

Milford Recreation Commission

June 12, 2013

Attendees:

Walter Smith Claudia Lemaire Nicole Banks Rick Mossey
Heather Romeri Scott Hembrow Tim Finan

Approval of Minutes: **Joan makes a motion to approve the May minutes, Rick seconds, a unanimous vote was made.**

Appointments:

James Carpentier- Robert Carson Junior was tragically killed in a car accident this April. He coordinated the Milford Co-ed softball league for the past fifteen years. There is a request from the members of the softball league to name the new softball field being built at Kaley Park in his memory. They have signed a petition for this. **Joan makes a motion to recommend the new field be named after him, Heather seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.**

Events:

Kids Carnival (Heather Romeri) - Heather updates the commission on the kids carnival which is taking place on Sat., June 22nd from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Heather has reported that there have been several sponsors and that she still needs volunteers. Overall the event is well underway and developing nicely.

July 4th (Stephanie Zubricki) - The outline for the day is discussed, volunteers are confirmed and details regarding food and supplies are reviewed. The days events will begin at 12:00 and end with fireworks at dusk. There are many programs, games, music, food, and Atlas fireworks. It will be a fun day for the community.

Summer Recreation Program Guide- Stephanie updates the commission on the new summer programs, online registration, and the repeat programs like the concert series, swim meet, and swim lessons. Registrations are getting full and attendance is looking great for these events.

Guy Scaife (Town Administrator) - He updates the commission on the second camera that is being installed at Keyes Field. There will be a written plan by the police department. The camera system will have two modes, a panning mode

that will survey the area. This will occur from 10PM-6AM, this panning will be motion censored. The pool area will have a separate camera that will pan the area but not during swim time. The cameras have been put into place to increase security during after-hours times at Keyes Park. We are hoping this will be a deterrent and cut-down on vandalism, destruction of park property, and unsavory behaviors. In the future there will likely be a camera installed at Kaley Park and the grounds building at the cemetery that abuts Kaley Park. The cameras are there for park security only and will be monitored in the case of an incident.

The park is open till 10:00PM due to the lighting of the tennis courts. The commission will decide on how to use the camera modes to best suit the security needs of the areas involved. Liz Craighead (manager at DPW) will be the liaison for the commission regarding security issues at the parks and cemeteries.

Director's Report:

Scholarship's- There are a number of programs that have scholarships for families and or individual's with financial needs. It is overseen by the Department of Welfare. The applications for scholarships are reviewed and approved by the Department of Welfare. They are solely based on the financial needs of the applicants. Nicole Banks distributes a detailed list of the number of scholarships available for each program.

Field facilities- June 17th will be the pool opening day at Keyes. There will be a pool re-dedication ceremony on this day, showcasing the new plaque that recognizes Keyes Memorial Trust as the benefactor for the pool.

Ice Rink- Phase three is underway on the ice rink at Shepard Park. The Park will get a warming hut and new storage unit to house the equipment/supplies for the rink. The contractors have been selected to complete the projects. We are waiting on the blueprints for the structures. Once we can obtain the permits we are hoping the structures will be completed by October. The commission is grateful to the Shepard Park Improvement Trust which has graciously supplied all the financial support to make the ice rink a possibility. The MICE Team is always looking for volunteers to help maintain the rink during winter season. Please contact The Recreation Commission at 249-0625 if interested in volunteering.

To accommodate Rick Rondeau's (Head of DPW) attendance at the next recreation meeting, it will be held on Tuesday, July 09, 2013, 7:00PM. The budget of parks will be discussed and possibly other agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Claudia Lemaire

Secretary Recreation Commission