

Milford Recreation Commission
March 9, 2011

Attendees:

Walter Smith
Tim Finan
Bill Ruoff

Claudia Lemaire
Joan Dargie

Nicole Banks
Rick Mossey

Liz Snell
Scott Hembrow

Minutes:

January and February minutes are reviewed. Nicole makes a couple of small amendments to the January minutes. **Joan makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Walter seconds, unanimous vote.**

Appointments

Sarah Marchant and Janet Langdell(Board)- (Town Planners/GIS Coordinators for the Town of Milford) They have worked on developing a master plan for the town and are now building a sub-committee to help with the recreation portion of the master plan. Mike Carson, Bill McKinney, among others have volunteered to become members of this sub-committee. The master plan will enable the recreation commission to give their ideas and inputs “in writing” and help the town to have a vision for the future of recreation.

Bill Parker- He would like to be appointed to take the open seat as an alternate on the recreation commission. Bill was one of the original members of the board and has been active in the community for many years. Walter will write a recommendation letter for the Selectman.

Election of officers-

Rick Mossey nominates Scott to be vice-chair of the commission, Walter seconds, unanimous vote.

Joan nominates Walter to be chairman of the recreation commission, Scott seconds, unanimous vote.

Walter nominates Claudia to be secretary, Rick seconds, unanimous vote.

Director's Report

Bill Ruoff- Voters rejected the operating budget for DPW. Therefore they will be operating in “the red”. Keyes Pool needs resurfacing. It was going to be in DPW’s operating budget but was not put in due to concern that the budget would not get passed with such a costly expense. Looking at next year, we will be putting the resurfacing of the pool back into DPW budget. Bill Ruoff recommends spending money for things that are needed rather than on “wish list” items. Budget is tight for DPW and therefore will be tighter for the recreation’s revolving fund.

Adam’s Field- It could easily be made into a small multi-purpose field. Also, we should move forward with phase two of Kaley Park. More discussion on this is needed at next months meeting. A field usage study may be needed to help decide how the committee could move forward with the master plan and what the town “really needs”. Fields also need “down time” in order to maintain their functionality.

Mice Meeting- There is a review of the meeting from March 8th. The Town may have to pay \$1500-2,000 in reimbursement for propane usage for the use of the Boy Scout House. We will need to collect more data to determine the reimbursement amount.

Miscellaneous Business

There may be a Need for more school enrichment programs.

Summer Team Challenge- Boys Scout Building at Shepard.

The commission discusses the pros and cons to offering more enrichment options.

4th of July- Fireworks have not passed for the last two years. This year we did not put a warrant article for the fireworks. Unless private funding is raised there will be no fireworks.

Rotary Swim Meet- the Commission is thinking of having it on the weekend instead. Janet Langdell is the chair of the event. More discussion is needed next month.

Revolving Fund Spending Authority- **Joan makes a motion to allow Walter and Nicole spending authority for the revolving fund, Rick seconds, and unanimous vote.**

A thank you letter was sent to Larr Miller, Heart Line Inc. for a motorized air pump.

A thank you letter for a \$5,000 donation from Keyes Memorial Trust to Kaley Park was sent.

Field Requests:

- The Boys and Girls Club would like to waive the fee for the tennis court this summer.
- MCAA also needs fee waivers for the use of many fields at Keyes and Shepard Park.
- American Legion Baseball wants “in kind “service for several days and times as well.

Next meeting April 6th, due to the concert series.

Easter Egg Hunt – Planning is underway and is going smoothly.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45PM

Submitted by

Claudia Lemaire