

Town of Milton, Vermont

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 13, 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, Betsy Hoffmeister, Erin Demers

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

Public Present: None

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Radtke at 6:07PM.

2. Amendments to Agenda

- None

3. Public Forum

- None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Lindsay made a motion to approve June 2016 minutes as written. Hoffmeister seconded, minutes approved.

5. Recreation Department Report

- Duchesneau reported that Summer Camps are going well. They have had to cancel only one camp so far. They will offer refunds or have people attend a later summer camp.
- Other summer events have gone well. The Freedom Fest had a good turnout. The band concert time should be adjusted next time to begin later in the day due to low turnout mid-afternoon.
- The Vermont 40th Rock Band performed to a good size audience and will return again in a few years.
- The July 4th celebration and parade went well. The fireworks were spectacular.
- Fall and Winter planning has begun and will include Touch A Truck on September 17. Duchesneau asked for more ideas for this event. Other fall ideas include a Circus Smirkus performance; Ninja Warrior Training Course; Rug-hooking; Drone Flying; Pokémon; Big Blue Trunk; Cooking; Pickleball; Bowling for Seniors at Sparetime.
- New ideas for next year included a Trampoline event; Splash Park. Shading over the playground was suggested to help with heat issues.
- Other ideas for Fall 2016 included a Photography Contest for one week (with age categories); and outdoor movies (blowup screen).

- Recreation Commission Members felt that upgrading the outdoor bathrooms in Bombardier Park should be of highest priority. Families would much prefer using regular bathrooms to port-o-lets because of sanitary concerns and also having a baby-changing area. Create bathrooms with hand-dryers and be able to wash down floors and walls easily.
- Duchesneau submitted a grant on July 1 to the State of Vermont Recreation Facilities Grant for \$11,000 for upgrading the Ice Rink and Basketball Courts.
- Trash and Recycle Receptacles have been chosen (black dome garbage cans that cannot blow over and blue recycle bins.) Will apply for a State of Vermont grant to ask for \$3,000 to help cover the cost of purchasing 14 of each.
- Someone knocked over the Disc Golf nets. Will purchase longer stakes to keep them upright. Sam Thompson, an intern, will work on upgrading this area. Those trees that had been vandalized, have been painted and look like new.
- The Economic Development Summit is still being planned but they are leaning toward holding a “Meet and Greet” breakfast for Milton business owners.

6. Recreation Commission Report

- Lindsay and Radtke were approved by the Selectboard at their July 11th meeting for three year terms. Both will go for a background check to the Milton Police Department.
- There is one commission position open so the commissioners are being asked to look around the community for a possible member.
- The Winter Festival 2017 dates have been set for February 10, 11 and 12.

7. Next Meeting

- August 10, 2016

8. Adjournment

- Motion made by Hoffmeister to adjourn; Demers seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Radtke, Chair
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