

Milford Recreation Commission
March 14, 2012

Attendees:

Walter Smith
Rick Mossey

Claudia Lemaire
Joan Dargie

Nicole Banks
Heather Romeri

Liz Snell

Minutes: Joan makes a motion to accept the February minutes as amended, Walter seconds, a unanimous vote was made.

Director's Report

The Learn to Skate/Hockey Program was a great success. We would like to thank Dan Fontas and his assistant coaches for helping to make a wonderful season.

The daddy daughter dance had a huge turn-out of over 400 people. Next year it will be pre-registration only to avoid having too large of a crowd in the space provided. There were many people at the event, next year there will be a need for many more volunteers and supplies.

The Easter Egg Hunt- this event will be on Saturday, April 7th, from 11-1. There are volunteer opportunities for the event. We are hoping to have it outside this year weather permitting.

A great Summer Teen Challenge Program will be run by Heather Hoyt. The program needs a mini-bus or van for transportation. The cost of the van rental is around \$4,000. The recreation department is looking to get donations towards the van rental to make the program affordable to participants. A big thank you goes to the Odd Fellows organization for a \$2,000 donation towards the van. Also, big thanks to the Lions Club for donating \$100 towards the van rental.

Keyes Pool- In 1965 the pool at Keyes Field was dedicated to the Town of Milford. The pool was made possible through donations by the Keyes Memorial Trust. At the time there was one, possibly two plaques that were on the pool-house to formally recognize the donation from Keyes Trust. The plaques have been missing for many years. Janet Langdell, a trustee of the Keyes Trust fund, states that a search has been made through archives and by DPW to locate the plaque(s) without success. The trust would like to see the plaques re-made to preserve the history of the town and to give credit to the trust. The recreation commission is very supportive of having the plaques re-made before the pool season this year.

New lane lines are needed for Keyes Pool. The cost of these lanes is \$4,200. The town is looking for donations for the new lines from rotary and from Keyes Trust to help support the event. So far we have received \$1750.00 towards the lanes from Milford Rotary Club.

The tennis courts lines at Keyes for the 10 and under need to be repainted, USTA has given the recreation department 75% of the total costs. An additional \$250 is needed to make the repair.

Rick makes a motion to donate \$250 from the revolving fund towards the ten and under tennis court line painting, Joan seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Appointments:

Kevin Federico, Dan Ayotte(MCAA)- Becky Young is the new president of the MCAA. The group has a few logistical problems with an insurance certificate due to a slow paperwork process. Nicole can get a copy of the insurance certificate emailed or faxed so there will be no delay in booking the fields ahead of time. In-kind service for fee waivers on the fields needs to be agreed upon before the reservations are made. MCAA may be sub-contracting out some field maintenance but is unsure how much will or can be subcontracted. Kevin would like to know what MCAA could do for in-kind service on the fields. Nicole responds that the town would prefer MCAA to decide through using the fields what will need to be done.

American Legion- will have a fee waiver for the fields this spring, except for the twenty percent that is a mandatory fee.

Carol Brooks- She will be the new program coordinator for the senior center. Liz reports that there were several grants for software to help the new coordinator and for music therapy.

Heather Romeri- She has an idea for a kid's carnival at Keyes Field. The price would be affordable and there would be a free pool pass during the carnival. A date needs to be decided upon and more "brainstorming" done about the event. The recreation commission fully supports moving ahead with the idea.

New Business

Election of officers- Walter Smith will remain president. Rick Mossey will be the new vice-president for the commission. Claudia will continue to be the secretary. Joan makes a motion to accept the election of officers, Scott seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Rick Mossey- There is a discussion about phase three of the Shepard Park ice rink. The biggest addition to this plan is adding a warming hut. The warming hut will be completed as an Eagle Scout Project. Several diagrams were distributed at the meeting; a final outline for the project will be forthcoming.

Joan Dargie- There is the possibility of hosting the state swim meet at Keyes Pool this year. The meet would be the first weekend in August. Nicole is looking for support from the town and groups like rotary, odd fellows, and the commission for an event of this size. The recreation commission fully supports having the meet at Keyes.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:34PM

Submitted by
Claudia Lemaire
Secretary Recreation Commission