>, the first games would take place on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The season would end on March 20<sup>th</sup> and double headers would be used to get at least 8 games in. We would use local referees but need to increase our rates of pay.

A motion to pay the basketball referee assignor a fee between \$350 and \$500 was made by C/Adornetti and seconded by C/Simels. (note. The previous motion set the price at \$500 with no range).  
Roll Call Vote: Adornetti, Simels, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco, Strickland and Randazzo vote in favor.

A motion to pay Recreation basketball referees a fee ranging from \$35 to \$45 per game for 2 referees and ranging from \$45 to \$50 per game for a single referee was made by C/Adornetti and seconded by C/Simels.  
Roll Call Vote: Adornetti, Simels, Skowronski, Kilcomons, Lourenco, Strickland and Randazzo vote in favor.

The Commission reviewed the Millstone Park guide presented by the Recreation Department. The Commission discussed the request by Open Space to have Movie Nights at Millstone Park. Because of the anticipated activity on Field 5, Field 1 or 2 will be considered for Movie night. Closing the parking lot for a drive-in style movie night could be a problem. Wagner could always serve as a backup for Movie night. Those decisions could be made closer to the dates when we see what activity is going on throughout the park.

Seeing no further business, C/Adornetti made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Lourenco offered a second. The Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.