

## Milford Parks & Recreation Commission

### Minutes

April 5, 2017

**Attendees:** Arene Berry, Mark Fougere, Scott Hembrow, Claudia Lemaire, Lena Labour, Melissa Sherman, Liz Snell

#### **Appointments:**

Wendy Hunt, Milford Improvement Team - Requested field fee waivers. On May 6th, there will be a town clean up at Keyes Park from 9AM to 11AM, sponsored by the MIT and the Masons. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided as well as a hot dog BBQ lunch. Gloves, trash bags and maps will be available for the volunteers.

In addition, Pumpkin Fest is to be held at Emerson Park, Oct. 6-8, 2017.

Claudia moved and Liz seconded the motion to waive the field fees for these events.

All were in favor.

Jason Cillo, MCAA - Requested field fee waiver in exchange for in-kind service. Jason expressed that MCAA wants to continue to clean up several of the fields. Claudia thanked Jason for the work of the MCAA providing athletic opportunity for Milford children. MCAA will communicate with Rick and Troy to discuss specific repairs and maintenance of the fields. Work needs to be coordinated with the DPW to avoid duplication of effort. Claudia moved and Scott seconded the motion for a field waiver for the Spring. All were in favor. Jason will return in the fall for field waiver.

#### **Director's Report**

The revolving fund has a balance of \$21,879.07. Transfer requests require signatures of the members of the Commission; to be done at the end of the meeting.

The ice rink take-down and clean up will be Sunday, April 9 at 9AM. As much as possible will be done, weather permitting.

## **Discussion Items**

- Tennis Lessons - free tennis lessons will be provided at Keyes in conjunction with Hampshire Hills. The times are 5:30-6:30 and 6:30-7:30 on Tuesday nights.
- Scholarship Program - Arene requested \$1200 for scholarships. A full waiver or 20% waiver can be offered to qualified residents. Scott moved and Lena seconded to provide the funds (\$1200) for the Scholarship Program. All were in favor.
- Easter Egg Hunt - Volunteers are needed for the Egg Hunt Sat., April 15. Volunteers arrive 9AM if outdoors, 10AM if indoors.
- April Vacation Events - 4/25 Safety Day, 4/27 Family Orienteering: Event time 10AM-12PM at Heron Pond.
- First Annual Bed Race - 5/13, 9AM Check in Race starts 9:30.
- July 4th Fun Day and Fireworks - Bike Parade and Field events start at noon; Band starts 8:30 PM.
- Star Spangled 5K Run/Walk - Check in 8:30AM; Race starts 9:30AM.
- Touch A Truck - 10:30 AM-1PM.
- Concession Stand - Bids, if any, will be brought to the next meeting.
- Summer Band Concerts - Local restaurants, businesses and nonprofits will be invited to provide boxed dinners for sale at the concerts. The set up and clean up will be done by the restaurant/business/nonprofit.
- Ski Program - The Rec Commission plans to take over the ski program from Milford Schools. It is to run for 5 Thursday nights, with Heron Pond students, at Crotchet Mt. Bussing depends on the number of students and the amount of interest.
- Longest Recess Ever - All popular outdoor games will be supervised by John. It will run for 4 Mondays at the Middle School. The cost will be \$25 per student with a minimum of 5 students. Liz moved to approve this new program and Scott seconded. All were in favor.

## **Programs/Events**

- Summer Job Fair - 3/13 was a success with 65-70 people in attendance.
- Easter Egg Hunt - 4/15 Volunteers are needed - 11-1PM
- April Vacation Events - Bike Safety Day - 4/25; Family Orienteering Event at Heron Pond - 10AM-12PM.
- First Annual Bed Race - 9AM check in; Race begins at 9:30 at Heron Pond. Teams will construct a bed and race it.
- July 4th Fun Day and Fireworks - Bike Parade and field events start at noon. Band starts at 8:30PM. Fireworks at dusk.
- Star Spangled 5K Run/Walk Check in 8:30AM Race starts at 9:30AM.
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## **Trips**

- American Independence Museum - cancelled
- Boston Day Trip - cancelled
- Singin in the Rain the Musical - 5/14 Seats available
- Butterfly Place and Kimballs - 6/21 Seats available
- Mount Washington Cruise - 6/24 Seats available (half full)
- Squam Lake Pontoon Cruise - 7/19 - Registration begins 5/1
- Patriot Place Day trip - 7/29 Registration opens 5/1
- Fosters Clambake - 8/2 Registration opens 5/1

## **Progams**

Longest Recess Ever, Zumba in the Park (May), Pickleball, Kids Cooking Class, Barre

Fitness Class, Toddler Tumbling, Tiny Kicks and Power Kickers, Home Alone Safety Class, Co-ed Softball, Let's Go Fishing, Archery Lessons, Co-ed Group Golf Lessons, Senior Coffee Connections, Brunch Bingo and Contra Dance.

### **Camps**

Superstructures, Motorized Lego Cars & Stop Motion Animation Camp ages 6-9.

### **New Business**

BBQ & Boogie - Saturday 8/12 - Claudia - band, Lena - Texas Roadhouse - food, the concession stand will sell ice cream.

One alternate position is open on the board.

The February 1st Amended Minutes were approved. Lena moved to approve and Scott seconded. All in favor. Liz Snell and Mark Fougere abstained.

The March 7th Amended Minutes were approved. Claudia motioned and Liz seconded. Mark Fougere abstained. All were in favor.

The Special Work Session minutes were approved. Lena made the motion and Claudia seconded. Liz Snell and Mark Fougere abstained. All voted in favor.

Kaley Park has immediate needs for aerating and seeding. These will be done this Spring.

Master Plan - Claudia will contact Paul and Arene will bring the plan to the next meeting.

Melissa raised the possibility of having the NH Cooperative Extension give a 2 hour seminar on growing a vegetable garden. The members were in favor of the idea.

Melissa will get more information for the next meeting.

Claudia moved to adjourn the meeting and Liz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kunselman

