

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
215 Millstone Road Millstone Twp. NJ 08535
November 4, 2013 7:30 pm
Minutes

J/Bell calls the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

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 MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 27, 2012.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jim Bell, Chair	x	
Chris Morris, Vice Chair		x
Bill Hanson, Treasurer	x	
Dominick Ricci	x	
Terrence Murphy		x
Ken Simels	x	
Andrew Ferrara	x	
Peter Kowal	x	
Sharon Peake	x	

Chairman opens the meeting to the public at 7:31 p.m.

Chairman closes the meeting to the public at 7:31 p.m.

Chair Reopened the meeting to the public at 7:41 p.m.

Chairman recloses the meeting to the public at 8:16 p.m.

Greg Bellotti, 13 Robbins Road representing the Lacrosse program gave the commission key factors when considering the submitted Lacrosse proposal to limit roster size and establish a closure date for registration. The proposal requests after a closure date is established a waitlist would be created and no payment for registration would be accepted. Players who have a priority to play will sign up early though residents would need to be made aware of the limited roster size. Lacrosse would like to open registration immediately and establish an early closure date of February 2nd. They would also like to establish a definite closure date for registration before the first practice of March 1st. Extensive planning is done prior to the first practice, which includes game/tournament schedules. The lacrosse program has more collegiate success than any other recreation program, currently two All Americans have come through the Millstone Lacrosse program.

A priority is to limit roster size for boys' teams to 18-22 players and girls' teams to 15 players to create the optimal environment for teaching proper techniques and skills to players. Extending enrollment past the first practice creates a lag time for teaching the fundamental skills and increases the risk of injury. Coaches are repeating the fundamentals to late registrants instead of progressing to the next level. Boys' rosters' reaching 35 players is not healthy and does not provide adequate playing time for players. It was stressed that all players receive equal playing time but the amount of game time is greatly reduced. Ideally, the cap for a team is 18 -22 players. Limiting rosters allows rotating players into the game, line changes & 3 middies changes

needed during a game providing better quality play time. A disadvantage with large team numbers players will only see 7 minutes per game. Predetermine the team numbers based on the number of certified coaches and then waitlist any late registrations.

Scheduling of games is done before registration is complete. This creates a situation where it is unknown the number of teams that will be playing in the spring. Lisa Bellotti informed the commission that she meets with the Jersey Girls Lacrosse Association conference in mid-February to schedule all the games for the spring and has scrambled to get more games well after the schedule is completed. Tournaments and game opportunities will be lost if the teams haven't been established due to late registrations.

As of 2013, US Lacrosse requires the head coach of each team be certified, no requirements are required for assistant coaches. Two teams per division may register but unlike other sports coaches need to be certified in advance. The certification is a 12-hour computer course and a full day of onsite field training & classroom work. The registration deadline would need to be established to coincide with the US Lacrosse coaching certification schedule. Onsite field training is done out of state before March 1 and requires advanced planning.

J/Bell requested an outline and verification Gregg Bellotti as soon as possible so the commission could consider opening registration at the December meeting. The Recreation Commission wants all residents to be given the equal opportunity to participate in a safe and will consider the Lacrosse proposal.

Basketball - Liaison Ken Simels

K/Simels meet recently with the Basketball board to review the 2013-14 seasons. K/Simels reported the High School Boys registration will be closed following the draft on November 6th. All late registrations will be placed on a waitlist and will receive team placement if the rosters sizes remain manageable. A roster greater than 9 players does not provide players with the opportunity to have optimum playing time.

Dribblers (grades 1 & 2) will move to a skills and drill instructional practice format. High School boys practice format will be organized as pick up style games similar to the summer session which has been highly received. K/Slisky reported that Alan Lapkin, referee coordinator, has been contacted and all referees will be in place before game day on December 7. A list of referees has been received from Alan Lapkin, payment vouchers and W-9 will be sent to all referees in the coming days.

No strong numbers for the girls division was reported; which may lead to some complaints for the wide grade range for the 6th – High School girls division.

Current registration is at 326 down from 377 last year. R/Kinsey requested from K/Slisky the previous enrollment statistics by gender & grade. K/Slisky stated she would provide them to the commission the following work day. A major consideration when reviewing the current enrollment statistics is the decreasing number of new families moving into Millstone Twp and the changing demographics. Also, there are more options for players such as travel programs and more Recreation options. Travel teams require year-long commitment from its players leaving, little time for Recreation programs. Recreation's job is to offer the diversified programs to the greatest opportunity to play.

Holiday Lighting- Billy Hanson

K/Slisky reported all preparations for the event scheduled for December 7th are completed. The Middle School Chorus will be performing once again. This is the only event the Township holds with the cooperation of the B.O.E. The risers will be brought over from the Middle School for the first time with the B.O.E.'s assistance freeing up the Dept. of Public Works who previously assisted Recreation. Refreshments will be served and Santa will be making an appearance. Mayor Nancy A. Grbelja will host the lighting of the holiday tree at 6:00 pm. The Toys for Tots drive will collect toys from November 15 through December 13th. Toys will be collected at Holiday Lighting and the Recreation office 470 Stage Coach Road.

Motion made to approve the October 7, 2013 minutes.

Motion to approve, Moved S/Peake, Seconded A/Ferrara, Carried

ROLL CALL:

MEMBER	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Jim Bell, Chair		x	
Chris Morris, Vice Chair			x
Bill Hanson, Treasurer			x
Dominick Ricci	X		
Terrence Murphy			
Ken Simels	X		
Andrew Ferrara	X		
Peter Kowal			x
Sharon Peake	X		

• **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, Moved B/Hanson, Seconded J/Bell, Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.