

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

August 4, 2008

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

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 6, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell, present; Rob Faber, present; Al Morrone, entered 8:20; Mike Turner, entered 8:20; Fiore Masci, present; Gary Dorfman, present; Bill Hanson, present; Bob Brown, present; Dominick Ricci, present.

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was not present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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Tom Banyacski, Jr (3 Sawmill Pond Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08510) Eagle scout, troop 116, working towards his life scout, along with C/Hanson presented the commission with details in regards to equipment and manufacturer they suggest for the proposed fitness trail at Abate Park. Tom advised his choice was based on type of equipment, price and availability. The manufacturer is TriActive America, located in California. The equipment is made from powder coated galvanized steel and shipped assembled and is available in green/tan. They offer a boyscout discount. It was asked if the warranty would be voided if the equipment was not installed by a contractor. Tom advised he inquired and was informed as long as a qualified adult supervised; the warranty would still be valid. Tom's choice of equipment was based on each piece of equipment working different muscles of the body. Rec commission was concerned in regards to the price of shipping and suggested out of the eight pieces to narrow it down to under \$5,000.00. After a brief discussion, he chose four pieces totaling \$3,350.00 before shipping. Rec commission also advised to investigate alternate shipping methods that cost less.

Motion to Approve

Budget and pieces of equipment, C/Masci, Seconded; C/Morrone, Carried. All in favor

**ROLL CALL: Jim Bell, aye; Rob Faber, aye; Al Morrone, aye; Mike Turner, aye;
Fiore Masci, aye; Gary Dorfman, aye; Bill Hanson, aye; Robert Brown, aye; Dominick, Ricci, aye**

C/Bell closed the meeting to the public at 8:34 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Background Check**
C/Bell stated all Recreation Commissioners should be required to have a background check. All commissioners presently have been fingerprinted for a criminal background check.

- **Speed and Agility program**
C/Turner advised the first season was a success, although ended a few weeks earlier as many participants were out of town on vacation. C/Turner stated he plans to run the program again next year.

- **Basketball**
Short discussion took place in regards to the recent Board of Ed meeting on proposed school building use fees. C/Bell advised it was discussed proposed fees of: Gym \$15.00; Cafeteria \$10.00; Class \$10.00. He went on to say the BOE President Tom Foley will try and make tonight's meeting. C/Brown was approached by Adam Lapkin, recreation's referee organizer, in regards to increasing the fee for referees by a \$1.00 per game increasing to \$36.00. C/Brown stated he will inquire what surrounding towns are paying.

- **Football/Cheerleading update**
C/Masci informed the commission, enrollment numbers are up from last year. Football division for ages 10, 11, 12 are maxed out and have officially closed. He advised any further enrollees are to be referred to Allentown's Pop Warner program.

- **Wagner Farm Park update**
C/Masci inquired if there is an ordinance prohibiting dogs in Millstone's Parks as there is large amount of dog feces on the fields. Signs need to be posted advising "no dogs allowed on fields" or "please pick up after your dog".

- **Brandywine Soccer Fields update**
C/Bell stated Bryan Walkley, President of Millstone's traveling soccer program has hired an engineer to realign the soccer fields and relocate the mouths of the goals, so they can be reseeded.

- **Summer Rec**
C/Bell advised enrollment of 317 campers up from 254 last year. Next year we need get competitive quotes for buses. Transportation figures have not been received yet, but we expect a major increase with the price of fuel. Camp had a few issues this year, the last day of camp, the water was shut down due to bacteria. DPW supplied bottled water and hand sanitizer was made available. A full report will be discussed at next month's meeting

- **Field Hockey**
Second season approaching this fall, enrollment is up and the program is taking off. Additional equipment will be purchased including goals to be placed at Abate Park.
- **Fishing Derby**
Fishing Derby was held Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Blackbear Day camp. C/Brown whom volunteered to officiate the event, advised he had a great time, 22 inches was the winning fish. He went on to say the event had a large turnout.
- **Millstone Day**
Date of Sunday, September 21, 2008. C/Bell inquired if Pop Warner's game will be home or away, C/Turner advised the game is home, which will generate more Millstone Day attendees. C/Bell requested of the commission, volunteers are needed for the event and any help will be appreciated. Discussion continued in regards to allowing private Millstone Twp businesses as vendors for a fee. C/Bell went on to say someone is needed to sing the national anthem, C/Masci advised the Pop Warner program uses a 10 year old girl, Emily Rosenthal, he will contact her family and inquire if she is available.
- Board of Education, President Tom Foley entered the meeting at 9:10 and spoke to the Commission. A long discussion took place in regards to the proposed increase of building use fees for the upcoming school year. He went on to explain the issues the BOE is facing and why the fee increase is needed. The Commission requested to be shown the expenditures of the schools, so the increase being proposed can be justifiable. Discussion ended, but dialogue needs to be on-going.
- **Approval of the June 2, 2008 Minutes**
Motion to approve: C/Bell **Seconded:** C/Masci

Motion to approve: Jim Bell, aye; Rob Faber, aye; Al Morrone, aye; Mike Turner, abstain; Fiore Masci, aye; Gary Dorfman, aye; Bill Hanson, aye; Bob Brown, aye; Dominick Ricci, aye

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Bell, Seconded C/Masci.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Vladimirov

cc: Township Committee
Jim Pickering
Maria Dellasala