

## RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2019 – 8:00 P.M.

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| Len Bicher       | Chairperson      | x |
| Scott Yappen     | Vice Chairperson | x |
| Bob Androsky     | Member           | x |
| Jeri Quirk       | Member           | x |
| Jennifer Kerr    | Member           | x |
| Mary Schneider   | Member           | x |
| Nicole Halajjian | Secretary        | x |
| Donna Griff      | Alternate 1      | x |
|                  | Alternate 2      |   |
| Alex Rubenstein  | Council Liaison  | x |

Also present: Carlos Luaces

Call meeting to order, Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Meeting opened at 8:05pm

- Minutes from April 15, 2019 – Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Scott Yappen to approve the minutes. Jen and Donna: abstain. Motion passed
- Legal Codes/Regulations, Township Organization, Communication, Budget
  - The Recreation Committee is an advisory committee to the Township Manager and the Council. Each Member’s term is 3 years. The Recreation Committee has no direct power to spend money. The method of communication would be to motion an item, the Chairperson will then submit a recommendation, with a defined plan and budget, to the Township Manager. The Township Manager would then present the recommendation to the Council. The Council would then vote on the recommendation.
  - Facilities scheduling is now done through a township employee. The Recreation Committee no longer handles facility assignments. The Recreation Committee should focus on programs, activities, and events and is the liaison between the townspeople and Council.
  - Scott stated that he doesn’t see the “boat turning” and the Committee needs strategic planning on what that means. Donna suggested that the Committee get together on a weekend to tour the facilities, greenway areas, trails, and fishing areas. There is a trail map but there needs to be an electronic app. As a group we are in search of some direction.
  - Scott would like to meet with Greener by Design for feedback on the survey. Len explained that Greener by Design is not required to report to the Recreation Committee. Alex suggested that Members go to the next two public forums hosted

by Greener by Design. The survey is one piece of the puzzle. Greener by Design will host more meetings.

- Scott would like to create an ad hoc committee and standing committees. Len recommended to Scott to email him the scope of the committee. This committee would discuss ideas and plans then present them to the Recreation Committee at a regular meeting. The ad hoc/subcommittee cannot present ideas to the Council.
  - Subcommittees can consist of no more than 3 Members. If there are more than 3 Members on a subcommittee, any meetings will need to be noticed. Subcommittees may have volunteers from the public. Members cannot email or “reply all” to more than 2 members. This violates OPMA and is also referred to as the “Sunshine Law.”
  - Any topics that a Member would like to add to the agenda must be approved by Len beforehand. Len will decide if the topic is added to the agenda.
  - The elimination of the Recreation Director was discussed on how it has had a negative effect on the Recreation Committee and the town. Members feel they do not have support from the town to plan events. There needs to be someone in the office to pull all the ideas together and set the schedule.
  - Carlos has suggested in the past a “Recreation Commission” to manage between the three towns.
- Fingerprinting is due. Schedule the appointment online.
- Nicole reported that the Miss Byram competition went well. Everyone thanked Nicole for her hard work with putting together the competition. Donna was the emcee and did a great job as well. Alex will send Nicole the email for the Township Journal.
- Byram Day:
- The subcommittee will meet Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30pm at Frank’s Pizza. Len will ask Joe to notice the meeting.
  - Donna suggested October with a harvest theme. This way packets can go out through the school.
  - Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Jeri Quirk to recommend to the Council that Byram Day is Saturday, October 5 with a rain date of October 6 with the recommendations as discussed.
  - It was suggested to have fireworks and a BBQ. No vendors. Booths would be free to in-town businesses.
  - It was suggested to set up a volunteer activity, help at the Habitat House, food pantry collection, rake leaves or plant flowers at a senior’s house, blood drive, Operation Quiet comfort; anything to get people working together.
  - Jeri suggested “Build Byram Better”
  - If a nonprofit took over they would have to be capable of running a large event. Suggestions: Center for Humanistic Change, Lakeland
  - Fireworks can easily be at Neil Gylling or any school field.

- Police National Night is in August. It could be a partnership with them with fireworks. This group can speak with the police to plan activities.
- Glow Golf. John Harin, operator of the golf course, has glow balls and glow flags. 20 couples may participate any night after dusk or Saturday after 6:30. Jeri would like to target age groups over 15/under 15 for either July 11 or July 18. Motion by Jennifer Kerr, second by Scott Yappen to empower Jeri to put together the plan and discuss with Joe. Motion passed. It was also suggested to involve Brooke's Beer Garden, perhaps they can include a coupon for after the golf event.
- Donna suggested putting together a catalog of events/newsletter.
- Hike. Alex will plan a "Mayor Geocaching" event for August 3, 9am-1pm from Tamarack Park to CO Johnson. The prior Recreation Director use to have hikes every Wednesday night. It was suggested to start having hikes every other week.
- Kids Triathlon. So far 6 kids signed up. Jen will send Alex and Len the flyer. Jen dropped off the flyers at the school and Joe sent an email blast and posted on Facebook. Jen will get quotes for t-shirts and medals. Mike will assign DPW to bring the cones, and paint the lines, etc. Nicole will schedule the lifeguards. Jen will put together a water donation. Volunteers are needed to set up and direct the kids.
- Garage sales on June 1 and June 2 from 9am-4pm. No fee. Jen put together the post and will put the list together. Mandy at the Township Journal will be asked to put together an article. Need more advertising: website, Facebook, Next Door, flyers at ShopRite. Bob will update the outside sign.
- Jen will schedule a Rutgers Class for July

Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Jeri Quirk for adjournment at 9:55pm – approved by all

The next meeting will be June 17, 2019 at 8:00pm at the CO Johnson Fieldhouse