

**Millis Recreation Committee  
900 Main Street, Room 128  
Millis, MA 02054  
April 8, 2019, 6:30 pm  
Meeting Minutes**

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

Absent: Sharon Locke

Guest: Jim McKay, Director of Public Works

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 PM:**

Chairman, Mike Banks called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion with Jim McKay, Director of the Department of Public Works**

Guest, Jim McKay came to the meeting to discuss his concerns for both the Town Park field and the field behind the Clyde Brown School. He would like to shut down the fields after the spring season is over (for example: softball, baseball and soccer).

His proposal consists of shutting one field down at a time. He feels the fields would really benefit being closed down until this time next year in order to properly seed, fertilize and irrigate the turf. Since the Recreation Department is in charge of the fields, he wanted to bring his concerns to the attention of this Committee to get their input.

Discussion also included the maintenance of the fields, scheduling of the fields, possibly asking the Community Preservation Commission if funding could be available to purchase a white covering that would improve the growth of the grass, and utilizing some monies the Department of Public Works has available to replace the fencing at the Town Park.

In the future, there is a possibility of new fields being built by a developer in Town. These plans have not been finalized and would not be available for use for a few years.

Chairman, Mike Banks will speak with the Board of Selectmen about creating a Committee for Town Fields and proposing resting of the fields in the summer.

**Flag Football**

Recreation Director, Kris Fogarty has received an email from Jason Kiggen regarding the field usage fee that Millis Flag Football pays. The Millis Flag Football Board of Directors are not happy with the condition of the field.

Since we are considering closing down the field after the spring sports are complete, this may be the year that Flag Football needs to utilize other town's fields. It was expressed in the email that they have utilized other fields at a substantially lower cost. While the Recreation Committee would like to have Flag Football back in the future, the Committee Chairman will respond to Jason Kiggen with a letter suggesting that they use other fields.

Recreation Director, Kris Fogarty is in agreement with shutting down the fields, but would like the Town Park to be available for the Buddy Bowl, which is an annual charity event, and she would also like the Clyde Brown field available for Recreation Soccer in the fall.

#### **Autumn Road Race**

The proposed road race was briefly discussed and will be further addressed at an upcoming meeting.

#### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**Motion by Tim Davis, seconded by Erin LeBlanc to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2019 as written. The motion carried with one abstaining and four in favor.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT 7:55 PM**

**Motion by Steve Cassidy, seconded by Erin LeBlanc to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The next Recreation Committee meeting will be on April 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:

Susan K. Vara