

Town of Milton, Vermont
Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 5:00pm
Milton Municipal Building Community Room

Commissioners in attendance: Emily Reinhardt, Ryan Bushey, Aly Humphrey

Commissioners via Zoom: Rod Moore, Kim Thompson

Staff in Attendance: Jenna Eugair

1. Call to Order – 5:11pm

2. Amendments to Agenda - None

3. Public Forum - None

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – motion Emily, seconded by Aly

5. Recreation Commission Report

- Recreation Commission report and updates - none

- Volunteer opportunities/Rec Commission work

- o Thanks to all RC members for their help with fall events!

- o Holiday events – Kim is taking on decorating contest, thank you Kim, would like help with tree lighting; elves and helper for food drive. Saturday, December 3rd. Also letters to Santa

- Recruitment – Kim has a friend, Sarah, who is interested and may come in the future. May have students in mind for the future

6. Recreation Department Report

- Grange update – Selectboard officially voted to purchase the grange for \$290,000 with ARPA grant funding. Grange is \$200,000, \$90,000 for renovations plus CIP funds as well. Hope to be back in there for January.

- The Milton Guide – Similar to St. Albans guide with businesses and event, places to stay and eat, etc. All major community events will be in guide as well as community spaces

- Park Projects

- o Tennis Courts Update – RFP put out for tennis courts, USTA grant can't be finalized until selecting vendor. Today, feedback from vendors stated RFP was too specific and wouldn't bid unless it was changed. Either give up USTA grant money and go with vendor, or wait and see for another vendor. Bids will be due on November 22nd and hopefully schedule for May or June of 2023.

o Mountain Bike Trails – Fellowship of the Wheel offered to help with maintenance, signage, planning out connector to Lela Mae Place. Met with Rick Sharp about connecting to Sharp Park and made next step plan to connect up to Cobble Hill.

o Community Garden & Grove – Garden closed for gardening but extended time for clean up for two weeks for composting and planning plots for next year. Would like to tarp and see if that helps stop grass from growing probably, done in 1.5 weeks roughly. Successful summer, could use a second garden next year. Will get Kris Dulmer out close up grove.

- Events

o Wrap-up: Trunk or Treat – about 2000 people. 2019 had 1000-1200 people, 2021 had about 1500 people, so significant jump. 24 vendors, may stretch it out further next year. Wait for line was about 45 minutes at peak. Rod feedback – have line go into soccer fields rather than near softball fields for next year. Could crossing the road be an issue? Only one complaint heard, most positive feedback. Aly and Emily – running rec commission trunk went well, could possibly have one more volunteer.

o Upcoming: Letters to Santa starting by 9/18 by putting boxes out and mail letter by 12/10; Holiday Decorating Contest roughly planned for 12/13 voting with in person judging 12/14 ending 12/20; Tree Lighting 12/3 from 6pm – 7pm with Santa, treats for kids, cocoa, light the tree, Don will give speech, food drive with incentive, maybe band; Holiday Concert & Luncheon is 12/11 in high school auditorium and luncheon at historical museum; Human Rights Day is 12/10 virtually acknowledge the day with posts and discussion prompts; Holiday Light Parade is 12/16 and we'll get people to register and check people in the day of, police will lead it.

o Winter Festival – traditionally second weekend of February leading up to Valentine's day. Super Bowl is scheduled for that Sunday, last year nobody showed up. Should we keep with tradition and do events for Sunday that don't clash with football / not do anything, OR move to next weekend? Trimming down Sunday or go with different weekend is feedback

- Budget & CIP FY24 – officially submitted budget proposal, will be reviewed by town offices. Plan to present to selectboard in mid-December. Summary of report is similar to previous year with increases on "cost of living". Big proposal is move camp counselor money into program expenses. \$1500 kept for junior counselors. Overall net budget increasing by only 3%.

7. Next Meeting Wed, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment of Recreation Commission Meeting – motion Emily, seconded by Aly.


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