

**Millis Recreation Committee
900 Main Street, Room 128
Millis, MA 02054
June 17, 2019, 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mike Banks, Tim Davis, Erin LeBlanc, Sharon Locke, Steve Cassidy, and Sue Vara.

Absent: Kris Fogarty, Pam Mustard

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 PM:

Chairman, Mike Banks called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman, Mike Banks brought to the Committee's attention the deadline for completing your online ethics training is July 1st. He reminded those who have not completed this training to please do so prior to the deadline and email the certificate of completion to Karen Bouret.

Road Race

The discussion regarding the road race began with needing some type of draw to this event. In the past, the idea was to have vendors from different towns participate with a cost of \$40 for a "booth" area. Bringing in vendors relating to health and wellness are thought to bring more people. The concern with vendors is the Police Department is hosting an event called National Night Out and they are reaching out to local businesses to participate as a vendor free of charge. This committee feels that we should go ahead with limited vendors.

Discussion also included how many volunteers we will need, getting in touch with various departments such as Police, Fire, and DPW, sponsorships, and in-house registration. Tim Davis will get in touch with Bay State Chip Timing to coordinate our road race with them and take care of the contract.

At our next meeting, we need to be sure to check with the Board of Selectmen regarding permission to host the race, where the route of the race will be, if there will be access to the Town Hall for bathrooms, etc. Mike asked Erin if she could "fine tune" the proposal for the race coming up with the general information of a master list of responsibilities including how many volunteers will be needed.

Fields

Chairman, Mike Banks, has had discussions with the Board of Selectmen (BOS). The BOS would like the Recreation Committee to be in charge of the field(s) status which would include a proposal of funding, order of which fields getting done, maintenance schedule, need, policies, and scope of work. The BOS would like this proposal presented at the Fall, 2019 Town Meeting, therefore, the committee will be meeting at least three times per month over the summer.

The need of fields has not gone away, but the proposal that went to Town Meeting a few years ago failed, partially because of the price was too high, it felt like it was a take it or leave it proposition, and it seemed that the community as a whole wouldn't benefit from fields—that it was only helping youth athletics.

Some of the discussion also revolved around how the scheduling of the field use would work and the maintenance costs and schedule, possible fundraising ideas for the costs, approaching CPC to request money to restore the existing fields, and how to make the entire community feel welcome to use the facilities.

Inclusion Programming

The Committee discussed inclusive programming. With the \$10,000 grant obtained through David Linsky, discussion revolved around local communities who have run programs and some contact information. The hope is to have some programming available for this coming Fall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee member, Sharon Locke wanted to discuss how to assist Kris (Recreation Director) with getting her salary and benefits paid for through the general fund as opposed to the Recreation 53E and one-half Fund.

Chairman Banks stated that Kris, Carol Johnson (Finance Director), Mike Guzinski (Town Administrator) and he have met to discuss this issue. They have another meeting planned for later this week.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion by Sue Vara and seconded by Steve Cassidy to approve the meeting minutes for the June 3, 2019 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 8:47 PM

Motion by Mike Banks, seconded by Erin LeBlanc to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan K. Vara