

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 14, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Ryan Bushey, Kim Thompson, Rod Moore (Zoom), John FitzGerald
Commissioners Absent: Emily Reinhardt, Alyson Humphrey
Staff in Attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi
Public in Attendance: Julia Pfaff

1. Call to Order – Rod 5:09pm

2. Amendments to Agenda - None

3. Public Forum – Julia Pfaff interested in joining the recreation commission

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – John moves to approve, Ryan second

5. Recreation Report

a) Recreation Commission report and updates – Kim soccer update – registration for Fall opened yesterday (6/13/23). Colchester Rotary Club via Ms. Pingert would like to get involved with projects, could be potential partner for community garden project.

b) Events:

o Music in the Park & Farmers Market – first one was last night, Hitmen performed, weather was decent. About 350 people attended. Farmers Market went well, around 25 vendors attending with wide variety. Would be nice to have more food because MCYC worked hard to get food benefits, but there were fresh fruits and vegetables and meats—some flowers, maple syrup, kettle corn. Family Center goes, offers food that was freshly grown every week. Next week is Devon McGarry

o Upcoming: July 4, National Night Out, Touch a Truck –

July 4th coming very soon, crunch time. Most work done in January, thanks to Rod for help with donation requests, seven checks received. Two big banners to highlight donors and social media. Working on parade permit and confirming port-o-lets, reached out to DJ and community band. Community band had percussion equipment stolen, but seems to be good for July 4th. Rod will be able to assist with mini golf. Kim free to help after the parade. Fireworks are a Milton vendor, “doubling” the amount of fireworks from last year. Could town livestream fireworks? Safety considerations of parade. Food, vendors, lawn games will set up between 4 and 6pm. Food starts at 6pm, mini golf is 6pm – 8pm.

National Night Out – not much of an update, no big changes. Will be held Tuesday August 1st. Rotary might get involved. Police putting together specific duties for volunteers, will be out soon. Brainstorm ideas for games for Recreation booth.

Touch a Truck coming in September, John had idea that we might possibly have mini excavators for kids to dig some dirt. Somebody wanted to bring a hot air balloon. Hot air balloon company might partner with us to do something like this. Thanks to Kim for helping with communication! Potentially next year move date to coincide with public works week. Brainstorm ideas for potential “trucks”. Food vendor availability, one left, have room. Reach out to Front Porch Forum, Facebook groups potentially, however requires a fee.

c) Park Projects

o Community Garden – officially opened, 5 open spaces right now. Last year we had waitlist. Let community know there are open spaces.

Community yard sale will be later in the summer. Lots of interest in this happening. Maybe first week in August? Saturday August 5th? Labor Day weekend?

o Mountain Bike Trails/Trails & Pathways Project – waiting for approval for connector, not sure we will be able to have grand opening at predetermined time. Sharp Park is available. Signage should be discussed again, permanent signage out in early September. Also, multipurpose trails have been reblazed with painted blazes, plastic blazes removed. Working with vendor to clean up blow downs and reopening a small piece of trail. Jim Lambert finished with barbed wire removal. Working on fixing wet areas with Fellowship of the Wheel, Adam Morse, as well as gravel.

o Basketball Courts – placed order for materials, will be in warrant for next week, work expected in July. No update on curbing, should be off by end of June. Lots of kids using that area, but also generating some trash

o FY23/FY24 Projects – minor improvements to playgrounds, replanted trees at grove, repainting murals.

d) Summer camps and programming – starting next week. Good numbers, most camps full with wait lists

e) Grange update – on track to have opening for second week of July for rec programming and rentals. Grand opening event planned as well for public to view the space. Looking very nice.

f) Volunteer opportunities, Rec Commission work, and Recruitment – volunteer opportunities as discussed previously, continue recruitment efforts.

6. Next Meeting

Wed, July 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment of Recreation Commission Meeting - Kim motion to adjourn, Ryan seconds, at 6:36pm