

**Town of Milton, Vermont**  
**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday March 08, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.  
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Rod Moore, Ryan Bushey, Kim Thompson

Commissioners Absent: Emily Reinhardt, Alyson Humphrey

Staff in Attendance: Jenna Tucker Eugair, Ben Nappi

Public in Attendance: Sarah Metcalf

1. **Call to Order:** Rod – at 5:04 pm
2. **Amendments to Agenda** – None
3. **Public Forum** – None
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Question about members in attendance in last meeting. All members were present until Zoom failed. Missing Emily Reinhardt and Alyson Humphrey for remaining 20 minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Ryan Bushey seconded by Kim Thompson all approved.
5. **Recreation Commission Report**
  - a. Recreation Reports Updates – Kim reported that a replacement Ice Out clock should be here on Wednesday and will have it replaced. Found that moisture is getting into the current clock freezing up the hands over night. Kim is donating the clock.
  - b. Reviewed 2023 Goals – Discussed the topics of 2023 goals listed below, timeline of achieving the goals.
    1. Plan more multi-generational and family-focused programs and events (i.e. grown up/youth dances, outdoor family movies, etc.)
    2. Offer more adult programming (i.e. super bowl event, axe throwing, outdoor adult movies, etc.)
    3. Offer more recreation opportunities for middle and high school aged youth (i.e. more basketball courts, card games (Magic, Pokémon, etc.), video game events, outdoor teen movies)
    4. Continue to work toward large park projects, including hockey rink, skate park/bike park, and revamped softball fields
    5. Restructure the meetings and meeting agendas so that the Recreation Department and Recreation Commission reports are integrated to allow for a cohesive conversation.
    6. Better utilize the Recreation Commission webpage (quotes, pictures, etc.)
  - c. FY24 Budget – The budget passed at yesterday’s Town Meeting Day. Thank you to the voters for passing the budget as presented. American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) monies have also been finalized, Recreation is receiving a portion. More information to come on that.

d. Events

1. Winter Festival – Disc Golf had 43 registered participants, Snow shoeing had 4 participants, Harry Potter Cooking Class was full, Bonfire/Wiffle Ball had low participation, and sledding event at Sharp Park was canceled due to lack of snow. Jenna advised she's looking at changing the Winter Festival from weekend event to events spread out over the winter next year.
2. Ice Out – Ben and Jenna advised they have about 110 tickets sold so far, 2 locations that are assisting in selling haven't been contacted yet, so may have more there. Discussion about this and next year's event, sell for longer periods, sell at local events, awarding businesses who sell the most.
3. Upcoming Events – Egg Hunt (April 8). Will send out email to Commissioners to assist Easter Bunny filling the eggs, Park Spruce Up (April 15) looking to get the Mountain Bike trails into this. Green Up day (May 6) Inclusion Festival (May 6), Mother Day (May 13 or 14), Jenna is exploring an event. Music in the Park/ Farmers Market first one is set for June 13<sup>th</sup>.

e. Summer Camps – Should have Summer Camp information out by Friday. Hopefully having more camps this year. Hoping to have the Grange usable by then. Also will be using the school(s).

f. Large upcoming facility rentals – Color Run will again use the park for its event. Also approved is the Circus Smirkus planned for July 11-13 multiple shows each day expected 500-700 in attendance per show.

g. Park Projects

1. Tennis Courts – Vendor was approved, currently scheduling in July/Aug. USTA Grant upped to \$12,500 for project, Ben is working with USTA to finalize grant.
2. Mountain Bike Trails – No update, still looking towards grand opening early summer. Still need signage.
3. FY23 Projects – Jenna and Ben are working on finishing up a list of 2023 projects before the end of the budget season.

h. Volunteer Opportunities, Rec Commission work, Recruitment – Recruitment of more members was discussed. Attendee Sarah Metcalf attended to see what Commission work is like, we're hopeful to get an application from her. Jenna has also received an application and is work on processing that. Other members of

the community have also reached out, more information to come. Jenna is also checking age restrictions for Commission Student Representative.

- i. Joint Meeting with Conservation Commission – Discussion about setting up the annual joint meet. All agreed that Jenna could set up a meeting with their board when it's convenient. Rec board will meet at 5:00 pm, Joint meeting to start at 6 pm.

**6. Next Meeting April 12, 2023, at 6:37 p.m.**

**7. Adjournment** – Motion made by Kim Thompson to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., with a second by Ryan Bushey. Motion approved unanimously.

*Rita W Moore* <sup>by</sup>