

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019 | 5:00 P.M.

Town Manager's Conference Room
Milton Municipal Building
43 Bombardier Road
Milton, VT 05468

Recreation Commission Members Present: John Lindsay, Sharon Radtke, Wayne Davis, Renee Berteau

Staff Members Present: Kym Duchesneau – Recreation Coordinator, Ben Nappi – Assistant Recreation Coordinator

Public Present: None

1. Call to Order

- 5:05 p.m. by Radtke

2. Amendments to Agenda

- None

3. Public Forum

- None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Berteau motioned, Peters seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved.

5. Recreation Department Report

- Fall & Winter Programs and Events – Updates & Discussion
 - Yoga for beginners is a great success – 21 have signed up, with additional punch cards purchased.
 - Zumba has seven people, considered strong.
 - Afterschool programs are not as successful – very few enrollees. Discussion about possibilities of why (school sports, lack of knowledge of the programs). Community feedback is that afterschool programs are needed, but the enrollment is puzzling.
 - Touch a Truck will be held this Saturday, September 14. Lindsay, Kym and Seth Duchesneau, and Wayne Peters will help with the event.
 - Ice Out is a new event – will be held on Tom Curran's pond (west of Lake Arrowhead, just past the Route 7 bridge on River Road headed north). Randy Barrows is arranging the event. Tickets will begin being sold January 15. Similar to Joe's Pond, a guess about when the ice will break up will generate revenue, and provide a fun way to wait for winter's end.
- Milton Recreation Master Plan Update – Survey, Focus Groups, Timeline
 - Kym has a preliminary draft of public participation in the focus groups and surveys. A youth survey was created and the link was posted on the school's website – 150 respondents in 4 days. The Recreation Master Plan draft is due mid-October. The final draft is due at the end of November.
- Bombardier Property and Town Green/Hourglass Advisory Committees – Update
 - The Hourglass Committee walked the property at their last meeting, and were struck at the size of the parcel. They will have a joint meeting with the Bombardier Property Committee next week. The

Hourglass Committee recommendations are due to the Selectboard by December 31.

- The Bombardier Property Committee and the Public Works Facility Committee had a joint meeting last week to explore the relocation of the Public Works Facility from near the dam to a new location. Bombardier East was discussed as a possible site, and while the size is good for Public Works, there are real concerns about the character of the property, nearby neighbors, and noise. Property near Husky was suggested by Recreation Committee members, with a possible 99-year lease, similar to the current lease with GMP. The Bombardier Property recommendations are due to the Selectboard January 15. The Public Works Facility Committee recommendations are due March 15.
- Park Projects Update
 - Signage, paint, electricity, task list, other
 - Signage is being installed at the East and West entrances with bulleted Park Hours and Rules. References the Recreation Ordinance. Going forward, we want to redo the Tennis Court Sign (it's 10 years old), and getting quotes for painting projects in park.
 - Electricity is installed in the East Pavilion
- Budget & Capital Improvement FY20 and FY21 – Discussion
 - FY19 final actuals were reviewed, FY20 projects were discussed, and planning ideas for FY21 and beyond were discussed as well. Kym noted the ideas, and will use for her submission to the Town Manager in the coming week.
- Vermont Conference on Recreation – Thu & Fri, Oct. 10 & 11 – Ben is attending. No other Recreation Commission members were able to attend.

6. Recreation Commission Report

- Giant Pumpkin Growing PLUS
 - Best in Show at Farmers Market Thu, Oct. 3 – John Lindsay is set with the prizes.
- Milton Winter Festival – Feb. 7-9, 2020
 - The general schedule from last year will be the basis for planning.
- Other Recreation Commission Business
 - Berteau proposed the Recreation Commission meeting be moved routinely to 5 p.m., rather than 6 p.m. Agreement was reached, so Berteau Moved, Peters seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

7. Next Meeting

- October 9, 2019

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Radtke, Chair
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