

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

November 7, 2011

C/Bell calls the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS

C/Bell opens the meeting to the public at 8:03 p.m.

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- **Basketball** - Liaison: Bob Brown
A discussion took place concerning gym time for Youth and Warrior Basketball and the lack of space to accommodate practice and games. Bob Brown asked that email communication be increased to improve communication between all parties. Youth basketball enrollment is at 342 and registrations continue to be received. The high school boys division may need to expand to 10 teams if expected registration is correct. Ken Simels suggested a summer basketball league, possibly to be held at Abate Park, should be discussed in further detail in the coming months.

- **Wagner Farm Park / Brandywine / Abate Park / Rocky Brook Park** – Liaison: Jim Bell
Wagner: Jim Bell advised the back field at Wagner Farm Park are under distress as provided by the report filed by Rutgers Turf Management. The back field should be rested into the Spring, which will impact the LAX practice schedule. It was suggested that the park fields should be placed on a rotating schedule and Millstone Park should be utilized more for practice sessions. It was reported that the game field is being used as a dog park and residents are not picking up the animal's waste. Possible deterrents were discussed, it was suggested placing a lock and chain be placed on the gate to restrict access.

Brandywine: Jim Bell inquired on the status of the No Solicitation signs, Recreation secretary reported a letter has been given to the Township Committee notifying them of the desire to place signs at Brandy Soccer Complex and Rocky Brook Park. Jim Bell reported a combination lock has been purchased for the Brandywine shed and will be install before the Spring session. The combination will be distributed to Mutts, DPW, Recreation Committee members and Recreation office. The combination will be changed when needed. Emergency contact information will be placed on the back of the lock. Brandywine Soccer fields need additional seeding in the kick box areas. The goal posts should be painted prior to the Spring season with particular attention to be paid to field 7. To deter parking along the street ,a policy will be written and distributed to coaches and referees in both the recreation and MUTS programs.

Millstone Park: Millstone Park has a situation with drainage caused by 6' earthen dam constructed prior to the acreage's purchase. Matt Shafai, Township engineer, has been consulted and the situation is under review. A further discussion will be held at future meeting.

The portable bathrooms will be removed from Millstone Park and Rocky Brook Park by December 1st. The winterization of the bathroom facilities at Abate & Brandywine has been scheduled.

- **Holiday Lighting** – Liaison Tracey Klehr
In Tracey Klehr' absence the Recreation Secretary reported the celebration will be held on Dec. 3rd. The firehouse has been secured for the event. Quotes are being gathered to prune the holiday tree and to hang lights. The mayor and township committee will be invited to attend the celebration. Crafts and additional lights will be purchased and volunteers have been contacted.
- **Tennis Fall** – Liaison: Tracey Klehr
In Tracey Klehr' absence the Recreation Secretary the session was completed on October 21st. Medals were given to youth players, adults will receive gifts provided by Ho Scott. Jim Bell requested the location of the net crank be located and returned to the recreation office.
- **Pop Warner** - Liaison: Terrence Murphy
In Terrence's absence the Recreation Secretary reported the 2011 season is completed. The Wagner Farm Park Kitchen will be cleaned. The lights will be removed from Millstone Park. Uniforms are scheduled to be returned and all equipment will be stored for the winter. The Jr. Midget Football - Central Jersey Champions. The Jr. Midget cheer squad is the Eastern Region Cheer Championships 2011 and will be heading to Florida to compete in the National Championships.
- **Fall Soccer**- Liaison Tracey Klehr
In Tracey Klehr' absence the recreation secretary reported the final games were held Nov.5th. Trophies and pictures were distributed. Evaluations and equipment were collected.
- **Wrestling** – Liaison Terence Murphy
In Terrence Murphy' absence the Recreation Secretary reported new uniforms were ordered after 3 quotes were received. Bob Brown inquired if the uniforms were made in the USA and requested the Recreation Secretary to report to the commission at the next meeting. A mandatory parents meeting was held on November 3rd with practice to begin in November 14th.
- **Approval of August 1, 2011 Minutes**
Motion to approve, Moved B/Hansen Seconded B/Brown, Carried

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Slisky

cc: Maria Dellasala