

## RECREATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2019 – 8:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Carol Schubert, Joe Sabatini

Call meeting to order, Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Meeting opened at 8:09pm

- Minutes from May 20, 2019 – Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Scott Yappen to approve the minutes. Motion passed
- The Committee discussed the resolution authorizing Harold E. Pellow & Associates Inc. to proceed with obtaining engineering specifications and bid documents for tennis court repairs & re-coating at CO Johnson Park. The Committee feels it is a good use of funds to fix the tennis courts. Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Jeri Quirk to recommend to the Council to accept the resolution. Motion passed.
- The Committee feels that the tennis courts at the Municipal Building should be refurbished and the steps at CO Johnson Park are replaced. However the Committee understands that we must wait for the Greener by Design survey to be completed. In a previous meeting the Council Liaison recommended that repairs over \$25,000 not be requested until after the Greener by Design survey is completed. While this may be the liaison's opinion, it is not the policy of the Council.
- Nicole reported that the Kids Triathlon went well. Jen did a great job organizing the event. The weather was beautiful and we had many volunteers. There were 32 kids registered and 30 participated.

- Byram Day / Byram Fest was discussed:
  - There were a lot of great ideas but the Council has not been approached with a plan.
  - Alex walked the school grounds but no formal request was sent to the Superintendent. There are some concerns with liability and firetrucks on the field. Parking is limited. Joe stated people will be turned away at Neil Gylling if there is no parking. Parking on Lackawanna Drive is not an option. There are also many secondary issues such as lighting.
  - The funds to support the budget will come from the Recreation Operating Budget and Byram Day Recreation Trust.
  - Joe highly recommends that the Committee start planning for Byram Day 2020. Budget requests should be made in July and the Committee should request their budget for Byram Day and other events the Committee wants to support in 2020. The new administrative resource can provide assistance with the process but will not execute events.
  - Byram Day should be a community event. What are you celebrating? Why don't local groups want to participate? Group leaders should be invited to Committee meetings. Ideally an outside vendor will run Byram Day and collect all the fees.
  - There should be an online survey to ask the public what they want.
  - Bob stated one of the issues is there is not a Recreation Director to plan this event. The event cannot be run by volunteers who only meet once a month. Joe stated that the new administrative resource will be available to make phone calls and help with purchase orders but he will not run the event. Committee members need to meet in smaller subgroups and have volunteers from the community. The new administrative resource will be also be the Public Information Officer.
  - Committee members feel that the Council does not support Byram Day. Joe explained that years ago it was a major cost issue with DPW and police OT. It was moved to Neil Gylling park to help with budget and OT.
  - Andover Township stands out. The groups ran the activities and events. Andover does not have a Recreation Director. Stanhope cancelled their event last year. Netcong has a volunteer Recreation Committee.
  - Scott feels there is some good energy and a desire to make it happen. Len feels we should plan for the end of May/early June 2020. This is all part of a learning experience.
  - The next Council meeting is Tuesday, July 2. Someone has to present the plan to the Council. Need 3 quotes for fireworks and a contract from food trucks. There has to be a contingent plan if it rains. Historically fireworks were held at CO Johnson Park and this may be a better location for parking as well.
  - Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Scott Yappen to cancel Byram Day 2019. Len: yes, Nicole & Jeri opposed. Scott rescinded his second and is now opposed.
- Glow Golf. Jeri presented the flyer for Glow Golf for July 20 at 8pm. People need to register and space is limited to 30 groups. Doris to add the registration info to flyer. There needs to be a liability release. John Harin needs to submit information to the town.

- Open Space Meeting. There was a presentation by Greener by Design. The survey results showed the #1 requested item from the public is a Recreation Coordinator. Out of 300 respondents, over 150 want bathrooms at CO Johnson and Neil Gylling. The #1 facility the public wants added is a dog park. It is incumbent of the Committee to know what the public wants. Scott will share the survey link.
- Scott would like to form a subcommittee to seek activities that the public is looking for. Scott will present the subcommittee scope at the next meeting.
- Open Portion. Carol received a phone call last June from someone at the town saying that said pickleball lines were approved but they still haven't been painted. Carol offered to paint the lines herself but would need the town to provide the appropriate paint. Joe advised that the lines will be painted by the fall at CO Johnson Park once the Council approves the resolution.
- Greener By Design will make a presentation at the next Council Meeting, July 2.
- Rutgers Class. There is some interest from Football. Len and Jen to schedule for July.

Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Jeri Quirk for adjournment at 9:47pm – approved by all

The next meeting will be July 15, 2019 at 8:00pm at the CO Johnson Fieldhouse