

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

August 1, 2011

C/Bell opened the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 1975, C231 WAS READ.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS SENT TO THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 22, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; present, Bill Hanson; present, Dominick Ricci; present, Robert Brown; present, Tracey Klehr; present, Terrence Murphy; entered 8:06, Kenneth Simels; present, Andrew Ferrara; not present, Chris Morris; present

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was not present.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Tennis**

C/Klehr discussed how she would like to see the structure of the program for the future. She suggested increasing the registration fee \$10.00 to \$135.00 for 8 hours of instruction. A maximum of 4 participants per instructional class and adding an additional instructor paid per hour. Ho Scott would remain the director of the program and would be responsible for the added instructor. She would like to offer match play, a men's tennis session and try the seniors program again. A request was received to lease out the tennis courts by an outside instructor, C/Klehr stated she feels they should not be honored because it could hurt the Rec program and also take up the public's time to utilize the courts. A short discussion took place in regards to the financial aspect and the future of the program.

- **Basketball**

C/Murphy advised 30 participants are registered to date, another registration session will take place this Saturday at Abate Park. C/Brown requested to be included on emails. He advised an unofficial board is in place. New uniforms will be ordered since many were not returned or in poor condition. Still many details to work out including how to pay the ref's in cash which is required. A booster club may need to be put in place. C/Simels inquired if a summer outdoor program has ever been in discussed and might be something to consider for next summer, especially with the newer courts at Abate Park. Gym time for the 2011-12 season has been secured for all programs.

- **Wagner Farm Park / Abate Park / Brandywine Soccer Fields / Rocky Brook Park**

C/Bell advised we need to look into some sort of shade structures like a gazebo at Abate Park.

C/Murphy advised they set up a shade tent for the Warrior's basketball practice there, but a gazebo would be a great asset to the park. C/Klehr requested the benches to be put back on the tennis courts at Rocky Brook Park. C/Murphy stated the goal posts at Wagner Farm Park have been painted today and look great and the graffiti has been removed. Also there is a wasp's nest under the playground equipment and needs to be removed, rec secretary will notified Public Works. A discussion took place in regards to the MUTS not notifying the township when they use the soccer fields at Brandywine, thus weed spraying took place last week when the MUTS were utilizing the fields for training. C/Bell will inform the MUTS they must communicate with the Rec Department in regards to field usage. C/Klehr requested signs to be place on the tennis courts with the ordinance 10-27 stating "no tennis instruction for remuneration is allowed on Township courts". C/Bell stated the ordinance needs to be changed by having a fine attached.

- **Millstone Day 2011**

C/Hanson advised 29 non profit organizations and 1 business have registered. He also inquired if the \$250.00 registration fee is too expensive. C/Hansen questioned if we should make Millstone Day more like a fair atmosphere for next year. A nonprofit organization will be offering the food this year.

- **Summer Rec**

C/Bell stated Summer Rec has concluded and a report will be discussed at September's meeting.

- **Pop Warner**

C/Murphy stated the season started tonight.

- **Fall Soccer**

C/Klehr advised registration is way down, thus the late fee has been pushed back by a week. Coaches are needed as well; some divisions have no coaches at all. A push is on to get more registrations. C/Klehr advised 9/17 and 9/24 she is unable to set up the fields for the kindergarten division and requested C/Simels and C/Bell to step in on those dates. Travel players need to be evenly distributed within the divisions. High school age volunteers need to be contacted for youth soccer and special needs soccer program.

C/Bell requested information from C/Morris in regards to moving our enrollment process to an on line website. Additional information will be provided at next month's meeting.

- **Acquisition of all program uniforms**

C/Bell discussed ordering all program uniforms for the Township in bulk and getting a discount by having more volume. This needs to be looked at further for the future and should include Rec programs, travel programs and school programs. C/Brown suggested mandating the purchase of American made uniforms only.

- A lengthy discussion took place in regards to the (ordinance 99-30) first responders and the exemption from the payment to participant in Rec programs. C/Bell supplied a financial report for the past three years with the amount that Rec spent on first responders which was heavily burdened by the Ladies Fire Auxiliary who technically are not "first responders".

Exclude the Ladies Fire Auxiliary members as "first responders" from ordinance 99-30

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; aye, Bill Hanson; aye, Dominick Ricci; aye, Robert Brown; aye, Tracey Klehr; aye, Terrence Murphy; aye, Kenneth Simels; aye, Andrew Ferrara; not present, Chris Morris; aye

Cap the dollar amount per family for first responders and rec programs at \$500.00

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; aye, Bill Hanson; aye, Dominick Ricci; aye, Robert Brown; aye, Tracey Klehr; aye, Terrence Murphy; aye, Kenneth Simels; aye, Andrew Ferrara; not present, Chris Morris; aye

- **Approval of June 6, Minutes**
Motion to approve, C/Hanson, Seconded C/Murphy, Carried

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell; aye, Bill Hanson; aye, Dominick Ricci; aye, Robert Brown; aye, Tracey Klehr; abstain, Terrence Murphy; aye, Kenneth Simels; abstain, Andrew Ferrara; not present, Chris Morris; abstain

Motion to adjourn, **Moved** C/Hanson, **Seconded** C/Bell
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole C. Vladimirov

cc: Maria Dellasala