

Milford Recreation Commission

Minutes

June 7, 2017

Attendees: Arene Berry, Paul Bartolomucci, Claudia Lemaire, Lena LaBour, Scott Hembrow, Melissa Sherman, Mark Foguere, Heather Romeri, Patricia Kunselman

Appointments:

Bob Parker, Troop 4 Boy Scouts - requested a field fee waiver for Shepard Park/Hugo Trentini, 9/22- 9/24. The troop is celebrating their 100th anniversary with a camp-out on 9/22 followed on Saturday by an event with various Boy Scout stations and refreshments. Pat Kunselman moved and Scott Hembrow seconded a total fee waiver. All voted in favor.

Harold Webster, American Legion Post 23. Requesting baseball field fee waiver. Scott Hembrow moved and Paul Bartolomucci seconded the motion to give an eighty per cent fee waiver . All were in favor. \$174 will be owed by the Legion.

Jerry Guthrie, Landscape Architect - Keyes Memorial Park conceptual plans presentation - Gerry presented his plan for Keyes Park roadway/landscape construction and a Vietnam War/ Our Values Memorial. He asked for approval for two accounts to be used for funds raised. The Commission does not have the authority to approve this. There was much discussion which included the notion that the plans for the Memorials may need to be scaled down, that a "501-C3" type account could be utilized for the purpose of holding donations and that all members of the community should be involved in the planning. Everyone agreed that Mr. Guthrie's efforts were very impressive and greatly appreciated. His plans represent a valuable starting point for discussion.

Director's Report

The revolving fund has a balance of \$33,211.41.

Scholarship update - \$180.00 awarded as of 6/6/17.

Church of Our Savior - waiver approved last meeting. Paid fees of \$96 rather than approved \$72.

Fall Toddler soccer/new MCAA program - the expectation is that the MCAA program will affect the enrollment of the Rec Commission program.

Milford Improvement Team Events - they are restructuring and are looking at possible changes.

Cahill Place Trips - They have started to sponsor trips for their residents which draw from our trips. We are looking to collaborate with them in the future.

Summer Staff - there is 1 lifeguard position open and 1 Park Ranger position open.

Arene reviewed the many Rec Commission Programs, Trips and Events.

Discussion Items:

Memorandum of Understanding - for MCAA - this is recommended to eliminate the need for an annual waiver request. This would state in writing the needs and expectations of the Rec Commission and the MCAA responsibilities. Ongoing communication between the two would be assured. This concept was well-received by all.

East Milford Trust - Claudia reported that this trust contains \$35,643 and can be spent at Shepard Park and at HugoTrentini. Needs were identified as new fencing and dugouts, also, possibly a playground upgrade. It was noted that \$25,000 has already been spent from this trust for the ice rink and warming hut.

July 4th Events, BBQ & Boogie and Touch a Truck details will be finalized at a separate meeting on Tuesday, July 13 @ 7PM.

There is one alternate position open on the Recreation Commission.

Claudia moved and Lena seconded the motion to approve the May minutes as amended. All voted in favor.

Lena suggested a "Mom Prom" as a new event the Recreation Commission could sponsor. March was suggested as a good month for the event. It was also suggested to have a theme and to hold the event at a non-town location.

Pending items - in the future we will work on roles and responsibilities of Commission members.

Next month we will meet on Tuesday, July 11 @ 7PM.

Claudia moved to adjourn the meeting and Paul seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,