

**Millstone Township Courthouse
215 Millstone Rd. @7:30 p.m.
Millstone Township, New Jersey 08510**

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 3rd, 2024**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Adornetti
READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE: Chairman Adornetti

ROLL CALL: Secretary
Present: Adornetti, Italiano, Curtis, Strickland
Absent: Kilcomons, Randazzo, Simels

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: April 8th, 2024

Motion C/ Italiano Second: C/Curtis
Roll Call: Italiano, Curtis, Strickland
Absent: Randazzo

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION:

Vice Chairman Adornetti opened the meeting to the public at 7:31pm
Millstone Lacrosse talks:
Deborah Riley – 3 Pittenger Ct, Millstone
Kathy Winecoff – 16 Pullen Dr, Millstone
Brendon O'Donnell – 175 Woodville Rd, Millstone
Sal Del'Rey – 37 Bittner Rd, Millstone

(For Lacrosse) I just want to understand what the process is going to be going forward in reorganizing the lacrosse board. I know according to the (Lacrosse) Bylaws there was supposed to be a meeting in June about it. I had an unrelated meeting with Anthony (C/Italiano), Mike (R/C Balkovic), and Stacie (C/Curtis) last week and I wanted to see where there is moving forward. C/Italiano – We did talk offline and we will make official today with everyone else, but we are committed to send out a public notice for a lacrosse general meeting with a date, time, and place. It will be for anyone who is interested with having a seat on the Lacrosse board. More importantly learning about everything that has been going on. We will hold the election hopefully on the same night. I want to get you lacrosse board in power and move quickly to help you. Want to look at USA Lacrosse bylaws for guidance because you pay fees to USA Lacrosse and Millstone Recreation Bylaws, and the Lacrosse board will create new bylaws. The Recreation Commission will review those bylaws and comment and get you going. We want to look at the current (Millstone) Lacrosse bylaws and USA Lacrosse bylaws and learn what we don't want to do as well as what we want to do. Look at board and make roles clear. Fast forward to getting ready for next spring I want to have a meeting with the Recreation Lacrosse Liaisons, board members, and parents just the spirit of a Recreation Program. One person cannot do it all. I few this an opportunity for everyone to learn from one another.

Mrs. Riley – All positions on board would be available?

C/ Italiano – Anyone can run.

Ms. Winecoff – You do not have to be a lacrosse coach to have one of the positions on the board? My husband still plays lacrosse to this day.

C/Adornetti – Being on various boards and some organizations say you have to be a member to be on the board. Do the bylaws stipulate that?

C/Curtis – Yes it does. Two head coaches one from boys and from girls and they are liaisons to the board and then two additional coaches.

Ms. Winecoff – How many positions are there?

C/Curtis – Eight in total including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Mr. O'Donnell – Been involved with Millstone Lacrosse for 23 years. It was just Rec back then and now it is more developed. I now have seen the good and bad. These kids have other opportunities outside of recreation. Would we look at anther outside company? Maybe want to keep parents off the sidelines.

C/Italiano – We have seen professionals take over recreation and the community part gets removed. If you have board of parents and qualified coaches then you retain professionalism and community. We tried on soccer and it was a disaster. We should be open to listen to it.

Mr. O'Donnell – The only reason I am bring it up was because people came to me. Along with being a player, I have gone through USA Lacrosse coaching and get my level 1, 2, and 3. Because of what happened this year my son might be more interested in other sports for next year. There have been many issues in the past and I just want to make sure we are doing right by the kids.

C/Italiano – The plan is run elections, install a new board, we will work with the new board and help with the bylaws. (New Lacrosse board will write).

Mrs. Riely – One suggestion. Would it be possible to run in June? A lot of people go away in July including myself and I would hate to miss this meeting. Would love to be part of the board and make it special.

C/Italiano – I will talk to Mike (R/C Balkovic) about setting up a date. I don't want to set up a meeting where we are only people sitting there. Soccer we have this mentor system. Have high school students help and volunteer their time for NHS hours.

Mr. O'Donnell – I used to have clinics with the kids and have a Q&A session with parents after and answer all questions.

Mr. Del'Rey – My concern is about field condition that we play on. Other teams make comments about field area. Scoreboard at Wagner doesn't work. I know scoreboard is a lot of money, but we need more. Get and install field goal post at Millstone Park.

C/Italiano – Those fields are multipurpose and we won't be putting them up at that park. We need to understand the schedule first so we can work with DPW.

Mr. Del-Rey – I would go out and paint the line for football last year and I don't want to do that anymore.

C/Italiano – I used to do that also. With the cost of paint and time we decided to budget to a company come in and paint the fields. Maybe we should look into doing this for all sports.

Mrs. Riley – Is there a way to rest a field that is under the lights?

C/Adornetti – It is difficult to rest those fields because everyone wants to play under the lights and we have all these sports and teams.

Mrs. Riley – Wagner was rested last year and the condition was perfect this year. What about Abate Park? Could we rent lights?

C/Italiano – We will look about Abate and Wagner with lights. Will run the cost of program up because they are expensive.

Stagecoach Production talks:

Jody Knox – 94 Agress Rd, Millstone

Lisamarie Cappuzzo – 11 Stoneybrook Dr, Millstone

Ms. Knox – I want to find out, because my daughter is in Stagecoach Productions and its her top choice, and I just want to make sure that it is going to be offered through the Millstone schools. I did pay for it this year and I was charged through Recreation.

C/Adornetti – It is a recreation program, but the Board of Education controls the schedule.

R/C Balkovic – So what happens is Stagecoach gives me dates and times. I then go to the school to check if they have those days and times available.

Ms. Knox – There should be no issue with having Stagecoach Productions through Rec correct?

C/Italiano – It is staying a Recreation Program. I agree the Arts are important. Recreation is more than just athletics. It can be anything. The issues that could happen is possibly charging for use of school facilities. Nothing official has been set.

Ms. Cappuzzo – First off I just want to thank recreation for all of the support over the last month. Mike (R/C Balkovic) has been helpful with making sure that we all everything we need and now we are moving with everything. Are there going to be charges for anything this year?

R/C Balkovic – From everything that I saw this year there, since this is a recreation program there will be no charges for this year.

Ms. Cappuzzo – One of goals is to keep the cost low for everyone. We cannot afford to rent a facility. If there is anything that we can do please let me know. You have our support.

Chairman Adornetti closed the meeting to the public at 8:22pm.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Summer Camp/Trips** – 308 kids registered for far. The trip release day was very successful more than half the trips sold out in the first few hours.
- 2. Millstone Day** – Will be discussed in detail more at next meeting. C/ Randazzo and RC Balkovic will have discussion to further prepare.
- 3. Flag Football** – 116 Final amount registered. End of season coming up. Will be getting all of shirts and trophies tomorrow (June 4th).
- 4. Soccer** – 121 registered for the Spring. Will discuss MUTS at a later time.
- 5. Martial Arts** – 11 people registered which is good for last session until Fall season.
- 6. Lacrosse** – Season is over. Will set up meeting to get Lacross Board up and running.
- 7. Cheer** – Just waiting on a few more payments. Background checks were sent out. Getting ready for cheer clinic registration.
- 8. Tennis (Youth and Adult)** – Spring session finished up with 18 total people. Hopefully we can keep this momentum into the summer season.
- 9. Adult Softball** – 44 people registered as of this time.

10. Stagecoach Productions – Background checks are set. They did a good job of completing them right away.

11. Adult Yoga – Got pricing on block and straps. This equipment will last us a while so this is not a recurring cost. It will be \$75 per session as in the ordinance.

12. Recreation Software – League Apps. Will start to find out how to get this software active as quickly as possible.

Old/New Business –

1. Senior painting. 3 hours in the Center on Wednesday. Trying to have free for Millstone Seniors and will make seniors from other Townships pay a small fee. Kevin will be providing me with more information next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion:

C/Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C/Italiano.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Michael Balkovic
Recreation Coordinator