Milford Recreation Commission
Feb. 11, 2009

Attendees:

Walter Smith	Scott Hembrow	Bill McKinney	Kevin Federico
Nicole Banks	Claudia Lemaire	Joan Dargie	Joe Pavolaitis
Tim Finan	Bill Ruoff	Rick Mossey	Chuck Deprima

The following minutes were recorded by Walter Smith:
7:08 p.m. Meeting called to order

Joan Dargie reported on the 2008 season of the concession stand at Keyes Field. She said she paid $2700.00 in salaries. The concession stand made $1161.10 for the season. Joan handed the chairman a check for $111.61 per the lease agreement. The commission discussed changing the lease for the 2009 season to a flat rate rent and omit the percentage of sales clause. Joan said the concession stand lost $1700.00 the first year, broke even in the second year, and made more than $1100 in year three. Bill Ruoff said he expects Keyes to have a busy year with the economy being poor and the recreation department having many new programs in the works. Joan added that the concession stand also provided paying jobs for high school students. Nicole Banks said the concession stand may need a new window screen. Bill McKinney said the town can make a screen at relatively low cost. Bill Rouff said he will work with Connie Kelleher to obtain the materials needed. Nicole asked that Connie talk to Joan to address usability concerns. A vote on the proposed contract changes was tabled as the commission did not have a quorum without Joan's participation.

Chuck Deprima told the commission he is interested in the vacant position. He said he works for the Manchester Recreation Department, and is in charge of 75 parks, two pools, a baseball stadium and other areas. He added he oversees all school outdoor facilities, the Derryfield Golf Course, and the Macintyre Ski Area. The commission agreed he would make a good addition and Walter Smith will send a letter of recommendation to the board of selectmen.

Joe Pavolaitis of the Senior Center Committee asked the commission for $300.00 to cover the application fee for their non-profit status. He said the senior center opened in September. About 15 seniors attend every Tuesday. Among the programs offered are Meals on Wheels, cooking classes, and various demonstrations. He said it is becoming a regional center, as seniors from neighboring towns are frequently attending. Joe said he would like to continue working with the Recreation Department. He added they have a preliminary budget, are looking for a coordinator, and hope to have a membership drive this spring. Senior Center Vice-Chairman Liz Snell volunteered to be a representative to the recreation commission. Nicole said she would invite Liz to attend the March meeting.

Motion: Bill McKinney moved to donate $300.00 to the Milford Area Senior Center to pay for their non-profit application. Joan Dargie seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bill Skinner of the American Legion sent a fee waiver request and permission for a weekend tournament fund-raiser. In previous years the commission waived the fee for the 90 foot baseball diamond at Keyes Field in lieu of in-kind services.

Motion: Bill McKinney made a motion to waive the fee for 2009 pending in-kind services. Joan Dargie seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The commission discussed the fee waiving requests for special events should not include extra costs such as additional porta-potties and trash removal.

Motion: Joan Dargie made a motion to waive field fees for the baseball tournament for June 19-21, not including excess costs such as trash removal and porta-potty cleaning. Rick Mossey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bill Ruoff told the commission that he is very concerned about the lack of progress in the building of softball dugouts at Keyes Field. Bill McKinney said the dugouts were discussed at a recent Sports Consortium meeting and made the high school and MCAA aware the fields would be unavailable until the dugouts are completed. Kevin Federico, MCAA President, said it is the intention of the MCAA and softball coordinator Mike Carson to get the dugouts completed as soon as possible. He said work on completing the dugouts would take place the weekend of Feb. 14. Bill Ruoff advised that teams are looking to get onto the fields as early as the beginning of March. Kevin said he understood that and added he hoped to begin repairs to the soccer field damaged by a cement truck as soon as weather and snow melt allowed.

Bill Ruoff said Kaley Park should be usable in fall 2009. He added that town administrator Guy Scaife would like to see a gate at the entrance instead of the chain currently there.

Nicole said the recreation department is looking into offering conflict resolution training for pool and summer staff. Joan said she would like the program available to staff at the concession stand as well.

Bill Ruoff said about a dozen people were expelled from Keyes Field in 2008. He said the expulsion notices were served by the police department, which worked very well last year to keep the park family friendly.

Nicole said the town is looking into have ice skating on a local pond next winter, as the Community House site for an ice rink is not a feasible location.

Nicole said the Swim team did a great job fund-raising in 2008 and finished the year in the black.

She also proposed minor adjustments to the 2009 fee schedule and the Boys and Girls' club would like to participate in swim lessons next summer.