

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wed, April 14, 2021 ▪ 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting over Zoom

Recreation Commissioner Members Present: John Lindsay, Chair, Sharon Radtke, Vice Chair, Rod Moore, Ryan Bushey.

Absent: Renee Berteau

Staff Present: Jenna Tucker, Ben Nappi

1. Call to Order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Amendments to Agenda

No amendments to the agenda.

3. Public Forum

Attended by Emily Reinhardt, MHS student representative applying to join the commission

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Sharon Radtke moved to accept the minutes from the Recreation Commission regular meetings held in January and March. Rod Moore seconded. The January and March minutes were passed.

5. Recreation Department Report

a. Parks & Trails update

- i. **Disc Golf:** Disc Golf (RiseVT Grant) planning is going well and there is discussion to hold a grand opening in July 2021.
- ii. **Mountain Biking:** Mountain biking project is going well and the commission thanks Commissioner Bushey for his leadership on this project. Has opportunity for student participation. This project could be considered part of the town Trails & Pathways Project. Commissioner Bushey will check to see if he can get student input.
- iii. **MTSD Walking Path Collaboration:** Has opportunity for student participation. This project could be considered part of the town Trails & Pathways Project.
- iv. **Lamoille River Walk NRI/RA:** Milton Conservation Commission are now open to explore more recreation opportunities at that the Lamoille River Walk. A natural resources inventory and recreation inventory is being done by a specialist from UVM who will make recommendations about what kinds of activities could be done there. Recreation activities will be approved in collaboration between the Planning Department and Recreation Department.
- v. **Fruit Tree Grove / Community Garden Project:** Project idea evolved from Rec Dept and tree warden Kris Dulmer. They applied for a grant which was accepted by the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program for \$1,100. Other town funds will be used to supplement the fruit grove. A community garden will also be created behind the Bombardier Barn near the fruit tree grove for Milton residents to use this summer.
 1. **Discussion Idea:** Recreation staff will explore the possibility of providing access to the river near the Peterson Dam on West Milton Road. They will contact the power company to see if this is possible.

b. Winter/Spring Events Update

- i. **The Great Milton Bake Off:** The Great Milton Bake Off has been a great success, so far. Currently down to the final 3 contestants. Community participation has been great with 523 people voting for their favorites during the second round. The last round will end on April 30th and the Star Baker will be announced.
- ii. **Egg Hunt:** Sat, Apr 3 - The Egg Hunt went very well. Spaces were reserved during four different time slots with 20 household spots per time slot. The staff added 10 more spots because of demand. Seven families showed up without registering but were accommodated. Participation: 90 families and 150 children participated. Four student volunteers assisted from MHS Interact, and Commissioner Bushey volunteered.
- iii. **Park Spruce Up Day:** Park Spruce Up Day will be held this coming Saturday from 9 am -noon-Saturday, April, 17, 2021. Volunteers are needed to help clean up Bombardier Park.
- iv. **Green Up Day:** Green Up Day will be organized by the Conservation Commission for Saturday at May 1 from 8 am – 11 am at East Pavilion. Volunteers can pick up bags in advance. The commission will be doing a compost workshop that afternoon. Pumpkin seeds will not be given out this year as in past years.

c. Youth Spring Sports

- i. Town Soccer, La Cross and Little League have begun. Milton Buildings and Grounds Department are preparing the fields now and will be doing more maintenance this year. Several groups from other towns have expressed interest to rent space however, most of the spaces are reserved by Milton teams.

d. Looking ahead

i. **Summer programs & Summer camps**

- a. This has been a challenging year in planning summer camps and other activities due to the pandemic. We don't have access to a lot of usable space other than Bombardier Park and some instructors but will not be participating this year.
- b. Day Camp will be offered for longer hours during the day and for more weeks.
- c. Some new offerings include Round Dancing.
- d. Special Camps are being planned right now.

ii. **Summer events (Music in the Park, July 4th, etc.)**

- a. The Fourth of July Celebration is being planned including food, a DJ and fireworks. More details will be shared at the next Recreation Commission meeting.
- b. Music in the Park can be booked for July and August which will include live music and a food vendor. So far, Starline Rhythm Boys; The Hitmen ; Buck Hollers have indicated interest in performing. Contracts will be completed soon.
- c. The Milton Community Band may perform at the end of August. Planning is underway.
- d. The Milton Recreation Department is presently looking for Summer Camp Counselors.

- e. Other Recreation Department business – Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest will be held again this fall. Pumpkin seed donations need to be found and a date will be announced to distribute them.

6. Recreation Commission Report

a. Commissioner Resignation:

- a. Sharon Radtke has resigned from the Town of Milton Recreation Commission after nine years of service. She and her husband Don will continue volunteering in future projects. Sharon said it was a pleasure working with everyone throughout the years. We wish Sharon all the best, and hope to see her again soon.

7. Adjourned 6:00 p.m.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Town of Milton Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday,

May 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Radtke

April 14, 2021

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Renee Berteau, Vice Chair

Date