

**Millis Recreation Committee
900 Main Street, Room 128
Millis, MA 02054
February 4, 2019, 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mike Banks, Sue Vara, Tim Davis, Pam Mustard, Erin LeBlanc, Sharon Locke and Kris Fogarty.

Absent: Steve Cassidy

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM:

Chairman, Mike Banks called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Skate Park Project

John & Declan Corcoran came to the meeting to discuss their plan of building a Skate Park here in Millis. They've done a lot of research and provided some maps and ideas for this project. Discussion revolved around where the park would be located (currently the thought is in the general area of the Extended Day buildings which will be removed this summer). Both John & Declan plan to meet with the School Committee within the next couple of weeks to discuss this to get approval for the land use.

If the School Committee does approve the land use, the next steps would be to have a designer come up with the plan, for a Committee (with kids involved), fundraising, and the establishment of a "kids club".

The proposal for this skate park is a "plaza style" design without the "pool" in the center. The logic is the "pool" area would limit the amount of skateboarders using the facility and it adds to the cost. For a 7000 square foot park would cost approximately \$200,000 (without the "pool").

The funding for this project would mainly come from fundraisers and input from local businesses. The timing of this project would be good once the extended day facilities were taken down as the ground with that project would be somewhat level, saving money for site work.

Also discussed were some options for funding through the community such as the Community Preservation Committee funding.

Motion by Tim Davis, seconded by Pam Mustard for Chairman Banks to submit a letter of recommendation for the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Presentation

Recreation Director, Kris Fogarty told the Committee she has an appointment with the Town Administrator and the Town Finance Director to discuss her budget tomorrow, February 5th at 10:00 am.

She will present her budget to the Board of Selectmen on Saturday, February 9th at 9:00 am. Included in this budget is a request for reclassification, as she has met the limit five years ago. Also included is a request to fully fund the Recreation Director's salary.

Motion by Sue Vara, seconded by Erin LeBlanc to request Chairman Mike Banks to support/endorse the Millis Recreation Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Space/Recreation Plan

There will be a meeting held on February 7th in Room 229 at 7:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Conflict of Interest Reminder

Mike Banks made a reminder to complete the training and bring a copy of the certificate to the Recreation Department.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion by Pam Mustard, seconded by Tim Davis to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2019 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was general discussion of grant writing and potential fees being raised due to the increase in minimum wage. This will be further discussed at our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 8:10 PM

Motion by Pam Mustard, seconded by Erin LeBlanc to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be on March 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan K. Vara