

**Millstone Township  
Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2021**

Vice Chairman Simels opened the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: C/Adornetti (N), C/Ken Simels (Y), C/Skowronski (N), C/Kilcomons (Y), C/Lourenco (Y), C/Randazzo (Y), C/Strickland (N), C/Italiano (Y), C/Curtis (Y),

Business Administrator Abernathy and Committeeperson Morris (7:34) in attendance.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** May 3, 2021

C/Kilcomons made a Motion to approve, and C/Curtis offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: C/Simels, C/Kilcomons, C/Randazzo, C/Curtis

Public Comment: Vice Chairperson Simels opened and closed Public Comment at 7:34

**Adult Programs:**

Nothing to report

**Pop Warner:**

Nothing to report

**Cheer**

C/Curtis – what is the situation with wearing masks and protocol for COVID?

C/Italiano – if outside, no masks are required.

Secretary Andrew – The indoor sports masks requirement does not apply to players actively moving around. If you are on the sideline you should wear a mask unless the temperature makes it impractical. Coaches that are unvaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask. No validation of vaccinations status is needed.

C/Curtis – Cheer is having problems with parent pickup. Some are arriving 15 minutes to one hour later for pick up. Is there any specific policy regarding parent pick up?

Committeeperson Morris – There is no specific policy. Coaches need to communicate to parents what the expectations are. If it continues, escalate the issue to the rec dept.

C/Italiano – This issue has come up with soccer and if the parents fail to respect the coaches time after multiple notices the player is removed from the team.

C/Curtis – cheer will document the issues and get recreation dept involved.

Curtis – cheer wants to better delineate the difference between competition cheer and sideline cheer

Secretary DeFelice - When we have both a recreation team and a travel team, the Board for the travel sports sets the parameters of tryouts and policies. A&M Cheer needs to create the policies and procedures that will be presented to the rec commission for review.

C/Curtis – if cheer wants to have everything in place for March 2022, when should everything be in place?

Secretary DeFelice – cheer should have approval from the rec commission at least 6 weeks before the start of tryouts and registration for the new year. That would be the Feb recreation meeting at the latest.

### **Flag Football:**

Wrapping up spring season

### **Soccer:**

C/Italiano – this Saturday is the last weekend for instruction age. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams have playoffs coming up this weekend. MUTS finish on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Basketball:**

Nothing to report. No volunteers ... rec summer program

### **Wrestling:**

C/Lourenco – Kevin Kolbeck gave some names of other coaches to reach out to and see if we can get the program running again.

### **Lax:**

C/Simels – 7/8 boys are the Central Jersey Champions

Secretary DeFelice – Deb Riley is running a Lax clinic for incoming 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls

C/Lourenco – the girls teams did very well. The 7/8 girls had a great season.

### **Tennis:**

Nothing to report

### **Summer Camp:**

Secretary DeFelice – Counselors pay scale cannot compete with current pay scale. Proposing to start pay level at \$13.00 verses \$11.10. Spreadsheet attached shows cost impact. Camp registrations are down due to continued COVID situation and more parents working from home. We cut bus costs and trip offerings due to the reduced registration numbers.

Committeeperson Morris – As costs go up, we will have to review the camp pricing. Given the current climate, having a camp program at all is a move forward.

**A motion** to approve camp counselor pay scale increase was moved by C/Randazzo . C/Italiano offered a second.

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

Secretary DeFelice – our cost is less than \$100/week for parents to drop off their child for the entire day

C/Randazzo – Can the trips help offset the cost of running camp?

Secretary DeFelice – the trips have to cover the cost of the facility admission and the cost of the bus. For 1 bus we pay \$9,000 for the 5 weeks. Adding any additional cost to the trip fees would make it difficult to get enough kids on the trip to cover the bus costs.

Committeeperson Morris – the surplus revenue that we use to see from camp was due to the large numbers we used to get. 200 campers use to be the breakeven point. When we had over 300 campers, we generated strong revenues.

C/Curtis – camps across NJ are seeing reduced numbers due to the continued COVID situation

### **Millstone Day:**

C/Randazzo – meeting with PTO and 5 Help to partner on Millstone Day. Waiting to hear back from Elks. Decided not to do a movie night. Need to secure the spending for tents, inflatables and DPW staff.

Secretary DeFelice – the booth spots were revised to have them placed on grass just off the curb line. This would help with anchoring the tents. Everyone that participated in the last 2 Millstone Day events will be contacted.

C/Lourenco – contacting Party Perfect to get a quote for tents, tables, chairs, and inflatables

C/Kilcomons – will need a designated space away from tents to have state police helicopter land

### **Memorial Day:**

Curtis – no parade but the Memorial ceremony was held and live streamed. C/Lourenco provided the audio setup.

### **Buildings and Grounds:**

Secretary DeFelice – Wagner septic system, HVAC and front doors need to be fixed. Need to get these issues resolved before football season starts

Business Administrator Abernathy – the township has identified 2-3 compressors that need to be replaced at Wagner. Budget was passed and funding was allocated for making repairs.

### **Millstone Park:**

DeFelice – An Electrician will be putting in lights for the flagpole, adding a timer to the streetlights and checking the fuse status on 4 field lights that are out. Hard court surface is still being worked on to correct leveling issues. Volleyball court still in progress.

C/Lourenco – what date do we think the hard court will be completed?

Committeeperson Morris – the township is working to get everything completed by mid-July

Business Administrator Abernathy – The baseball fields won't be done by mid-July. They will take longer.

Secretary DeFelice – there is a lot of additional grading that still needs to be complete behind the volleyball court area.

Business Administrator Abernathy – When will Recreation begin to promote pickleball and volleyball programs.

Secretary DeFelice – we should not promote those programs until the courts are completed. We have missed too many deadlines on this section already.

Business Administrator Abernathy – Can we at least get pricing in the ordinance so we can move forward when ready?

C/Kilcomons – what is being done to control speed through the park?

Committeeperson Morris – speed bumps are purchased and will be installed shortly. We are waiting for the truck traffic associated with the ongoing construction to stop.

### **New Business:**

Open Space Endorsement Letter – open space is seeking a grant to place a scenic trail and bird blind off Burnt Tavern Rd.

Matching grant totaling 150k. The trail would highlight plant and animal species to promote awareness of sensitive environmental areas. The Recreation Commission requested the Secretary to write a letter of support.

C/Kilcomons – who is going to take care of and maintain the added trails and parks?

Business Administrator Abernathy – this trail would not need to be maintained. The Township is working on addressing the issues associated with maintaining the facilities we have.

C/Curtis moved to adjourn. Kilcomons provided a second. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm