

**Byram Township Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 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	X
Bill Schilling	Member	X
John Figiel	Member	X
Dina Trunzo	Member	X
Tom Mikolay	Secretary	
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
- Approval of notes from July 20,2016 meeting – *Approved with the addition under Mountain Heights Park of the committee recommendation that a path be constructed from the newly placed parking lot behind the basketball courts to the proposed future playground.*

III. Key items for discussion and possible action:

- Committee members terms expiring Dec 31
  - John Figiel
    - 1. Submitted resignation as of Dec 31
      - Tommy Mikolay
      - Len Bicher –*will submit a letter asking to be reappointed*
      - Bill Schilling’s term on Open Space as Rec Committee appointee –*Discussion for Recreation Committee’s Jan reorganization meeting*
- Lenape Valley Cheerleader coaches
  - 5 coaches still not meeting fingerprint requirements – *Discussion that fine would be to organization and organization would pass on to the individuals. Len wasn’t sure that the organization would be able to actually collect from the individuals. Fine may not be effective, but not allowing the offending coaches to coach next year would be. Joe Sabatini said that the committee could only recommend to the Council. Joe said that 2 letters should be sent, one to the offending organizations, letting them know that they have coaches that have not met the credentials for coaching and a second letter to all the organizations outlining the possible penalties for not meeting all the criteria as presented in the fingerprinting ordinance. The sanctions in the fingerprint ordinance include withholding funding, prohibiting use of facilities, and withholding maintenance of facilities. The Committee voted 6 for, 0 against, 1 abstention to send out letters. Joe Sabatini said that this letter will come from administration.*
- Soccer coaches – 8 out of 23 not fingerprinted or out of date –*see above. Fall Ball and Field Hockey have met the requirements for all their coaches. Soccer and Softball usually do so with perhaps one or two coaches, but not as many as they have this season.*
- Committee Chair Meeting Sept 29 –*Shawn reported that it was a good meeting. One of the suggestions was to hold joint meetings between the Rec, EC and Open Space Committees. Shawn will reach out to the heads of each committee. Janet suggested that a first project should be Opening Ceremonies for Tamarack Park and Trail.*

- Review Byram Day – *Charlie said that people particularly liked the free rides and the Pokemon Go hunt. Giovanni said that he talked with a majority of the vendors who were happy with the event. Joe Sabatini reported that he had heard complaints from food vendors that they were trying to undercut each other on pretzel sales. Suggestions are to bring back the food police and not allow vendors to sell the same items. Also suggested to put food vendors back by the picnic area and to put the rides in the back so that people had to travel through the vendors to get there.*
- Ways Recreation can assist Economic Development in Byram? -tabled
- Opening of Tamarack Park and Trail – *Probably in May. Include hike of Tamarack Park. Janet suggested temporary crossing of Tamarack Rd to include Cranberry Overlook Trail. John suggested that we ask the Fire Dept if they would like to end the Memorial Day Parade at Tamarack Park. Joe said he had a grant with \$1500 to pay for the event.*
  - Celebration
  - Review fall field usage – *Time to start thinking about the uses for Tamarack Park. John talked about baseball's need for 50/70 field on CO4. Could have baseball and football at COJ and soccer at Tamarack. Janet said that soccer usually uses 2 full fields, plus practice area. This could be met at the school fields if field hockey was moved, but not at Tamarack. Soccer didn't use school fields this season. Bill said that Tamarack Park was built partially to provide the opportunity for fields to have an "off" season.*
- Hobb Engler report – John Figiel – mostly tabled, but talked about need for 50/70 field.
- November meeting will be held on Nov 2

#### IV. Recreation Director's Report

- Road Biking, Rail Trail Biking and Hiking programs ongoing
  - 50 Mile Challenge Award dinner Fri Oct 28 at Stonewood
    - purchased shirts as prizes
    - Also getting certificate
    - BYOD
    - Rec Committee person attend and say congratulations? –*no one*
    - EC member Jeff Meyers is coming
  - Culminating event on Sat Oct 29
    - Walk or ride over Walk Across the Hudson Bridge NY State Park, walk or ride rail trail, picnic lunch, visit Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historical Park, dinner at NY Culinary Institute –*Joe said this was not a township event*
- Afternoon Advantage
  - Offered Karate, Ballet & Tap, Baton Twirling, Hip Hop and Lyrical Dance, Computer Coding, Young Rembrandts' Drawing. All going except dance
- Men's Basketball
  - Has begun
- Ski Club
  - Coming up
  - Can purchase reduced rate tickets for family and friends through the club

#### V. Council Liaison Report

#### VI. 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 –*Joe gave the report. Will cap the current well at Tamarack Park. Have reports of locations for another well. Would be used to irrigate fields. May require a storage tank like the one at COJ. Well could cost \$40,000. Total irrigation project with possible water cannons could cost \$120,000. Trees have been planted from No Net loss program.*

- Tri-Town Subcommittee: Dina Trunzo –*Haven't met*
- 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

VII. Any other items from the committee:

VIII. Open to the public

IX. Adjournment