

Byram Township Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 8:00 P.M.
Agenda/Notes

- I. Call meeting to order, 8:00 PM Flag Salute, Moment of Silence
- II. Roll Call:

Shawn Armstrong	Chairperson	x
Giovanni DiMeo	Vice-Chairperson	
Bill Schilling	Member	
John Figiel	Member	
Dina Trunzo	Member	x
Tom Mikolay	Secretary	x
Charlie Kranz	Member	x
Diana Fleming	Alternate 1	
Len Bicher	Alternate 2	x
Janet Meisner	Recreation Director	x
Nisha Kash	Council Liaison	

- Joe Sabatini, Township Manager attended this meeting
- III. Approval of notes from October 19, 2016 meeting *Approved with the addition of adding Joe Sabatini attending meeting below the attendance chart and adding that Joe Sabatini said that the letter to the coaches would come from administration*
- IV. Key items for discussion and possible action:
- Committee members terms expiring Dec 31
 - John Figiel
 - Submitted resignation as of Dec 31
 - Tommy Mickolay – *will submit a letter*
 - Len Bicher – *will submit a letter*
 - Combined Rec Com, Open Space & Environmental Commission sub-committee
 - How to form? – *EC meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Open Space meets every other month on Mondays*
 - EC suggested one member from each go to other committee meetings? – *Nora from the EC was scheduled to come but called saying that she was unavailable. Shawn will attend next EC meeting or ask someone else to cover it.*
 - Quarterly meetings?
 - Opening of Tamarack Park and Trail Celebration – *Janet suggested that we divide responsibilities for the celebration among the groups. For example, the EC works primarily on trails, so perhaps they could manage the hike aspect. The OS worked on obtaining the whole property so they might have the primary opening ceremony park. Rec Com is rec, so they might handle the fun aspect of the celebration. John suggested last month that we might work with the fire dept and schedule the end of the Memorial day parade at Tamarack Park. Joe said it might be difficult as we have limited parking at Tamarack and with the Roseville Rd bridge out, traffic is being detoured through Tamarack rd and the parade would go past Tamarack Rd to the park.*
 - Redistribution of fields with addition of Tamarack Park – *Janet said that baseball had asked if changing CO\$ to a 50/70 field could be moved up in priority. Joe said that if we were to change CO4 to a 50/70 field it would affect soccer and men's softball. Joe suggested leaving the 50/70 field on CO3 where it is now sharing field with senior league players. Joe then suggested that CO2 could be made into a 50/70 field. Tommy said there isn't enough space to expand it from a 200' field to a 275' field. It would take up the batting cage space and then run into the hill. Shawn mentioned that Instructional players were also on CO4. Dina suggested that baseball should provide evidence of the need for a dedicated field. How many people/teams would use it? How many people/teams are on CO3? Janet said possibly we could use CO4 as*

a 50/70 field in the spring, during baseball's primary season, and as a soccer field in the fall during soccer's primary season. The fence could be a temporary fence. Joe said that CO6 needs some time off, particularly as the field isn't being moved back and forth now and the goal mount is just in one place, so it is worn out.

- Less use on all fields?
- Rotate groups so that one field gets to rest each season? –Joe said that we should consider the fields that are available in Stanhope and Netcong for sports groups to use. There are athletes in every sport from Stanhope and Netcong. Len said they don't use Indian field because it isn't maintained. Janet said soccer isn't using Stanhope School field any more. Joe said the school doesn't maintain it. Janet mentioned that several years ago the soccer organization had done some of the maintenance.
- Strategic plan/ Capital Improvements – Joe will forward his Capital Improvements spreadsheet
 - Review our plan –Joe feels that this plan is too overwhelming for the council. Charlie said that it shows a long range plan and that if we wanted something done, and it wasn't on the plan, that it would be questioned. Janet said that it provided the opportunity that if funding should become available for project even if it wasn't at the highest priority level, the strategic plan demonstrates that it is something that is needed. Shawn and Dina talked about asking members of the sports groups to step up and help with projects there. What is the most important? Kitchen? New electric service? Floor? We should ask the construction official what needs to be done. We could also look for grants to supplement the budget, but they can't become a managerial problem.
 - Twp Engineer suggested several park projects for 2016 that fit Rec Com Strategic plan
 - ADA Compliance for Brookwood Trail
 - Create a ramp from asphalt to trail that is more gradual. –Joe said that this was a four year long grant project that has posed some difficulties. He doesn't feel that it is being used.
 1. Could do in house – would require the removal of a few trees
 - 2 half court basketball courts at Mountainside Park
 - Have \$31,000 from PSG&E – Joe said that this project will go out to bid again, but he is not in favor of a parking lot.
 - Tamarack Park projects – probably use Open Space funding, but not all in one year
 - Tamarack Park well for irrigation –Joe said that this will most likely be the primary capital improvement for parks for 2016
 1. Includes capping current well
 - Tamarack Park water cannons & irrigation equipment
 - Tamarack parking lot surfacing
 - Previous DPW Supt suggested an upgrade to electricity at Neil Gylling – Joe said that we needed to consider how much use the park gets that requires more electricity. We can rent a generator for Byram Day.
 - After Sandy? Irene? Electricity was wiped out.
 - Basic electricity was restored – enough for softball's pitching machine
 - Groups using field for special events, including Byram Day, Color Concert and DARE picnic had to use generators
 - Cost: \$3100 including \$1300 in-house labor
 - John Figiel has asked to move the 50/70 field at CO4 up in priority –see discussion above.
 - Cost: \$415 for infield mix plus in-house labor
 - Requires temporary or permanent fencing
 - Baseball would purchase new bases
 - Makes CO6 not available for full soccer games
 - Insurance company inspected parks and playgrounds and reported that our bleachers no longer meet up to date expectations – Dina expressed concerns that if the bleachers are no longer up to date, that they should be replaced before an accident occurs. Joe said that as long as the insurance company said that they would still cover the town, that he wasn't replacing them. They are too expensive. Dina suggested asking on the NJRPA member forum how other towns were dealing with this problem.
 - Slide on ages 5 – 12 playground at COJ broke and has been removed. Area has been boarded up

- Ben Shaffer Co. is looking into the cost of replacing if it can be replaced –*New slide has been ordered.*

V. Recreation Director's Report

- *Janet said that she had supplied a copy of the fingerprinting ordinance for the committee's review. It was good to know what it said and they could discuss at a later date if they wanted to make changes.*
 - A boy scout is interested in erecting batting cages at COJ as an Eagle Scout Project
 - Topic has been introduced to the new building inspector
 - Youth Basketball moving on its own
 - Have a 501C designation with help from Councilman David Gray
 - Will use funds in twp account until they are depleted, while collecting registration
 1. Have additional funds as finance didn't separate men's & youth basketball
 2. Ordered balls and other equipment
 3. Working on uniform order
 - Ski Club
 - Information in BIS & HS
 - Can purchase reduced rate tickets for family and friends through the club
 - Letters to Santa begins early Dec
 - Letters also at Christmas Party
 1. Christmas Party run by Youth Guidance Council
 - Holiday Lights contest
 - Road Biking, Rail Trail Biking and Hiking programs over for the season
 - 50 Mile Challenge Awards Trail (shirt & certificate) presented and well received
 - Afternoon Advantage
 - Ongoing
 - Men's Basketball
 - Ongoing

VI. Council Liaison Report

VII. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports:

- Board of Education: Nisha Kash
- Buildings and Grounds: everyone's responsibility
- Byram Day Committee: Giovanni DiMeo, Charlie Kranz, Diana Fleming
- Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance: Shawn Armstrong
- Open Space Committee: Bill Schilling
- Tri-Town Subcommittee: Dina Trunzo
- Sports Council Subcommittee: Tommy Mikolay & Shawn Armstrong
- Strategic Planning/Capital Improvements Subcommittee: John Figiel & Charlie Kraus
- Walking/Biking Grant – Diana Fleming
- Council Liaison: Nisha Kash

VIII. Any other items from the committee

IX. Open to the public

X. Adjournment nb