

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

October 12, 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: Cyndi Dowling

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Demers at 6:06PM.

2. Amendments to Agenda

- None

3. Public Forum

- Former Recreation Commission member Cyndi Dowling attended the meeting and received a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to the Commission.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- August 2016 and September 2016 minutes approved as written.

5. Recreation Department Report

- Participation doubled for the Giant Pumpkin Contest. Rick Wasielewski won with a 979-pound pumpkin. Discussed a possible parade in the future.
- STEM Exploration Program had 25 participants and a long wait list. Plan to repeat in the spring.
- 45 students are signed up for Afterschool Bowling.
- Volunteers are needed for Pumpkins in the Park and the Monster Mile.
- Kym and Ben are in the planning stages for Winter & Spring. There will be more to discuss in November.
- Recreation received an \$11,000 matching grant for the outdoor ice rink/basketball court. Plan to fill cracks, resurface, remove/add curbing, new backboards and nets, add benches. Construction to occur in Spring/Summer 2017.
- New recycling bins in fieldhouse waiting to be placed in the park.
- Plans to move CCTA Bus Shelter from behind the library to the parking lot across from the basketball court.

- Budget and CIP planning for FY18 is in the beginning stages. A draft budget was shared with the Commission and discussed.
- Talk of moving Capital Improvement Park Projects to budget and using ½ Penny for Parks. Projects in order of priority: Park Amenities, Restroom Renovation – West Side, Recreation Master Plan Update, Restroom Construction – East Side, Dog Park, Skate Park/Splash Pad.
- Milton Bear is doing clean-up in Haiti with Mike Burbo

6. Recreation Commission Report

- There is an open seat on the Recreation Commission.
- There will be a joint meeting with the Conservation Committee on November 9 at 6pm.
- The Winter Festival will take place February 10, 11 and 12, 2017.
- Winter Festival discussion, including: Fire performers, flares, bonfire, laser tag are all set for Friday Night. Information for a PSA to LCATV by December. Waiting to hear back about fireworks. Steve Marinelli will provide hot cocoa. We will ask the hot dog vendor to offer food instead of offering pizza this year. Community Breakfast is set for Saturday. We need celebrity server ideas. Big Blue Trunk is booked so Joey the Clown will perform table-to-table magic and high school kids will run an open gym. The Ice Palace Dance will happen again as well as snowshoeing. Shake (the band) will perform – location TBD. Ice Carving is 99% sure for Sunday. Waiting to hear from sled dogs and horse sleigh rides. Northern Lights is booked and the Chili Cook Off is on. We are still looking for sponsors.

7. Next Meeting

- November 9, 2016

8. Adjournment

- Motion made by Demers to adjourn; Radtke seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Erin Demers, Chair

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