

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2021**

Vice Chairman Simels opened the Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Vice Chairman Simels

Roll Call: Present: C/Simels, C/Skowronski, C/Kilcomons, C/Lourenco (7:36), C/Strickland, C/Randazzo, C/Italiano
Committeemen Chris Morris attending. Township Business Administrator Kevin Abernathy attending

Stacie Curtis sworn in as Commissioner Alternate 2

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: February 1, 2021

C/Italiano made a Motion to approve and C/Randazzo offered a Second. Roll Call Vote:
C/Simels, C/Strickland, C/Randazzo and C/Italiano vote yes to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vice Chairman Simels opened Public Comment at 7:35 and Closed at 7:35pm.

Indoor Sports- Secretary DeFelice noted that the BOE has decided to open up the school gyms to recreational programs as of March 2nd. Warriors will start this week and adult basketball will start next week. Lacrosse will be using the gyms on Wednesdays starting next week.

C/Italiano noted that MUTS will not need gym time since they will be moving outdoors soon. C/Kilcomons asked about the procedure for contact tracing. Secretary DeFelice replied that in addition to attendance, a health check form will be completed for every practice and game. Only coaches and players will be in the gym. No parents or spectators. C/Italiano asked how the form would be completed. Secretary DeFelice replied that each participant will receive a link to complete the health check 24 hours before the event. Coaches will receive a list of who completed the form. Paper forms will be filled out for those that have not completed it. C/Simels asked about the rules for outdoor sports. Secretary DeFelice replied that there was not much difference between indoor and outdoor protocols right now. It is anticipated that outdoor rules will be relaxed as we move into April. Most outdoor sports are held at public park facilities so it will be very difficult to monitor. Twp. BA Abernathy asked if volunteers could be used to monitor public adherence to protocols. Committeeman Morris commented that putting volunteers in that position could be problematic. The coaches will have to be relied upon to keep their team's parents and players in line. C/Kilcomons suggested that lawn signs listing protocols be placed on the fields. Committeeman Morris commented that if teams violate protocols multiple times, field time will be cancelled. C/Skowronski noted that lacrosse starts next week. He asked when health check forms would be distributed to parents. Secretary DeFelice replied that the health check would be sent within 24 hours of the event, Coaches would have paper copies for those that do not complete the form online.

PW Cheer – C/Randazzo reported that cheer is requesting a refund for the 2020-2021 season since Covid shut everything down. They only had a few practices before the gyms were shut. All competitions were cancelled. C/Lourenco asked if there were any costs incurred especially related to Covid sanitation protocols. Secretary DeFelice replied that the township was reimbursed through the Cares Act for any Covid expenses that were incurred. Flag cheer had a season, so the refund would only apply to competition cheer that was shut down and incurred no costs. Cheer has to decide what their season will look like next year since they want to change the registration time and extend their season. They will not have full access to the gym during lacrosse season.

C/Randazzo asked if cheer should be charged some type of fee for the use of the gym prior to the shutdown. C/Simels asked if all the other programs shut down due to Covid were refunded. Secretary DeFelice replied that cheer was the only program that did not get refunded yet.

A motion to refund the competition cheer program the registration fee or roll over the credit to next season was moved by C/Lourenco. C/Italiano offered a second.

C/Simels; C/Skowronski; C/Kilcomons; C/Lourenco; C/Strickland; C/Randazzo; C/Italiano voted in favor.

Flag Football – C/Strickland reported that registration is looking good for the Spring season

Soccer – C/Italiano reported that MUTS will be cleaning out the shed and replacing goal nets in preparation for the Spring season. Rec soccer registration is open and starting to pick up.

Basketball – Secretary DeFelice reported that Warriors has 3 teams starting in the gym this week. There have been lots of requests to try and start a HS rec basketball program since the Winter season was cancelled. A survey showed that most favored having teams and referees rather than pick up games. Committeeman Morris noted that there was no need for a motion to try and have a HS rec basketball season since there was no conflict with other sports.

Wrestling – C/Lourenco will try and speak with Baldino and Kolbeck to determine who might carry the program forward.

Lacrosse – C/Skowronski reported that some lacrosse clubs needed to get additional insurance coverage due to Covid liability concerns. He asked if Millstone lacrosse needed additional insurance. Secretary DeFelice noted that the township insurance carrier did not suggest any additional coverage. The Township lawyer asked that a specific covid waiver be incorporated into all registration forms. C/Skowronski noted that the girls will have 1 tournament. The boys program is decimated. They will need to consider combining 3rd/4th with 5th/6th. They might even consider merging with another town.

Tennis – No Spring program

Camp – Secretary DeFelice noted that Jason Miller will be returning as Director this year. Dr. Huss has agreed to provide either the Primary or Middle School depending on our registration numbers. We are only looking at going with 1 bus this year with an option for a 2nd if numbers are strong. A survey is going out to get feedback on our trips.

Millstone Day – C/Renee reported that the 1st meeting was held to discuss the changes that would be made to move from Frogbridge to Millstone Park.

Memorial Day – The Veterans have not made a call yet on the parade.

Building and Grounds – The DPW budget includes the issues at Wagner Farm Park – Repairing Sink Holes, Septic repair and replacement of the front doors.

Millstone Park – Committeeman Morris noted that the township is waiting on additional quotes for fencing and backstops for the ballfields. These fields represent the only area that residents can use for ball playing since the Perrineville fields are leased to Little League long term.

Girl Scout request – Scout DePinho requested permission to place geocaches at a township park. Twp Administrator Abernethy noted that they should be located in safe places. The township should have an understanding of where the spots will be. The Commission was in favor of the project.

Budgets – Soccer and flag football budgets were presented. All booster clubs will be requested to show fund balances in their accounts. Cheer, Lacrosse and PW Football need to finalize their budgets.

Millstone Park Flag Pole- C/Skowronski noted that the easiest way to handle the brick program for the flag pole base was to have it go through the lacrosse booster club. The lights need to be installed first. He does not expect any profit from the project.

C/Kilcomons moved to adjourn. Simels provided a second. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.