

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

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Adornetti  
**READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:** Chairman Adornetti  
**STATEMENT OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 1975, C231 IS READ.**

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE TRENTON TIMES, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON JAN 16<sup>TH</sup> 2024

**Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance**

ROLL CALL: Secretary  
Present: Adornetti, Italiano, Perillo, Strickland, (Andrillo arrives at 7:38pm)  
Absent: Curtis, Kilcomons

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: February 3rd, 2025**

Motion: C/ Italiano: Second C/Strickland  
Roll Call:

Ayes: Adornetti, Italiano, Andrillo, Strickland

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: April 7th, 2025**

Motion: C/ Strickland Second: C/ Andrillo  
Roll Call:  
Ayes Andrillo, Perillo, Strickland

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION:** Open to the public at 7:33pm. Closed at 7:56pm.

Blake Hamilton – 8 Highridge Howell

Mr. Hamilton – A former professional basketball player in Europe, and currently a volunteer boys basketball coach and substitute teacher at St. Rose High School in Belmar. Heard that there is a need for basketball training in Millstone. Looking to provide a training focusing on the fundamentals of basketball. Has worked with other townships in the past and have even ran workshops for volunteer coaches,

C/ Italiano – Do you have a company?

Mr. Hamilton – Yes, FindaBaller. We are fully insured insurance. Actually, do training now at St. Rose High School for kids of different ages. Does have other basketball coaches/trainers that he works with depending on the size.

C/ Adornetti – We did try to do something like this in the past; however, we couldn't get it work due to different issues. Maybe just work on summer program to start now and then we can expand.

Mr. Hamilton – Summer is when I would be looking to start as it can eliminate Spring sports interfering. I believe every town should offer a training service = no matter what the sport is. One issue is kids are not really sure how to play the game and develop accordingly. Some coaches are just so worried about winning and skill training is not a focus. Would not need a lot or any equipment from Millstone Recreation, as player would bring their own basketball. Has advanced equipment for older kids.

C/ Andrillo – Son plays for the Millstone Warriors and the season is over and they want to keep getting players reps. To get access to proper training would be useful for town.

Mr. Hamilton – Would want to break players down by grade. Would ask parents to volunteer so they can also learn different drills. Would work hands on with Millstone training service before bringing on other trainers. Also has a network of volunteers through St. Rose High School students and Monmouth University students (college Mr. Hamilton attended).

R/C Balkovic – Mr. Hamilton assisted me when I was playing basketball. I completely trust him to run a successful basketball training program.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Summer Camp –**

R/C Balkovic – 160 campers registered. I expect that number to really shoot up over the next couple of weeks especially with the trips opening up. Mr. Miller will be receiving the updated list this week of returners who submitted an application. Will be sending the contracts soon after. New employees to be interviewed after Memorial Day.

**2. Flag Football –**

C/ Strickland – Looking to move the prices of the referee fees from \$40 to \$45. This would match the other towns that run a Flag Football program. Do not want to lose refs to another town because they pay more.

A motion to increase the referee payments as follows:

- Referees will be paid \$45 per game (previously \$40)
- A referee will receive \$20 for set-up of fields
- A referee will receive \$20 for break-down of fields

Motion to adopt, Moved: C/Adornetti Second: C/Italiano

Adopted.

Ayes: C/Andrillo; C/Perillo; C/Strickland; C/Italiano; C/Adornetti

Absent: C/Curtis; C/Kilcomons

**3. Soccer –**

C/ Italiano – Rec program is going strong besides a few rain outs. Have families asking for more and there are travel tryouts coming up at the end of the month. Brandywine fields are in great shape.

**4. Martial Arts –**

C/ Italiano – No problems at all and they are a good bunch of kids. There are two groups split between younger and older kids.

**5. Lacrosse –**

R/C Balkovic – Issues with fields over at Wagner Farm Park. I did go out to the fields and they have grass and dirt patches. After talking to Department of Public Works (DPW) this was due to a very dry summer and fall season. They are also curious about using Millstone Park due to lights, however the field conditions, at Millstone Park, are holding them back.

**6. Cheer –**

R/C Balkovic – Talked to C/ Curtis today and was informed that everything with cheer is going smoothly.

**7. Adult Yoga –**

R/C Balkovic – Opened up a new Friday session and became a success. Offering a second day can reach a difference audience.

**8. Old/New Business –**

**a. Millstone Day – Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**b. Winter Wonderland – Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

C/ Strickland – Discussed scoreboards for Flag Football. Also talked about getting the baseball fields repaired at Millstone Park.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion:

C/Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C/Andrillo.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Michael Balkovic Recreation Coordinator