

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2018 – 8:00 P.M.

Len Bicher	Chairperson	x
Bob Brady	Vice Chairperson	
Dina Trunzo	Member	x
Jackie Pellek	Member	x
Bob Androsky	Member	x
Jeri Quirk	Member	x
Nicole Halajjian	Secretary	x
Jennifer Kerr	Alternate 1	x
	Alternate 2	
Alex Rubenstein	Council Liaison	x

Call meeting to order, Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Meeting opened at 8:01pm

- Minutes from October 17, 2018 – Motion by Jackie Pellek, second by Bob Androsky to approve the minutes. Motion passed
- Len held the Sports Council meeting. Wrestling and basketball attended. A larger group is expected in the spring.
- Ben Spinelli presented his proposal to the Open Space Committee. He will submit a proposal for a municipality wide study which includes recreation, sport groups, structure, trails, stewardship, etc. The study will be funded by grants. Open space funds will be used to improve property, such as \$5,000 has been budgeted for an a/c in the old schoolhouse to preserve the museum.
 - Alex attended the League of Municipalities and reviewed software. Civic Plus will present a demo which is web-based. If accepted it would be used instead of RecTrac. After the demo it will be decided whether to move away from RecTrac or stay with it.
- Alex’s monthly call with the county health department was cancelled. He will follow up for the process of food vendors during the next scheduled call.
 - The town council has decided to cut the Rec Director position entirely from the 2019 budget despite objections from the Rec Committee. Nicole and Len and will put together a letter to address the council on why the committee feels a Rec Director is needed.
- Members of the Committee feel that Recreation is not valued by certain members of the town council. The new councilman has not attended any meetings. Alex will ask Harvey Roseff and Joe Sabatini to attend the December meeting.

- Suggestions for the future of the Rec Committee:
 - Shared services with another town such as Andover
 - Rec Commission. This would need a leader
 - Jennifer will contact the Fredon, Stanhope, and Andover Recreation Committees for details on how they organize their committee
 - Jackie will contact the Netcong Rec Director
 - The committee needs creative ways to make money. The department should maintain itself (operating expenses not staff salaries) with recreation fees.

- Planning for Byram Day needs to start now. Someone needs to pick up the reigns and take ownership of the event. It was suggested to contact a non-profit to see if they are interested in the event and the Rec Committee would then be a liaison. The town can help but the event must be run by volunteers. A non-profit could charge rentals for vendors and admission. Fireworks can go to bid. Alex knows someone in town.

- Jackie's term ends December and she will not renew. Jenn will take an open seat which will leave 1 opening and 2 alternatives open. Len will check with Bob B. to see if he will continue his term.

- John Frisky has not returned Bob A.'s email regarding the student council's ideas for Byram Day. Bob will make an appointment to meet with John.

- Alex will check the status of the pickleball lines

- The decision to close fields closer to 3pm has been working much better.

- Jenn will schedule a Rutgers Coaches Class for December. A discussion to charge for the class was discussed. Motion by Dina Trunzo, second by Bob Androsky to charge minimally to cover the cost of books. The motion was amended to charge \$35. Approved by all.

- Nicole will ask Ginny Lepore the details for the "Letters to Santa" event. Last year children wrote their letters at the tree lighting event at the firehouse. The mailbox may be at the municipal building.

- Members were in favor a Light Contest. Jeri will ask Salt for a prize donation and Jackie will ask Stonewood. If we get more than one gift certificate there could be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The event will need to be advertised on Facebook, the school sign, Next Door, and the town email blast. Committee members will drive around to vote for a winner on a specific day.

- Len asked if the Rec Department could have its own email address (such as recreation@byramtwp.org). Alex will look into this.

Follow-up:

- Alex will speak with county health department regarding food vendors
- Scheduling/calendar needs to be developed for building/field usage
- Alex will pursue costs for a professional plan with Spinelli
- Alex will create a recreation committee email list
- Bob A. to contact student council regarding Byram Day
- Pickleball lines need to be painted
- Nicole and Len will write a letter to the Town Council regarding the Rec Director position.
- Jenn and Len to schedule Rutgers Coaches Class for December
- Alex to find out cost of cleaning crew for CO Johnson Fieldhouse
- Len will check with Bob B. to see if he will continue his term
- Nicole will find out details of “Letters to Santa” event
- Jeri and Jackie to solicit prizes for Light Contest
- Jenn and Jackie to contact other town Rec Directors
- Planning for Byram Day needs to start now
- Alex will look into creating a recreation email address
- Alex will ask Harvey Roseff and Joe Sabatini to attend the December meeting.

Motion by Jeri Quirk, second by Bob Androsky for adjournment at 9:17pm – approved by all

The next meeting will be December 19 at 8:00pm at the CO Johnson Fieldhouse