

Town of Milton, Vermont

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016 | 6:00 P.M.

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

Recreation Commission Members Present: John Lindsay, Sharon Radtke, Cyndi Dowling, Betsy Hoffmeister, Erin Demers

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

Public Present: None

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Radtke at 6:13pm.

2. Amendments to Agenda

- Milton Winter Festival discussion was moved to first on the agenda.

3. Public Forum

- None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Hoffmeister made a motion to approve November 2015, December 2015, and January 2016 minutes as written. Dowling second, minutes approved.

5. Recreation Department Report

- Outdoor Winter Festival events scheduled for Sunday, February 14 will be postponed to Sunday, February 21 due to frigid temperature and wind chill forecast. Chili Cook-Off and Ice Carving will take place on Sunday, February 14. Nappi and Lindsay are not available to help on February 21. Duchesneau gave overview of other Winter Festival events that will take place as planned. Commission members will volunteer their time to help in different ways. \$1325 in sponsorships have been collected for Winter Festival from local businesses. Dowling wondered if ice will be there to skate on at Party in the Park - it is possible but not certain. Lindsay suggested we look into having snow catapults next year. Hoffmeister suggested "Punkin Chunkin".
- Duchesneau and Nappi are working with the Milton Community Youth Coalition on possibly expanding the Milton Freedom 5K to a "Freedom Festival" to possibly include music entertainment and more. Dowling suggested changing the date of the event. Lindsay suggested involving the Economic Development Commission and possibly expanding the race.
- Spring and summer programs and events will become the Department's focus following Winter Festival. A possible new program is in the works with Demers volunteering to lead a Ready, Set, Run program in collaboration with Milton Elementary/Middle School and the Recreation Department.
- Milton High School student and aspiring Eagle Scout Justin Beaudoin will be raising funds and coordinating an effort to donate materials for, and help to install, a Disc Golf course at Bombardier Park.

- Duchesneau and Nappi have been working with the Town Manager's office to update and streamline Facility Use application policies.
- Duchesneau gave an update on the proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2017, including proposals to increase the Assistant Recreation Coordinator position hours to 30 per week. The new and unfilled Program Coordinator position for the Recreation Department will not be filled at this time.

6. Recreation Commission Report

- Commission members and staff welcomed new Commission member, Erin Demers. Demers inquired about obtaining a Town email address and Duchesneau will follow up with her about this.

7. Next Meeting

- March 9, 2016

8. Adjournment

- Motion made by Dowling to adjourn; Lindsay seconded; meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Sharon Radtke, Chair
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