

Milford Recreation Commission
October 10th, 2012

Attendees:

Walter Smith	Claudia Lemaire	Nicole Banks	Tim Finan
Joan Dargie	Heather Romeri	Scott Hembrow	

Minutes: Walter makes a motion to approve the September minutes, Scott seconds, a unanimous vote was made.

Appointments:

Stephanie Zubricki- (New program coordinator) Stephanie gives a brief introduction and her experience to the commission. We welcome Stephanie to the team.

Dan Ayotte- (Director of soccer for MCAA) MCAA is maxed out with the field space for players. Dan is feeling resistance from the recreation department with the use of field space and schedules regarding fields. MCAA is taking on most of the youth soccer and baseball in Milford. Dan has come to the commission looking for some ideas and brainstorming for fields and practicing. This year MCAA is using fields at Keyes and at Kaley for soccer but they still need more field space. Dan would like to see Kaley fields mostly dedicated for soccer. Kaley is a natural space park and must be shared by all members of the community. Although we are happy to dedicate some of the field space for soccer we cannot book all the field space for any one organization. The Brox property has areas that can be developed. With the funds and group willing to do this, it can be accomplished. The recreation department is doing a master plan and each major sports group in town can work together with the sub-committee to help promote change in Milford. This is where information can be passed from group to group.

The next couple of years will be difficult due to the Fletcher site cleanup at Keyes. We are hoping for both fields to be open at Kaley and that MCAA can book some of this field space for soccer. We as a commission fully support and appreciate the efforts of MCAA and all they do for the youth of Milford. We also have never denied any field request by MCAA and have also waived 100 percent of field space for in-kind service thus far. Dan Ayote has also informed the commission that the meeting for MCAA is the second Sunday of every month at the fire station for MCAA. The commission and Dan feel it would behoove both groups to have a representative attend each groups meeting.

Jerry Guthrie- (Resident/landscape architect) He would like to add a pergola/patio to the pavilion structure at Keyes Field. Especially, since Keyes will already be under construction with the Fletcher Site. There is an agreement from the building trades to build the structure but we need a budget and list of materials.

Joan makes a motion to move forward with the possibility of a pergola/patio added to the pavilion, Heather seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Jerry Guthrie would like to see the Town of Milford recycling at the parks and the public spaces in Milford. The recreation supports this and the receptacles could be purchased through the recycling committee for this purpose if DPW will separate the trash pick-up.

Fletcher Site- Jerry would like to ask the commissions opinion on how to develop the Fletcher site clean-up by area. He has a plan for an amphitheater, play area, and war memorial complete with blue prints. The recreation commission thinks the park is a nice concept. As of now, it is too early to move forward with plans about the area, more discussion will be needed when construction begins.

Director's Report

Programs/Events:

- Kids Carnival- Keyes Park, Saturday August 11- Kaley Park fundraiser \$912.18
- Park to Park 5k- Kaley Park fundraiser \$468.14
- Coed Wooden Bat Tournament- \$620.00

There is a transfer of funds totaling \$2000.32 from the above fundraisers to the Kaley Park Development Fund.

Ice Rink update

- Field Leveling of Shepard Park has been completed for the rink, and grass planted.
- Warming hut and storage room- building sub-committee update- the warming hut will not take place this year. We need more time and bids on the proposal, hopefully we can build the warming/storage room for next winter.

Discussion Item:

Halloween Event: We will plan on having a haunted house where the ambulance and basement of town Hall are located for next Halloween. The recreation commission thinks this is a great idea and we fully support this.

Meeting location change- Recreation Commission meetings will continue to be held in the community development room the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06PM

Respectfully Submitted by,

Claudia Lemaire

Secretary Recreation Commission

