

Milford Recreation Commission  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Attendees:**

Walter Smith            Heather Romeri            Nicole Banks            Joan Dargie  
Scott Hembrow

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Jerry Guthrie brought brick samples and the commission decided to have a field of lighter bricks and highlights of darker bricks with sponsor names. Permitting for the project is underway. He said high school classes are interested in buying bricks and it would be beneficial to be able to purchase them before school ends.

It is hoped to lay the bricks next spring and the building will be done by high school students. Mr. Guthrie also showed examples of recycling containers that could be placed at the pavilion. The bins could be cheaper with purchases of multiple units. The town recycling committee is looking at a town-wide recycling process.

**Minutes:**

**A motion to approve the April minutes as amended was made by Joan Dargie, Heather seconds, a unanimous vote was made.**

**Appointments:**

**American Legion baseball**

Harold Webster Post 23 baseball. Money is going out the door faster than we can make it. Has a budget of \$4,000. We just can't afford it. If we have to pay it we may have to close the program. Have got independent sponsors. Draw kids from Souhegan, Peterborough, Brookline and Hollis. Most are from Milford. AAU team players are paying 1800 to 3000 a player. Amherst said they generated \$200,000 from their fields last year. Field request is for 48 hours.

**Motion: Joan made a motion to waive 80 percent of the field fees. Second: Heather Romeri. Unanimously approved.**

**Shepard Park field leveling and re-seeding**

MCAA representatives Jerry Gutierrez Kevin Doyle spoke to the commission regarding the recent work done at Shepard Park. The project raised some concern because the Recreation Department was not notified of the scope of project. Mr. Doyle said this was because the project came up very quickly because the material got donated on short notice. The DPW was notified and gave the project the go ahead. Poor communication led to the misunderstanding. The commission and MCAA will work to improve this. MCAA president Becci Young has named herself as a contact person for Nicole. Mr. Doyle said they have someone else outside the normal

channels helping the MCAA out. Scott Hembrow asked him to let those who have done the work know that it is appreciated.

### **Director's Report**

- The Summer Recreation guide will be out the beginning of May.
- Sounds on the Souhegan summer concert series begins July 4 and continues every Wednesday through August 28.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July extravaganza needs volunteers.
- The Kids Carnival is scheduled for Saturday June 22. Volunteers are needed for this as well.
- The 45<sup>th</sup> Rotary Swim Meet will be Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21.
- State Swim Meet, Saturday and Sunday Aug. 3 and 4. Volunteers would be awesome here as well. This is a good fund raising opportunity for the department.

Co-ed softball league. Coordinator Rob Carson, Jr. recently passed in a car accident. There are 13 teams and 22 players per team. The group would like to find a way to build his memory into the league. They propose a "Bubba Cup" (Carson's nickname) for the championship team. They would take cup for the year and names would be added on a plaque.

**Joan makes a motion to purchase the Bubba cup, seconded by Scott. Cost would be about \$300.00. Unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed to allow wood bat tournament proceeds to go towards the families.

Event sponsorship, NH Children in Nature Coalition. Free event, pre-registration required. Fee would be \$75.00. If commission would sponsor, there would be no fee.

**Joan makes a motion to sponsor the event, seconded by Scott. Cost would be about \$300.00. Unanimously approved.**

Minor changes were made to the April minutes. Scott made a motion to approve the re-amended minutes, Heather seconded. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by,

Walter Smith

Chairman, Recreation Commission