

**Byram Township Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6:00 P.M.**

**Minutes– Page 1**

- I. Call meeting to order, 6:00 PM – Meet at Jones Lane - Adjourn
- II. Re-Open, 7:30 PM Flag Salute, Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call by Secretary:

William Schilling	Chairperson	
John Pappalardo	Vice-Chairperson	x
Shawn Armstrong	Member	
Tracy Church	Member	
John Hebble	Member	x
Steve Koreivo	Member	
Charles Kranz	Member	x
Bob Nosenchuk	Member	x
Dee Garrison	Member	
	Alternate 1	
	Alternate 2	
Janet Meisner	Recreation Director	x
Dan Rafferty	Council Liaison	x

- IV. Approval of minutes – March 9, 2010 – not approved due to lack of quorum

V. Presentation from Girl Scouts for their Silver Award Project A group of 4 Girl Scouts were there to meet us to present their proposed volunteer project. They would like to teach older adults how to play Wii. They plan to teach the class at the COJ field house on summer mornings. Their proposal is attached to this email and needs your email vote to move forward. The girl’s parents will be required to sign a hold harmless for their children. Our concern was what would happen if one of the seniors fell and injured them selves. We discussed having them register and sign a waiver just as most people sign the waiver when they register for any twp program. In speaking to Joe about the proposal, he would like the scout leader to look into having the Girls Scout Council provide liability insurance for the participants.

- VI. Committee Secretary – no volunteers yet

- VII. Committee Reports

- Andover/Byram Chamber of Commerce: John Pappalardo
- Board of Education: Dee Garrison, Use of school facilities update

Janet reported that she was concerned with locations for the summer program. Last year the Supt. Had offered the use of the Open Space area at the school for summer camp. I waited until after the budget had been written to approach the Supt again about using the school this summer. Dr. Straus said that she would have to wait to see if the budget passed before making a decision on summer usage. Janet asked the Committee to be creative in coming up with locations to hold not only summer, but upcoming school year programs. We may have to hold the summer camp @ COJ in the field house or possibly under tents. Bob asked about using the Civic Center again as it would not require heating in the summer. Dan explained that there was a problem with having lead in the water. There is lead in other water around town. Janet explained that just the testing of the water was expense. Dan said that for now the building was closed, but that he would open the discussion with the Twp Manager again.

- Buildings and Grounds: John Hebble  
Fields are in great condition
- Byram Day Committee: Bob Nosenchuk  
Byram Day Committee meeting next Monday and will be presenting a project update to the Twp Council on Mon evening. If you have suggestions, please forward them.
- Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance: Shawn Armstrong

The Municipal Alliance has a meeting scheduled for April 20. The County Freeholders are meeting April 22 to decide on approving municipal grants. Joe would like to see volunteers doing the paperwork required to maintain the grant.

- **Open Space Committee: Bill Schilling, Discuss Jones Lane Options**

Prior to the meeting John P., John H., Charlie and I walked around the Jones Lane parcel. It needs a major clean-up effort as the previous renters left an immense amount of garbage. The field area itself is a large wide open area with a slope down towards the back of the parcel. There is a rock almost cliff face at the back of the property. An area to the back right hand corner marks the beginning of the trail that the hikers walked on the Byram Charity Hike. The "trail" leads through the Hudson Farm Greenway all the way to CO Johnson Park.

We drove to Johnson Lake, about halfway to COJ along Tamarack Road and checked of the dam and point of land that juts out into the lake. We discussed that this would be a great place to put a few picnic tables, allow fishing, build a small boat launch and maybe even a small gazebo. It is a beautiful location. Across the street is the entrance to the Beckman parcel also recently purchased by the town with Open Space funds. We discussed that there is a trail leading up to the highest point which overlooks the Delaware Water Gap. A Scout is currently putting up blazes to mark the trail. Someday a park bench or possibly even a picnic table near the pinnacle might be a good idea. The second access point is on CO Trail. Parking access is being discussed.

We then went the rest of the way down Tamarack Rd to CO Johnson Park and checked out the bocce ball courts and picnic area there. These are 2 excellent projects built by a Boy and Girl Scout. They are easily accessible from the large parking area. We discussed possibly having a bocce tournament between the seniors and Twp Police and/or Council.

- **Volunteerism Committee: Steve Koreivo, Bob Nosenchuk, Shawn Armstrong**

We also received a donation of work proposal from Grace on the Mount Church. Their proposal is also attached and requires your email vote to move ahead. They planted shrubs, mulched and spread playground mulch at Riverside Park last year. They would like revisit Riverside Park, but also work in COJ and possibly Neil Gylling.

- **Scouts Sub-committee: Bob Nosenchuk**

Janet has not heard back from Jimmy O. as to whether or not his group of scouts will do a spring clean-up of the Jefferson Lake Bike Path.

- **Memorials and Honorariums Sub Committee: Steve Koreivo, Bob Nosenchuk**
  - **Make recommendation to council on Hobb Engler proposal to name fields.**
  - **C.O. Johnson backstops and fencing – Steve Koreivo – This was not discussed.**
  - **There was a baseball meeting tonight making Steve and Shawn not available.**
  - **Grace Church work donation – Riverside Park, COJ, Neil Gylling**
  - **Scouts Work Donation – Jefferson Lake Bike Path**

- **Shared Services: Steve Koreivo, John Hebble, Bob Nosenchuk**

We will need to discuss exactly what we are looking for from sharing services with surrounding communities.

- **Sports Council: Bob Nosenchuk**

- **Strategic Planning: Tracy Church, Charles Kranz**

- **Capital Improvements Sub-committee: Bill Schilling, Steve Koreivo**
  - **Discuss Mission Statement and Goals – see the attached Mission statement and goals. It was discussed that the “Function of the Recreation Committee” should be included as paragraph 3 for the Mission Statement and that “and facilities” would be added after “recreational programs” to the Function statement.**

- **Youth Guidance: Tracy Church, Dan Rafferty**

No April dance as everyone is busy. They may have a June dance for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

- **Council Liaison: Dan Rafferty**

- **Recreation Director: Janet Meisner**

The Rec Committee meeting scheduled for Tue., June 8 is primary election day so the building would not be available. We were planning on moving meeting dates back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month in July but the Twp Clerk has suggested that we move back to Wed in June to avoid a conflict. She will do the appropriate advertisements.

The Mansfield Bike Path has been temporarily closed due to extensive damage caused by last month's flooding.

VIII. Any other items from the committee

- Recreation facility use application & regulation enforcement – Dan Rafferty  
No discussion

IX. Open to the public

X. Adjournment