



Milford Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes

March 8, 2023

Attendees: Ruth Sheff, John Murphy, Bethany Haerinck, Karen Desjardins, Stacy Cusack, Kierstyn Williamson, Zachary Williamson, JT Clough (Program Director), Arene Berry (Director), Patricia Nickerson

Chairman Zach opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

Ruth Sheff is voting for Paul Bartolomucci.

Appointments: Jerry Guthrie and Bill Parker - Vietnam Memorial.

Jerry and Bill presented photos of the plan for the Vietnam Memorial to be erected at the site of the WWII Memorial on the Milford oval. Great progress has been made on this project. Fundraising efforts include the sale of memorial bricks and T-shirts. The Town of Milford website has information for anyone interested.

John moved and Ruth seconded the motion for the Commission to purchase a brick inscribed "Milford Recreation Commission". All voted in favor of the motion.

Director's Report

- The Revolving Fund Balance is \$61,798.05.
- John moved and Stacy seconded the motion to purchase a bench for approximately \$200. The bench would be used at various events such as the Someone Special Dances and Breakfast with Santa. All voted in favor of the motion.
- Arene recognized the various sponsors who are supporting the Departments' events and programs.

Discussion Items

- Playground equipment repairs are needed at Keyes and Shepard Parks. The Milford Trust is paying for the Shepard Park repairs. The Keyes Park repairs are included in the town budget proposals.
- Ice Rink warming hut - The hut is in need of some repair. Arene is looking for a contractor.
- Flamingo Event - This is a new fundraising event whereby a dozen pink plastic flamingoes will be placed on various lawns around the town. A resident can pay a fee to have the flamingoes placed on a lawn of their choice and/or to refuse the flamingoes on their lawn.
- Arene presented a list of 2023 event dates that will require volunteers.
- JT is applying for a grant from AARP to provide for a walking path connecting the fitness stations, the bridge and the parking lot at Keyes Memorial Park.
- JT reviewed the many programs, trips and events sponsored by the Department.
- Easter Egg Hunt - Volunteers are needed to stuff eggs on Tuesday, March 14 at the Town Hall.
- Volunteers are needed at the Easter Event which takes place on Saturday, April 1, at Keyes Park starting at 10AM.
- January minutes - John moved and Kierstyn seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January. All voted in favor.
- The Commission voted in favor of the following people as officers for 2023: Zach Williamson as Chairperson, John Murphy as Vice Chairperson, and Bethany Haerinck as Recording Secretary. Our thanks to all three of them.

Pending Items

- Interested in volunteering? Go to www.milfordrec.com. Click left side "volunteer form."

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Stacy moved and John seconded the motion to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Nickerson