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AGENDA

City of Milton

Parks & Recreation Commission

Monday, October 20, 2014

6:00 p.m.

MILTON COMMUNITY HOUSE

20 Parkview Drive

1. Call to order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes – September 15, 2014
4. Discussion and possible action on reconsideration of the Milton Area Veterans Memorial Brick Application submitted by Retired Sgt. Miller
5. Discussion and possible action on the Air Products Ice Rink hours of operation
6. Discussion and possible action on the Tails ‘n Trails Dog Park Clean Up Day – November 1, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
7. General Items
8. Next Meeting – November 17, 2014
9. Motion to Adjourn

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Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Common Council may be present at this meeting at the above mentioned date and time to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the City Council pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis. 2d 553, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993) and must be noticed as such, although the City Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

Posted by: Leanne Schroeder
10/17/14

City of Milton
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes
September 15, 2014

Call to order

Chairperson Ryan Peterson called the September 15, 2014 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Present: Karen Reed, Ald. Lynda Clark, James Bostwick, Chairperson Ryan Peterson, Ald. Don Vruwink, and Jen Cramer.

Also Present: Director of Public Works Howard Robinson, Lonnie Brown, John Dorn, and Assistant to the City Administrator Inga Cushman. Dick Fry and Erich Pechmann arrived at 6:29 p.m.

Excused Absence: Andrea Christianson.

Approve Agenda

Ald. Clark motioned to approve the agenda. Ald. Vruwink seconded, and the motion carried.

Approve Minutes – August 18, 2014

Comm. Bostwick motioned to approve the minutes. Comm. Reed seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Wally Brown Memorial

Assistant Cushman explained that Lonnie Brown is interested in donating a flower sculpture with a bee on top in memory of her husband, Wally Brown, to South Goodrich Park near the splash pad.

J. Dorn explained that the memorial will be a flower approximately 8 feet tall with a 6 foot wide flower with a bee on top. It will be painted with welded grasses around the flower.

Comm. Bostwick motioned to recommend to Council to accept the donation of a flower sculpture from Lonnie Brown. Comm. Reed seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion followed on the potential location for the memorial.

Ald. Clark motioned to continue the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at City Hall due to the weather. Ald. Vruwink seconded, and the motion carried.

Ald. Vruwink motioned to reconvene the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 6:29 p.m. at City Hall. Comm. Bostwick seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding reconsideration of the Milton Area Veterans Memorial Brick Application submitted by Retired Sgt. Miller

Assistant Cushman stated that Mayor Brett Frazier requested that this item be reconsidered after a Letter to the Editor from Retired Sgt. Miller appeared in the Milton Courier. D. Fry stated that there was an additional letter to the editor in favor of the brick in the Milton Courier from Stuart Carlson. Discussion on the brick followed. Members of the commission have discussed the brick with various individuals that are both in favor of placing the brick as presented and not in favor of placing the brick as presented.

Comm. Bostwick motioned to table the item until the next meeting, and Comm. Bostwick will contact Retired Sgt. Miller. Ald. Vruwink seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the Milton Area Veterans Memorial Gold Star Families and Purple Heart Memorials

D. Fry showed samples of the granite to the commission. The American Legion will be donating the funds for the Purple Heart Memorial, but donations will need to be collected for the Gold Star Families Memorial. The Gold Star Families Memorial will be \$5,300 and the Purple Heart Memorial will be \$5,100. Both memorials will be installed by Memorial Day, 2015.

Comm. Bostwick motioned to approve the design for the Purple Heart and the Gold Star Families Memorials as presented. Comm. Reed seconded, and the motion carried.

Comm. Reed motioned to accept D. Fry as the fundraiser for these memorials. Comm. Bostwick seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the Crossridge Park Playground

Assistant Cushman stated that the Cruise Line broke and was repaired by Lee Recreation very quickly.

Discussion and possible action on the Crossridge Park Playground Sign

The commission asked that "Thanks to the over 50 volunteers that helped on Build Day on August 23, 2014" be added to the bottom of the sign, correct Gold Sponsors to Platinum Sponsors, and make room for some additional sponsors on the sign.

Comm. Reed motioned to approve the sign with the changes discussed. Ald. Vruwink seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Crossridge Park Seed Collection

Assistant Cushman stated she received a call from Dave Bendlin stating that he is available on October 11th, not October 18th as was originally discussed by the Commission. Comm. Reed motioned to have the seed pick on October 11, 2014 with a 9 a.m. start at Crossridge Park. Comm. Bostwick seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the Milton College Historic District Sign

Assistant Cushman stated that the current sign needs to be replaced, and two options were shown in the packet. The new sign will be placed in the same spot as the current sign.

Ald. Vruwink motioned to approve the location of the sign. Comm. Bostwick seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on additions to the King Park Disc Golf Course

Comm. Bostwick motioned to table this item until spring. Comm. Reed seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on addition of concrete bean bag games to City of Milton parks

Comm. Bostwick motioned to table this item until the next meeting. Ald. Vruwink seconded, and the motion carried. Chairperson Peterson will bring more information to the next meeting.

Reports and Updates (The following items will not have any action taken.)

a) **Goodrich Square Splash Pad**

Assistant Cushman stated the Splash Pad officially closed for the season on September 14, 2014.

b) **Tails n Trails Dog Park**

Ald. Clark asked about the donation recognition sign for the dog park. Chairperson Peterson said it is ready, but he needs a list of donors. Assistant Cushman stated she will send him a list.

Assistant Cushman stated there is a clean-up coming up in November, and the clean-up will be on the next agenda.

c) **YMCA**

No report.

d) **Milton School Recreation Programs**

No report.

General Items

Ald. Vruwink thanked everyone for their help on Build Day.

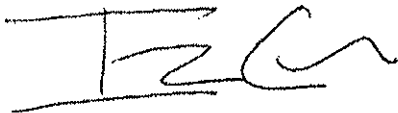
Set Next Meeting Date – October 20, 2014

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be on October 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

Comm. Bostwick motioned to adjourn the September 15, 2014 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission at approximately 7:44 p.m. Comm. Reed seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Inga Cushman
Assistant to the City Administrator

Letter: Why was memorial brick denied?

By James Debilzen | Managing Editor | Posted: Thursday, August 28, 2014 6:00 am

To the Milton Veterans Memorial Committee:

Many years ago, I fought for your country and mine. Many years ago, I gave blood for your country and mine. Not through the Red Cross, but from the holes in my body lying in a rice paddy full of human waste. I didn't want a bench with my name on it or my name on the honorary roll of the deceased, but a piece of rock 16 inches by 16 inches with the following:

He went to hell September of '68.

He came home November '69 from Vietnam.

Forward Observer.

Alpha Co. 1st of the 20th, 11th Brigade, American Division.

Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star.

Denied because of a place called hell?

Sgt. Dude Miller, retired

Letter: Miller earned memorial brick inscription

Posted: Friday, September 12, 2014 10:10 am

I was surprised that the inscription on the paver of Dude Miller was denied by the Parks Committee or city because it included the noun hell, which is exactly how most veterans who saw combat would describe it. For those that remember, Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier in World War II, was in a movie describing his heroic service for our country; It was named "To Hell And Back."

The hell that Dude Miller and other combat veterans go through doesn't end by coming home. The memories endure for many years and, for most, their entire lifetimes. The service they perform allow countless others to enjoy the freedoms so uniquely enjoyed in this country.

The individuals who made the decision to deny Dude Miller's paver should have read beyond the noun hell. The man risked his life, was wounded and received both the Bronze Star and Silver Star. These medals are awarded for gallantry and few attain them. If you were to ask a veteran if they object to Dude's paver, they would all say, "No, he earned it and we are proud to have him with us in the park."

I was at the dedication and heard various speakers recognize the City Council, former mayor, department heads, former councilmen and citizens that serve on the parks committee. It's time to thank Dude Miller and veterans like him. He earned his paver, including how it should be inscribed.

Stu Carlson, Mosinee, Milton Class of 1964

Community Voices: 'Hell' is a fitting word for war horrors

By Brett Frazier | Milton Mayor | Posted: Friday, October 17, 2014 8:33 am

I've never been to war. I'm a part of a generation that hasn't been asked to sacrifice the way previous generations have. I have never experienced the hell of war because other Americans, other citizens of Milton, did.

Recently there's been discussion of a memorial brick that was requested by Sgt. Dude Miller at the Milton Area Veterans Memorial, but has yet to be approved. The requested inscription is:

He went to hell September of '68.

He came home November '69 from Vietnam.

Forward Observer.

Alpha Co. 1st of the 20th, 11th Brigade, American Division.

Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star.

Our Parks & Recreation Commission has done an amazing job, with the help of countless others in the community, to call into being a memorial that was long overdue.

This body has been responsible for the approval of bricks in the memorial and when presented with this inscription they paused to consider it, and they have yet to approve this brick.

I became aware of this issue when I read a letter to the editor in the Courier on September 12. I have had a chance to speak with members of the commission and I've tried to understand their reasons for not approving the inscription. I respect and appreciate their concerns regarding the use of the word "hell" on a brick. I just disagree with their conclusion in this case.

I have friends and acquaintances who served in Vietnam. Decades later the scars of that conflict are still evident on their faces and in their lives. I've listened to veterans talk about the experience and I am told that "hell" is a generously restrained description of the horrors faced in that foreign land at that time and in that conflict.

Sgt. Miller specifically came home with the Purple Heart after being wounded in battle, the Bronze Star which is awarded for acts of heroism or merit, and the Silver Star given for gallantry in action. He did his duty to this country. He, as his letter to the editor states, "gave blood for your country and mine" and I am eternally grateful for his service and his sacrifice.

A member of the commission asked me what I would think of my kids seeing the word "hell" on a

brick. I answered that I think the memorial is an opportunity for parents to talk to our kids about the very real sacrifices made by people from our community, and I want my kids to know that war is not a game, it's hell.

In government we are often put in positions of trying to balance two equally rational points of view and it is our task to determine a course and to be willing to defend those decisions to the people we are elected or appointed to serve. Goodness knows I've made my share of decisions that have prompted calls and emails from those who disagree with my analysis and conclusion. In some of those cases, when appropriate, I have reconsidered my stance or decision based on new information and I have been willing to alter course.

In government we must also be willing to honor the established process by which certain determinations are made, even when we disagree with them.

I disagree with the decision of the Parks & Recreation Commission not to approve this brick, but I respect that it is their decision to make. I have asked the commission to reconsider this decision and I will be appearing before that body later this month to state my reasons for approval of this brick.

Regardless of the outcome of this discussion I wanted to take my column this week to publically thank Sgt. Dude Miller for his service to this Country. As I said in my keynote address at the dedication of the Memorial earlier this summer, there is a cost in blood and lives to secure a freedom that can so often seem to be free. That cost has been borne by a relative few who have put their lives on the line in faraway places and whose experiences are worthy of our eternal honor and gratitude. Regardless of any brick or any memorial, I am personally grateful to Sgt. Miller and to all those who sacrificed so much for you and me.

I would encourage anyone who hasn't yet had the opportunity to visit the Memorial in Veterans Park to do so this weekend. Take your kids and, before they run off to the playground, take a moment to answer questions they might have about the names etched in stone there. They are the names of our friends and neighbors and their sacrifice, those who came home and those who never did, is worthy of our thanks.

Guest Column: Parks & Rec leader explains denied memorial brick

By Ryan Peterson | Chairperson, Parks & Recreation Commission | Posted: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:50 am

Milton Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson Ryan Peterson addresses the issue of a brick for the Milton Area Veteran's Memorial that was requested by Sgt. Dude Miller, but has yet to be approved.

Let me start by saying I think we can all agree on the fact the word "hell" is indeed an accurate description for war.

Most of us understand "hell" was not used as an interjection in this phrase, and therefore was not intended as a "swear" word. Very few of us looked at this as a debate on a bad word. Some may see it as such and that is okay; we value everyone's feelings about this.

Mr. Miller's block was rejected for a few reasons. First of all, it conjures many negative feelings (all valid) for many different types of people. Second, that block would stand out in an otherwise positive feeling, all-inclusive memorial. This was not about one war, and no war was any less atrocious to those involved than any other. Third, because this memorial was not for making individual statements - something the committee wishes it had expressed more clearly and in writing.

The form was initially rejected by officials at city hall when it was submitted. Mr. Miller objected and his requested review was granted. The mayor was correct in saying sometimes we change our views on decisions we make.

The committee has recognized ways to avoid this type of confusion in the future, but it stands firm on its intentions. The vote to reject the block based on the statement was nearly unanimous, with one person in support.

Last month we took up the issue again. We attempted to come to a solution. There was no re-vote as it was clear that there would be no change in the outcome. We all asked friends in the community, and commission member Linda Clark specifically asked 10 former elected officials and business owners. Out of the ten, nearly all generally agreed with the decision as it stands. Like the committee, there were multiple, but similar reasons why they disapproved of the statement. Likewise, there is unanimous support the block should be included if the statement is removed.

The committee also is disappointed to hear comments suggesting we are out of touch, ill-informed, or need a history lesson. Most of us agree that word evolution has led to the word being considered more mainstream than in prior generations. Although for some, it is still an inappropriate word,

which we can all respect.

The bottom line is that this is a city park and we are charged with approving or disapproving things based on what is best for the city as a whole. Our meetings are documented and open to the public. Our committee is available for participation by residents.

The community has many voices and no one's voice is stronger than another. Likewise, a louder voice is not indicative of a defacto, better presentation of the facts.

I'd don't think I even need to go out on a limb in saying the entire greater Milton area is in 100 percent in full support and overwhelming thanks to Sgt. Dude Miller for his impressive service.

The Committee very much appreciates Dude's contributions and we all were disappointed to hear he would rather not buy a block than remove the statement. I suggested the committee and City of Milton donate a brick -absent the statement- to show how strongly we felt it be included. This was voted down because the commission can't favor one citizen.

Privately this has been accomplished should we come to agreement on this being less about the statement and more about the individual soldier. I would hope we could work together to get this block fully approved and installed by Memorial Day.



City of Milton
Air Products Ice Rink
2013 / 2014 Season Usage Report

Date	Time	Week Day	Total		Shift Notes	Weather	Precipitation
			Attended				(in.)
12/23/2013	3:30 pm - 8 pm	Monday	14			Low: -4 / High 27	
12/26/2013	3:30 pm - 8 pm	Thursday	13			Low: 10 / High 30	
12/27/2013	11 am - 8 pm	Friday	14			Low: 12 / High 37	
12/28/2013	11 am - 8 pm	Saturday	10			Low: 25 / High 45	
12/29/2013	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	0			Low: 0 / High 37	
12/30/2013	3:30 pm - 8 pm	Monday	3			Low: -9 / High 5	
12/31/2013	11 am - 8 pm	Tuesday	3		Snowed after 5:30 pm	Low: -6 / High 10	
1/2/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Thursday	0			Low: -8 / High 12	0.00
1/3/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Friday	0			Low: -17 / High 21	0.00
1/4/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Saturday	25		Snowed after 12 pm until 4 pm	Low: 19 / High 30	0.09
1/5/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	2			Low: -6 / High 19	0.01
1/8/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	0			Low: -13 / High 9	0.00
1/9/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Thursday	0			Low: -15 / High 27	0.00
1/10/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Friday	0		Rained	Low: 27 / High 39	0.38
1/11/2014	11 am - 3:30 pm	Saturday	7		2 Kids rode bikes on the ice	Low: 30 / High 36	0.00
1/12/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	53			Low: 28 / High 41	0.00
1/15/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	10			Low: 12 / High 21	0.02
1/16/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Thursday	0			Low: 14 / High 36	0.12
1/17/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Friday	60		Snowed	Low: 7 / High 19	0.16
1/19/2014	11 am - 6:30 pm	Sunday	72		2 Band-aids at 12	Low: 5 / High 34	0.00
1/20/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Monday	0			Low: 10 / High 36	0.14
1/21/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Tuesday	0			Low: -3 / High 10	0.00
1/22/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	0			Low: 0 / High 15	0.02
1/24/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Friday	0			Low: -6 / High 7	0.00
1/25/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Saturday	35		Door Wont Close	Low: 5 / High 34	0.21
1/26/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	30			Low: 5 / High 28	0.06
1/29/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	0			Low: -6 / High 23	0.00
1/30/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Thursday	0		Cold & Windy	Low: 21 / High 32	0.12
1/31/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Friday	8			Low: 9 / High 21	0.15
2/1/2014	3:30 pm - 8 pm	Saturday	59		Door Didn't Close	Low: 12 / High 27	0.11
2/2/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	61		1 pm. 2 Pairs of Donated Skates	Low: -8 / High 21	0.00
2/3/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Monday	3		Slushy Ice & Lots of Holes	Low: -17 / High 17	0.00
2/4/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Tuesday	4			Low: 0 / High 22	0.16
2/5/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	0			Low: 5 / High 21	0.00
2/6/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Thursday	4			Low: -9 / High 7	0.00
2/7/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Friday	6			Low: -7 / High 11	0.01
2/8/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Saturday	17		5 pm. 3 Pairs of Donated Skates	Low: 3 / High 17	0.17
2/9/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	42			Low: -2 / High 17	0.00
2/10/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Monday	0			Low: -14 / High 9	0.00
2/11/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Tuesday	0			Low: -15 / High 10	0.00
2/12/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	0			Low: 1 / High 21	0.05
2/13/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Thursday	3			Low: 19 / High 30	0.00
2/14/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Friday	14			Low: 9 / High 21	0
2/15/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Saturday	86			Low: -6 / High 19	0.05
2/16/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	84			Low: 12 / High 25	0.00
2/18/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Tuesday	9			Low: 16 / High 46	0.05
2/19/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	0			Low: 30 / High 43	0.30
2/22/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Saturday	8			Low: 16 / High 28	0.00
2/23/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	13		Ice is Rough	Low: 10 / High 25	0.00
2/24/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Monday	0			Low: 9 / High 21	0.00
2/25/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Tuesday	0			Low: 3 / High 18	0.00
2/26/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	2			Low: -5 / High 18	0.00
2/28/2014	11 am - 7 pm	Friday	39			Low: -2 / High 27	0.00
3/2/2014	11 am - 8 pm	Sunday	20			Low: -4 / High 10	0.00
3/3/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Monday	0			Low: -4 / High 17	0.17
3/4/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Tuesday	0			Low: 10 / High 23	0.36
3/5/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Wednesday	0			Low: 7 / High 23	0.10
3/6/2014	4 pm - 7 pm	Thursday	14			Low: -2 / High 27	0.00
3/8/2014	11 am - 5 pm	Saturday	16			Low: 18 / High 36	0.00



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PRESS RELEASE

October 17, 2014

Contact: Al Hulick, City Administrator

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tails n Trails Dog Park Clean Up – November 1, 2014

The Parks & Recreation Commission scheduled a Tails n Trails Dog Park Clean Up for Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Any dog owners or general residents that use the park are encouraged to come and help the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Those who participate are encouraged to bring gardening gloves, dog waste shovels/scoops, and plastic bags for waste. Water to drink will also be beneficial depending on the weather.

For additional information contact Al Hulick, City Administrator, at 608-868-6900 or by e-mail at ahulick@milton-wi.gov.

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