

Millis Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm. Present were Interim Director Kris Fogarty and Committee members Paula Norton, Pam Mustard, and Sue Vara.

Upcoming events which will require the committee's help are: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—March 27<sup>th</sup>—needs volunteers to run. Spring Registration is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the Veteran's Memorial Building, Room 130.

The Carnival is coming back to town on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Rick Barrett from the Millis Fire Department is looking into having fireworks at the Carnival. In the past, he has received a donation from Roche Bros. for the bulk of the cost of the fireworks, the Recreation Department has committed to \$1,000 to go towards the fireworks (hoping to attract people to both the Carnival and the fireworks!). At the Carnival, the South Eastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band will play and Jesse Green (the chainsaw guy) will carve a town related figure out of a log! Both the band and Jesse Green are being paid through a grant from the Cultural Council.

The Millis Recreation Department currently has \$51,144.47 in the budget.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kris will formally be appointed the Millis Recreation Director.

Also, the Recreation Department has worked with the Millis Department of Public Works (DPW) to improve some of the town's outdoor recreation facilities. Last summer, the DPW repaved both the outdoor basketball courts and the tennis courts. Kris proposed that the Millis Recreation Department purchase new nets for the basketball hoops there. The cost of the nets (including installation) will be \$3500.

The double edition Spring/Summer brochure was discussed. It will be ready to mail out on March 16 once it is picked up at the printer.

It was asked what some of the biggest draws (most revenue) to the Recreation Department were. Soccer and Basketball programs draw the most revenue.

The possibility of a "town pool" was discussed. That would be far off in the future, but the possible site would be near the bandstand at the Town Park.

The Pumpkin Stroll was also another topic of conversation. Kris is wondering whether or not to run it this year. In 2008, the Pumpkin Stroll was new and "prizes" were easily obtained, but in 2009, there seemed to be less people

interested in entering a pumpkin and it was decided that the prize should be a certificate leaving the winner (for the second year in a row) asking if that was all there was for a prize. Requesting donations from local businesses in this economy has been difficult and we try to limit our requests as much as possible.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be an adult Bowling Night at Ryan Family Amusements that is being run through the Recreation Department.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.