

**Millis Recreation Committee
900 Main Street, Room 128
Millis, MA 02054
July 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mike Banks, Erin LeBlanc, Pam Mustard, Tim Davis, Steve Cassidy, and Sharon Locke

Absent: Kris Fogarty and Susan Vara

CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 PM:

Chairman, Mike Banks called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Fields Update:

Jim McKay can do the leveling of the fields. DPW has the basic equipment to do it. Doing this in house will be a significant cost reduction. Any potential CPC money will support the operations. Potential grants should also be looked into. It was suggested that a price also be put on the in-kind donation of the DPW department so that the CPC board can see that the recreation committee is looking for cost effective ways to fix the fields. Mike Banks is looking closely to see how fees come into town for the field use and how those fees can be used for directly for field maintenance and up keep. Mike Banks and Jim McKay are working on a maintenance plan

The Tresca Housing Development has two options and one option has a multi-use all-purpose field. The Oak Grove Farm Commission is also in favor of a new field on the Oak Grove property as long as it is a small field. The Oak Grove field would only be pursued if Tresca Housing does not build the multi-purpose field on their property. The selectmen would like the recreation committee to find ways to incorporate seniors and senior recreation into the field projects.

Field timeline: Looking for the money to level the field at the 2019 fall town meeting with the work done in the spring of 2020. The field would be off line and rested in the Fall of 2020. Mike Banks has already spoken to the youth sports users to make them aware that this potentially will be happening.

Pickleball

The Millis Public Schools do not support pickleball lines on the tennis courts. Selectman Barnes called the USTA rep for the area and was told that there are no USTA regulations that preclude pickleball lines on tennis courts. The MIAA also has no rules that preclude pickle ball lines on tennis courts that are used in high school tennis matches. The Selectmen will be talking to the School Officials about the playing of pickleball on the tennis courts.

Revolving Funds:

Mike Banks submitted a letter to the selectman on behalf of the recreation committee stating that there should be no more waiting on the transfer of funds. Selectman Barnes responded that that the delay had to do with transferring funds from free cash money into the 35/65 split for benefits. The recreation committee takes the firm stand that the Town of Millis voted to support 100% of the Recreation Director's benefits at the annual town meeting. It is not clear how it has been reallocated. Mike Banks asked the selectmen to have the budget adjusted accordingly for next year.

Upcoming Events

Splash Day is August 7th

Minutes Approval from June 17, 2019

Motion by Pam Mustard and seconded by Tim Davis to approve the meeting minutes for the June 17, 2019 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval from July 11, 2019

Motion by Pam Mustard and seconded by Tim Davis to approve the meeting minutes for the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes with the amended next meeting date of July 25th. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting is TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon B. Locke