

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
215 Millstone Road Millstone Twp. NJ 08535
Aug 4, 2014 7:30 pm
Minutes

C/Morris calls the meeting to order at 7:32 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 19, 2013.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Chris Morris	x	
Bill Hanson	x	
Andrew Ferrara		x
Dominick Ricci	x	
Ken Simels	x	
Terrence Murphy	x	
Peter Kowal	x	
Sharon Peake		x

Chairman closes the meeting to the public at 7:34 p.m.

Summer Recreation Camp

A brief recap of the camp was given by Kate Slisky; a comprehensive report will be given by the Camp Director Gary Conk at the September meeting. Camp enrollment was up to 273 campers and camp ran for 5 weeks with 60 trip options. The camp was held again at the Primary School with thirty camp counselors. It was reported that with the reduction of trip options the attendance on the trips was greater than in 2013. Camp utilized 2 buses instead of 3 previously contracted. There were some issues with the air conditioning not working on the trip buses and it was address with Rafaella Busing.

Summer Basketball recap

Ken Simels reported that the session ran very smoothly, there were no issues to report. Enrollment was at 187, the program continued to use a pick up style format. The end of season barbeque was scaled down due to lack of volunteers to pizza and soda. Ken Simels also reported that the Basketball Board will be recruiting new members for the upcoming winter season as the board has lost members; Kevin Bomba will continue as league president. Kate Slisky informed the board that the container had been removed from Abate Park and all equipment has been returned to the Municipal building. A brief discussion was held in pursuing the donation of a container. The basketball board has approached Allentown and East Windsor for interleague play for the High School girls division.

Warriors

Terrence Murphy announced Warrior tryouts will be held September 6th at the Middle School gyms. Gym time has been secured and announcements are being sent to residents and posted on the BOE Listserv and Township PEG channel. Currently 8 year old boys are in need of a coach. It is expected that 6 boys teams ages 8 to 13 and 1 girls team will be formed.

Millstone Day

Preparations continue for September 21, 2014 event. Registration has begun and the DJ has been secured. Chris Morris offered volunteers for the preparation of crafts and for the craft tent on Millstone Day. The Recreation office has reduced staffing; to lend a hand arrangements will be made to have volunteers come to the Recreation office and to attend in 2 hour shifts on Millstone Day. The Commission advised Kate Slisky to order all necessary items including an increased number of lawn signs, pumpkins and crafts.

Benches

The bench at Rocky Brook has been removed. For consistency a replacement will be selected that is in keeping with all future purchases of park benches for all township parks.

Field Maintenance Wagner Farm Park

For the 2014/15 season Pop Warner and Lacrosse will remain at Wagner Farm Park as long as the fields remain in good condition. If field conditions deteriorate or other issues arise then changes will be made quickly.

This season Pop Warner will be using the upper and lower fields for practice and the game field for home games and possible playoffs. Pop Warner will be moving their equipment to different areas of the fields to prevent wear. With lower enrollment the fields will not receive heavy use.

It's anticipated Lacrosse will be at Wagner Farm Park early April if the fields are dry; if not they will begin early practices at Millstone Park, Abate and Brandywine then move over to Wagner Farm Park. Games will be at Wagner Farm Park.

The fields were well managed last fall and spring and remain in good shape. Early Fall fields will receive applications for broadleaf, dandelions and grubs etc. with limestone and fertilizer.

Currently, there is a well pump issue on the upper field that is scheduled for repair. The sprinkler zones will be increased to stop the pump short cycling. The lower field sprinklers have been adjusted and are being maintained, some sprinkler heads may be replaced to prevent the well pump on the lower field from tripping .

The fields are being closely monitored year round; any changes in the field conditions that affect play the Commission will be notified for a discussion of the rotation schedule.

Soccer

The Commission requested Kate Slisky inquire about a possible training session for coaches and players for one or two nights a week or for one session for the season with Maestro Soccer. This would build coaching skills and benefit the players as well.

Gym Time

The Commission asked that gym time be submitted to the BOE with every effort put forth to obtain consistent nights for the Adult programs.

Motion to approve, Moved T/Murphy, Seconded D/Ricci, Carried

ROLL CALL:

MEMBER	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chris Morris	x		
Bill Hanson			x
Andrew Ferrara			
Dominick Ricci	x		
Ken Simels			x
Terrence Murphy	x		
Peter Kowal	x		
Sharon Peake			

• **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, Moved K/Simels, Seconded B/Hanson, Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.