

**Town of Milton, Vermont**  
**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 · 5:00 p.m.  
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Emily Reinhardt, Kim Thompson, Ryan Bushey

Staff in attendance: Ben Nappi

Public attendance: Lori Donna from Milton on the Move

1. Call to Order – Ryan at 5:00pm
2. Amendments to Agenda – None
3. Public Forum - None
4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion Kim, Second Emily, minutes approved
5. Recreation Commission Report

- Recreation Commission report and updates - None
- Update from Milton on the Move: Rec & Community Center (5:15 PM) – task force to develop recreation community facility. Reviewed strategy, as provided by handout. Trying to work in unison with town to move forward. Steps – Collection of Information, Facilities Design, Location, Funding/Partners. Approaching business in town to get feedback. Revenue sources possibly from regional teams and towns. Makes sense to be centrally located. Funds being requested on behalf of the recreation department via the task force, which needs to be voted on by commission. ARPA funds place recreation facility plans top on their list of support. Deadline for ARPA obligated funds is December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, Expended by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Goal for completion: would not need to go to a vote, so goal through purchase of land, feasibility study before bond vote to get “shovel ready”

Motion by Ryan to vote to advise the Recreation Department to move to next steps for recreation facility – All in favor

- Volunteer opportunities/Rec Commission work
  - o Touch-a-Truck Sep. 17 – Kim’s been doing a bunch of work, thank you! Rod and Ryan will help too. Trucks will be there at 8am, volunteers will be there at that time, meet at either office or field house
  - o Trunk or Treat Oct. 28 (need all hands on deck) – one of biggest events of year
  - o MHS day of service – helped with disc golf trails, mountain bike trails, river street park, inside grange, graveyard
  - o Weeding at Community Garden & Fruit Tree Grove – a bunch that needs to be done, if anybody likes to do gardening work, or students needing community service hours
- Recruitment – no updates

6. Recreation Department Report

- Building Communities: Recreation Facilities Grant approval – last week approved to apply for grant through state of Vermont, to be used for resurfacing of tennis and pickle ball courts. Will hear back in mid-October.

- Park Projects

- o Tennis Courts Update – still waiting on both grants; hopeful completed first thing in spring of 2023

- o Bombardier Park Trails – working on GPS mapping the trails and next steps for re-blazing and updating

- o Mountain Bike Trails – nearing completion

- Events:

- o Wrap-up: Music in the Park – huge success, record setting attendance, over 2500 people. Farmers market still going on through end of September

- o Upcoming: Touch a Truck, Farewell Summer event, Trunk or Treat – Farewell Summer last day of farmers market and do a movie night as well as other ideas

- Annual VRPA Conference on Recreation – Statewide conference Oct 12-13 in Fairlee

- o Commissioners welcome to attend.

7. Next Meeting Wed, October, 12 2022 at 5pm.

- Proposal to move date to Oct 5 or Oct 19, or another date as the Commission sees fit, due to Conference on Recreation. – Moved to October 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion Ryan, Second Emily

Adjourn at 6:24pm – Motion Ryan, Second Emily

Submitted RB 9/14/22

 10/19/2022