

Milford Recreation Commission
February 12, 2014

Attendees:

Walter Smith	Claudia Lemaire	Arene Berry	Scott Hembrow
Tim Finan	Joan Dargie	Heather Romeri	

Approval of Minutes

Heather approves the January minutes, Joan seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Director's Report

The Winter Festival was a success. Daddy daughter dance was also successful. It was a sold out event with excellent attendance. The photo booth was slow at times. We may also need more food for next year. Easter Egg Hunt needs volunteers.

Foxwoods trip is scheduled for 2/15

New Events

There will be a mother and son event on April 11th involving a Fischer Cats Game. Challenger soccer clinic will be a free event to promote sign-ups in the summer. This will be on 5/3.

Monkey Trunks Zip Lining Trip is 5/17

Robert Frost Farm visit will be in May.

New Programs include; Zumba, Digital Photography, Mommy and me walking/running group on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30 from March till June. Walter brings up that the school will be closed and there are no portable toilets at the field.

Rec on Wheels -2nd Thursday of each month there will be a lunch/shopping trip. The pickup will be at town hall.

Senior Fitness Class will take place this spring.

Joan makes a point to say that senior programs could be a collaborative effort with our senior rep and senior representative/group in town. Joan states that we may be competing with the senior group and in the future we may need to work together with developing programs for seniors.

Tim Finan suggests that we should have a senior groups meeting to find out how the group is doing, and to keep both groups together to make a collaborative effort.

Carol Brooks will be the new senior representative on the recreation commission; she is also the senior administrator for Milford.

Appointments:

Brad Knight- He is speaking before the commission about fields that he owns in Amherst that may be available for our sports teams and or residents to use. Acorn Fields is located on Sterns road in Amherst. There are eight fields; the fields will accommodate 500 cars. The fields are ready to be played on in the spring. The Town of Amherst does not want to lease the fields unless they can buy the land from Brad. Brad is offering the fields to the town of Milford to lease for a dollar. We would then have the right to use the fields and schedule the fields as need be. There will be additional fees for play-time that have yet to be determined. Brad would work with MCAA/ and or the Town of Milford to determine the costs of the fields if a contract is signed. The commission discusses the uncertainty of leasing fields that Amherst has formally rejected. The commission is also concerned about sending residents to a neighboring town for field usage. After much discussion it is decided to let the selectman make further inquiries into Acorn Fields.

Joan makes a motion, Scott seconds, that we support the selectman to look further into leasing the fields on Sterns road, four in favor, two against.

Spring recreation guide is due out by the end of February.

Fields/Facilities

Shepard Warming Hut – The building has a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Scott makes a motion to spend \$ 200 from the revolving fund for a pizza party as a thank you to the warming hut volunteers and contractors, Heather seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

The Baby dino slide is quoted at \$8,484.00, for the baby pool at Keyes Field. Arene will look at other quotes from other slide companies.

GSSA State Meet- GSSA cannot commit to Milford hosting the State Swim Meet again this summer. They are looking for all four divisions at the pool. All four divisions, according to several commission members, would be too crowded for one weekend. The GSSA Board will can get back to us in April. They will let us know if they would like to have us host the meet again.

Additionally last year there were payment issues from GSSA. If Milford hosts the meet again we will require another payment method to eliminate any confusion or left-over dept.

Milford may be lacking in teen programs, more discussion and research is needed.

Revolving fund spending authority and election of officers will take place next month.

Tim Makes a motion to give Arene spending authority of up to \$1000 dollars from the revolving fund for miscellaneous expenses over a one month period, Joan seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Concession stand needs to go out to bid; Joan Dargie will no longer be leasing it as a fund raiser for middle school band.

The commission needs to write down more policies and procedures for our committee. Fee waivers, spending authority, MICE Team, senior programs, etc... We will meet next month to begin this process.

MCAA, in-kind service report to the recreation commission has not been presented. Liz from DPW will track the dollar amount. The Brox study and Shepard Park infield work will most likely be sufficient payment.

New Business

The selectman recommended allowing the town to sell the gravel from the Brox property. This would help raise the funds to pay for the development of the land and fields. The budget committee voted it down because of financial and environmental reasons.

Tim Finan suggests supporting warrant article 21 in the upcoming election, Joan seconds and a unanimous vote was made.

Heather makes a motion to adjourn, Scott seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52PM

Submitted by,

Claudia Lemaire
Secretary for the recreation commission