

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2019 – 8:00 P.M.

Len Bicher	Chairperson	x
Scott Yappen	Vice Chairperson	x
Bob Androsky	Member	x
Jeri Quirk	Member	
Jennifer Kerr	Member	
	Member	
Nicole Halajian	Secretary	x
	Alternate 1	
	Alternate 2	
Alex Rubenstein	Council Liaison	

Also present: Mary Schneider, Carlos Luaces

Call meeting to order, Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Meeting opened at 8:05pm

- Minutes from March 20, 2019 – Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Nicole Halajian to approve the minutes. Motion passed

- Byram Day:
 - The subcommittee did not meet. The subcommittee needs to meet soon to put together the plan. Sunday, September 15 may be the only option at this point.
 - The subcommittee needs a chair. Mary offered to present the final plan to the Council.
 - Discussion of where to hold Byram Day: concert field at Waterloo, CO Johnson, Neil Gylling. Lights may possibly be rented from soccer, football has one light that can be used.
 - DWP comes the night before to set up garbage cans and sets up final touches the day of
 - Years ago parents paid for rides. Shoprite can be asked to donate water. Other possible sponsors: Tamahawk Lake, Camelback, Hudson Farms
 - Carlos suggested Americana Day – eggs on spoon, potato sack race. Get historians involved: history on Byram General Store, old school houses.
 - Involve local groups: 4H Club, grow plants, RDA Fitness: run 5K, Free Masons, Knights of Columbus, mini car show
 - National Police Night Out – usually held in August. State police will volunteer. Hire a band, demonstrate safety. Sussex PAL – can we combine with Byram Day?
 - Grants – Green Acres, William Penn, Open Space (51% of town is open space), Garbage Grant (recycling)

- All Committee members are required to have their fingerprints taken. Sign up online and pay in advance. Turn in the receipt for reimbursement.
- Scott attended the Open Space Committee Meeting. Doris takes the minutes at this meeting, 2 council members attended, Joe Sabatini, members of the public, and Greener by Design. The current balance is \$433K. Pickle ball is under consideration. Potential projects: CO Johnson tennis court repair, soccer field steps replacement, and Mohawk View paving. Land cost will be paid in 2024.
- Scott suggested forming a subcommittee to make suggestions to the Council on activities and improvements. No motion made.
- Bob will advertise Miss. Byram on the outside sign. Nicole will email him verbiage.
- Mary suggested a newsletter similar to Hopatcong titled “Byram Buzz.” Carlos feels it’s important that the playground equipment is updated and handicap accessible.
- Scott would like Ben Spinelli to attend the next Rec Committee meeting. There are over 900 surveys and he feels the Rec Committee should hear the responses. Len will ask Greener by Design to attend.
- Resumes reviewed. Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Nicole Halajian to recommend to the Council to appoint Mary Schneider member and Donna Griff Alternate 1. Len: yes, Scott: abstain. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Nicole Halajian for adjournment at 9:30pm – approved by all

The next meeting will be May 20, 2019 at 8:00pm at the CO Johnson Fieldhouse