

**Millstone Township
Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2021**

Chairperson Adornetti opened the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Statement of notice is read.

Roll Call: Present: C/Adornetti, C/Simels, C/Skowronski, C/Lourenco, C/Strickland, C/Randazzo (7:36), C/Italiano, C/Curtis
Absent: C/Kilcomons

Public Comment: Opened Public Comment at 7:33 p.m., closed at 7:33 p.m.

Pop Warner:

Nothing to report

Cheer:

C/Curtis -10u cheer looking at 10-12 competitions starting Oct 15th and finishing Mid-March. Sideline cheer starts this Wednesday

Secretary DeFelice – we need to nail down what uniforms we need to order for sideline cheer

C/Curtis – cheer is checking inventory of uniforms. Might need new uniforms. Lauren Nightingale will coordinate.

C/Randazzo joins meeting at 7:36

Flag Football:

C/Strickland – if flag wants to form tournament teams, do they need to go through recreation?

Secretary DeFelice – how will flag determine who will play and what is the process for choosing who makes the team?

Committeeperson Morris – you need to create a separate program to cover the cost of tournaments. You cannot have everyone pay the same amount to play flag then have a select group play a tournament. It will need a separate registration and fee structure.

C/Simels – does the NFL Program have a board?

C/Strickland – not yet, but there are about 4 or 5 coaches that might be interested in forming a board. Tournament season starts in November

C/Italiano – would you need separate uniforms?

C/Strickland – yes, we would need additional shirts since we would pick kids from various teams to form the tournament team. C/Strickland will discuss the option with the other coaches.

Soccer:

C/Italiano – soccer is on a summer break. Training will start soon. Rec soccer registration will open soon. MUTS will supply coaches for rec soccer teams in the 3rd to 6th grade ranges

Secretary DeFelice – we will have to review having paid coaches for 3rd – 6th grade. The costs exceed the registration fees collected especially when the team has less than 10 players.

Lax:

C/Skowronski – instructional clinics just finished for 3rd and 4th grade girls

Wrestling:

C/Lourenco – Matt Merrit is interested in helping with wrestling. He might have another coach – George Roth. Matt wants to take the program into a more competitive league but has not followed up. Hoping that they attend and promote it at Millstone Day.

Secretary DeFelice – There was a booster club that had funds and would coordinate all activities and tournaments. Neil Schloss and Mike Baldino had been coordinating.

C/Lourenco – If we don't have someone to step-up and take the lead we won't be able to get this going.

Committeeperson Morris – We need to send a message that wrestling won't happen unless more volunteers step up

C/Skowronski – Can we make wrestling instructional only to get younger player interested so we can develop the program? We can reach out to college players to provide instruction only. No need to worry about competitions.

Summer Camp:

C/Italiano – camp is over. There were some issues with the school facilities not being cool enough or available the entire 5 weeks due to maintenance.

Committeeperson Morris – the school district explained that the refurbish of the gym was due to the contractor changing the schedule and giving them no choice to delay.

Secretary DeFelice – our ratio of children to counselors needs to be reviewed. The 9:1 ratio does not work when we have a younger population and a large number of new counselors

Buildings and Grounds:

Secretary DeFelice – We need to make sewer repairs to Wagner Farm Park. We recently had a sewer back up and once football season starts up it will be too late. We have 1 of 2 pumps down, grease trap that needs to be uncovered and a bow in the line between the women's bathroom and the septic tank. We have known about these problems for three years. Money has been allocated but DPW needs to move forward.

Committeeperson Morris – It's not just DPW but the twp engineer that has to get involved to move forward. Need to get a rough schedule from the engineer.

Millstone Day:

C/Randazzo – Contracts for tents, tables, chairs and inflatables will be finalized soon. C/Lourenco has created a flyer that will be send out on social media. 5-Help wants to have rides for older kids and the PTO wants rides for younger kids and keep their sections separate. The twp will be getting their own inflatables that could be placed in both sections.

Committeeperson Morris – the purchasing process could be difficult with the other 2 organizations. The hardcourt area is expected to be completed by Sept 1st.

C/Randazzo - The Red Valley Ranch will be having a petting zoo and pony rides. The Elks will have their beer tent. 5-Help will also need a tent area for their medium readings that they are running to benefit the Baird House. They will also need access to the concession room to serve drinks and water. Vesuvio's is in with their food truck and so is Kona Ice. We are trying to secure a few more food trucks. The Township will coordinate the opening ceremony with the raising of the flag. Waiting on the sports programs to coordinate their activities for the day.

Millstone Park:

Committeeperson Morris – The baseball fields most likely will not be available for the Fall.

Secretary DeFelice- The fencing for the hardcourt surface is going up today. The shed is completed. Providing access to the shed for our programs has to be decided.

New Business:

The Recreation Coordinator position is going to be vacant in the next few weeks. A new coordinator should be in place by September 1st. The commission thanked Secretary DeFelice for his work in the position the last 3 years.

C/Simels motioned to adjourn the meeting. C/Lourenco offered a second. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm