

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
470 Stage Coach Road Millstone Twp. NJ 08510
September 8,, 2014 7:30 pm
Minutes

C/Morris calls the meeting to order at 7:43 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 opens the meeting to the public at 7:44 p.m.

Peter Sarni, Algonquin Terrence addressed the Commission on the history and formation of the Warriors travel basketball program. The organization expanded from a boys team and later included girl teams. As the founder of Warriors, Peter Sarni gave an overview of the program which began twenty years ago and its early struggles. Numerous charitable acts were a key factor in the structure of the program and was supported by the Sarni family and many of its coaches and players. These included visits to mercy centers, hosting the Township Holiday Tree Lighting toy and food drives. Most importantly scholarships were awarded to a Special Education student providing a \$500 award at the end of each season. Also in attendance were Laura, Kim, Laurie, Elizabeth and Mike Sarni, Algonquin Terrence all expanded on the history and the development of the Warrior program.

Jim Bell, Alan Way attended and offered his support of the development of Phase I of Millstone Park. As a representative of the MUTS organization he also supported the continuing field rotation and maintenance schedule used by the Township.

The Commission discussed the transformation of the Warrior program since it became under the direction of the Recreation Department. Among the changes is the adherence to the Code Of Conduct, gym allocation, the tryout process and procedural changes necessary to comply to the annual audit. Also discussed was the removal of a coach for the upcoming season.

Chairman closes the meeting to the public at 8:26 p.m.

Park Field Maintenance Wagner Farm Park repair of the well on the upper field is scheduled. This was a large expense despite this immediate action was taken by the Township Committee and Township personnel. DPW has reported some broken sprinkler heads on the upper and lower fields at Wagner Farm Park. Estimates and quotes for repairs will be obtained and repairs will move forward. Field conditions will continue to be monitored; any changes in field condition will be reported to the Commission.

Fall Soccer Interleague is limited to 3/4th grade with Robbinsville and Upper Freehold Allentown. There is still a need for coaches for 5/6th and 7/8 Boys teams. The opening day for Mini Maestro is September 20th , Fall Soccer and Soccer Buddies begins on September 13.

Millstone Day currently has thirty-one (31) organizations participating in the event. Inquiries from vendors are continuing to be received. It was raised if the MUTS, Pop Warner and Little League would be interested in holding games at Frogbridge during Millstone Day. Commission members will reach out to the group to see if they are interested. The Recreation tent will feature pumpkins and crafts, three Inflatables, Rock Wall Climbing and Bungee Jumping. A DJ, a singer for the National Anthem, student volunteers, Township personnel, and Mayor Kinsey have been confirmed and will be in attendance.

Summer Recreation Camp Recap Summer Camp will be placed on the October agenda so Gary Conk, Camp Director can present his recap in person.

Open Space Grant overview was provided by Mayor Bob Kinsey. The Open Space Grant proposal will be presented to the Monmouth County on September 17, 2014. Mayor Kinsey gave a presentation of Millstone Park Phase I located at Red Valley Road, Block 52. Lot 13. The focus of Phase I encompasses the development of six (6) multipurpose fields, a snack shed, bathrooms, parking lots, boat launch and passive recreation fishing. The Township has held a public meeting and a resolution is planned at the September 3rd Committee meeting to met the deadline for the grant application. Infrastructure will be put in including electrical, plumbing, and roads. Irrigation may draw from the ponds through pitching and grading which is more environmentally friendly. Development of Millstone Park will be funded exclusively through the Open Space tax. Future use of the field may be used to hold Soccer/Lacrosse tournaments which will generate revenue to the Township. An announcement of the winner of the grants will be in December at the earliest and the funds will be award between May and August.

Motion to approve minutes, 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			

Motion to adjourn, Moved T/Murphy, Seconded B/Hanson, Carried.

Adjourn

Meeting reopened at 10:32 p.m.

A motion to approve a submission of a letter of support for a Open Space Grant proposal for the development of Millstone Park - Phase One also known as Lot 13 Block 52. Phase one contains the following improvements:

- paved driveway and 2 parking lots
- 6 fields
- 1 or 2 tot lots
- restroom/snack and storage bldg.
- boat ramp
- fishing pier

The Vote by each commissioner, choices are (Ayes, Nays, Abstain, Absent) as follows:

Motion to adopt/table, Moved T/Murphy, Second B/Hanson, **Adopted.**

ROLL CALL:

MEMBER	Aye	Nay	Abstain	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			x

Motion to adjourn, Moved T/Murphy, Seconded A/Ferrara, **Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.