

Milton Recreation Commission Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
5:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Recreation Commissioner Members Present: Sharon Radtke Vice Chair, Rod Moore, Ryan Bushey. **Absent:** John Fitzgerald, Chair. Renee Berteau.

Staff Present: Jenna Tucker, Ben Nappi

1. **Call to Order:** 5:11 PM
2. **Amendments to Agenda:** No amendments were made to the agenda.
3. **Public Forum:** There were no visitors.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Rod moves, Ryan seconds.
5. **Recreation Department Report:**
 - a. Parks & Trails Update:
 - i. **Disc Golf:** Volunteers will be adding two more tee pads to each basket.
 - ii. **Dog Park:** Thank you to Recreation Commissioner and volunteer leader Ryan Bushey for overseeing the Milton Dog Park's winter maintenance.
 - iii. **MTSD Walking Path:** MES/MMS Collaboration with Milton Rec to add fitness stations and a story walk to their walking path. RiseVT Grants are covering the majority of expenses, including \$1500 grant for Milton Recreation Department and \$1500 Elementary/Middle School. Dorey Demers is the school representative.
 - iv. **Ice Rink:** The ice rink will get it up and running once the weather gets colder and Justin from Grounds will be making the area smaller to make it easier to maintain.
 - b. Program Guide/Marketing:
 - i. The last edit is due on January 15. There will only be a digital program guide this time. Paper guides were not being picked up and used. The town will save \$1250 per guide (printing cost). The Recreation Department will use some of that savings for digital advertising.
 - c. Fall / Winter Events Wrap-Up:
 - i. **EMWC:** Ended 12/31, Grand prize drawing on 1/6. Participation was adequate but we hope to grow it the next time it is offered.

- ii. **Holiday Decorating:** Judging on 12/15 & 12/16, ended after Christmas . This event was a smash hit. There were four volunteers for judging homes and businesses and participation in a People’s Choice Awards had 800 individual votes.
 - iii. **Letters to Santa:** There were 98 entries in letters to Santa! All return letters were mailed by 12/23. There were a record number of volunteers assisting with this project including Milton High School National Honor Society members.
 - iv. **Human Rights Day:** 12/10- Most submissions were from elementary school students. It is important that the Town of Milton wanted to acknowledge this day.
 - v. **Holiday Light Parade:** New addition! This took Last minute idea was held on 12.22 and hundreds of people were watching on Facebook. Police, Fire, Ireland Cement Company, all participated. There was a marriage proposal in the middle of the parade.
- d. Upcoming Winter/Spring Events:
- i. **Great Milton Bake Off:** Starts Feb 1 -All virtual. Contestants for February, March and April – will have a few weeks to work on each challenge; there will be judges at the end to choose a Bake-Off Champion. Maximum of 12 contestants. \$5 entry fee. February- desserts, March- bread, April- cakes.
 - ii. **Winter Festival & Art Walk:** Starts Feb 12 -14- Send piece of work, laminate and then put it on the walkway outside.
 - iii. **Egg Hunt:** Tentatively Sat, Apr 3 (will brainstorm alternatives)- Too many people, but Recreation Commissioners will come up with some ideas of what could replace it.
 - iv. **Park Spruce Up Day:** Sat, Apr 17- 9am – May be able to do this because it is outside. Will discuss this at future meetings.
 - v. **Green Up Day:** We are hopeful this can happen if we schedule people separately so they can work outside.

- e. FY22 Recreation Budget & CIP: Brief overview of Selectboard meeting on 12/10, and subsequent decisions
 - i. The Recreation Budget was approved, as is.
 - ii. Capital improvement was reviewed and adjusted
 - iii. Full amount to resurface the tennis court
 - iv. Field House heating project pushed out to 2023
 - v. Trails and pathways project – were asking \$33,000 and will receive \$8,000 plus impact fees.

6. Recreation Commission Report:

- a. Winter Festival (Feb 12 – 14, 2021): No new ideas from Rec Commission.
 - b. Other upcoming volunteer opportunities for Milton Recreation Commissioners.
 - a. Bake-Off Judge (Sharon Radtke)
 - b. Egg Hunt
 - c. Park Spruce Up
 - d. Green Up Day
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Town of Milton Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5 PM over Zoom.
8. **Adjourn:** At 5:50 p.m. Bushey moved to adjourn the meeting and Radtke seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Radtke

January 17, 2021

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Renee Berteau, Vice Chair

Date