

Town of Milton, Vermont

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016 | 6:00 P.M.

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

Recreation Commission Members Present: Sharon Radtke, Erin Demers, Betsy Hoffmeister

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

Public Present: Richard Edwards

Conservation Commission Members Present: Dan Gaherty, Judith Kinner, Bonnie Pease, Laurie Dicesare

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Demers at 6:04PM.

2. Amendments to Agenda

- None

3. Public Forum

- Member of the Public Richard Edwards, Chef & Restaurateur was present for the meeting and introduced himself.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- October 2016 minutes approved as written.

5. Recreation Department Report

- Registration & Advertising Survey results showed overwhelmingly that the preferred method of program registration is online with a laptop and then online with a mobile device. Community members find out about events and programs via E-newsletters, program guides and social media. Print flyers and programs still continue to be an effective method of getting the word out.
- Fall and Winter Programs & Events updates include the donation of 2 books from Milton Elementary School Public Members via the PTA for the Story walk, Pumpkins in the Park turn out was respectable with 50 people (weather wasn't fantastic) and Afterschool Bowling now has over 70 kids.
- Upcoming Events include Holiday Tree Lighting on December 10th and Holiday Band on December 11th.
- The Winter/Spring program guide will be out around New Year's. It will include Senior Skits, Cardboard Box Drive-In, Tai Chi, Yoga afterschool. Pick up basketball dates and times are in the works.
- Hoffmeister mentioned that indoor soccer via a Meet-up Group would begin this Saturday at the Expo.
- The outdoor ice rink/basketball court project will fill cracks, resurface, remove/add curbing, new backboards and nets, add benches. Construction to occur in Spring/Summer 2017. Richard Edwards will be talking with Recreation to look at reconfiguring the basketball layout to possibly provide for another court.
- Recreation Department will be having an updated finance meeting on Monday. Dates of upcoming Select board Meetings were distributed.

- Other business includes an update that fireworks are confirmed to be held at the upcoming Winter Festival. There was discussion on possible concession and food truck vendors.

6. Conservation & Recreation Commission Updates & Discussion (6:30pm)

- The snowshoe excursion during the Winter Festival was confirmed with the Conservation Commission as long as there is enough snow to make it possible.
- Recycling bins in Fieldhouse will be placed in the park in the spring.
- The dog park project is on hold.
- The Recreation Department informed the Conservation Commission on updates and improvement to the Park and Ride Facility. The shelter will be moved to the parking lot across from the basketball court to improve access and reduce the CCTA buses needing to navigate behind the Town Office buildings.
- The Conservation Commission (CC) offered updates on their \$50,000 Rec Trails grant to make a portion of the Town Forest ADA accessible. They are looking at a couple different engineering options and possible need for wetland permitting. Demers from Recreation Commission offered to perform a walkthrough of the site to look at some of the engineering options.
- The CC presented a trail map of the Bombardier Park trail network that shows some trails going through adjacent private properties. The CC discussed that it would be advisable to look at making new trail connections to make sure trails are all kept on Town Property. This will be looked into further.
- The purchase of the new Town lot of Bombardier will most likely have a focus group to explore future usage in the spring of 2017.
- CC mentioned that the Checkerberry Bridge at the Lamoille River Walk was in poor condition and the Youth Conservation Corp may help with reconstruction.
- A local Eagle Scout is interested in providing improvements to the Lamoille River Walk bridge and possibly a bridge for his Eagle Scout project. He will be working directly with the Conservation Commission.

7. Recreation Commission Report

- The Winter Festival will take place February 10, 11 and 12, 2017.

8. Next Meeting

- December 14, 2016

9. Adjournment

- Motion made by Demers to adjourn; Hoffmeister seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Erin Demers, Chair

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