

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wed, January 12, 2022 · 5:00 p.m.
Milton Municipal Building Community Room
and accessible by Zoom (see Page 2)

In attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi, Rod Moore, Ryan Bushey, John Lindsay (via Zoom), Irfan Sehic (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order - 5:07pm

2. Amendments to Agenda - None

3. Public Forum – None (Introduction of Irfan – welcome! Runs kettlebell through recreation.)

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – motion Rod, second Ryan

5. Recreation Department Report

- **FY23 Budget & CIP Update – Selectboard Approved Budget**
 - Dec 16th, sooner than anticipated; approved as is, no changes to previous version sent over email. Little changes to CIP; FY23 \$40,000 for field house HVAC and weatherization, \$8600 playground mulch, \$5500 for dog park fountain, \$7000 little league field improvements, \$10,000 general multisport surface repurposing (tennis courts and possibly basketball courts), in addition to yearly maintenance line. Will ask about trails and pathways.
- **Program Guide update**
 - Working on guide right now, goal is to release first official draft by next Wednesday, 1/17/22. May need to fine tune due to COVID. No changes after 1/31/22. Digital only, printing limited amount for summer ~500. Planning on doing favorites.
- **FY22 Park Projects and CIP**
 - Dog park: officially closed for winter, maintained by 4 volunteers. Storm damage was fixed, keeping hole in back for water drainage.
 - Mountain biking: excavator usage approved, just need to fill out a couple liability forms.
 - Disc Golf baskets: 9 old baskets picked up by Kris Dulmer and brought to middle school to be shared by school district.
 - Ice rink: will be done this year, just having weather and staffing issues, will be posted on Facebook when open.
 - Other FY22 Projects:
 - To be done by end of June: disc golf bridges, baseball field repair, tennis court benches and squeegees, fix port-o-let enclosure, painting horseshoe building, fix stump on east side near pavilion, try community garden again with upgrades (\$650 available – underground water source (?), raised beds, fencing), repairing gravel pathways in park in a few areas.
 - Lamoille river walk – hunting allowed. Close to private property. Bring concerns to Conservation Commission who stewards the property.
- **Events:**
 - December Wrap-Up:
 - Letters to Santa – normal year 100 – 120 letters, this year ~160, not enough volunteers but one volunteer took ~70 letters, mostly from Milton.
 - Human Rights Day – December 10th, acknowledged day and encouraged people to have discussions about it.
 - Holiday Decorating Contest – 8 participants, judges had a great time. Could we advertise better next year?
 - Holiday Light Parade – maximum amount of participants, last minute decided to have it. Could we advertise so that more people know it was happening? Could we make this a

regular event and swap it out with another December event to make the amount of events in December manageable?

○ Upcoming:

- Great Milton Bake Off - maybe, want to have in person but may not be able to with COVID.
- Winter Festival (Feb 11-13) – meeting with public safety tomorrow about viability of events with COVID. When locked in, will send schedule. Brochure by January 28th. Smaller, similar to last year.
- Park Spruce Up Day (April 9) – if weather is still bad, will be pushed later to after the egg hunt.
- Egg Hunt (April 16) – more updates next meeting.
- eSports – variety of games, could we include more?

6. Recreation Commission Report

- Joint meeting with Conservation Commission – Tuesday, Jan 25th, Feb 22nd, Mar 22nd is conservation commission meeting times. Or, they can come to one of our meetings at the end. Jenna will reach out.
- Volunteer opportunities – Winter Festival, Park Spruce Up Day, no concrete duties but will send via email.
- Recruitment – 5 members now, would like to get 2 more; Rod working with conservation commission to help with recruitment.
- Winter Festival Feb 11-13 – Updates/ideas from Rec Commission – teen involvement – set up an area “teen night”, plan party for younger kids, midnight egg hunt for teens, video game tournament, winter Olympics, skating race around Lake Arrowhead if ice is good, or other pond.

7. Motion to adjourn at 6:25pm by Rod, second Ryan

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Bushey
1/12/2022

Rod Wilson 3/9/22