

RECREATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 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	x
Mary Schneider	Member	x
Nicole Halajian	Secretary	x
Donna Griff	Alternate 1	
	Alternate 2	
Alex Rubenstein	Council Liaison	x

Also present: Mike Hanifan, Joe Sabatini

Call meeting to order, Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Meeting opened at 8:02pm

- Minutes from June 24, 2019 – Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Nicole Halajian to approve the minutes. Jen: abstain. Motion passed

- 2020 Budget Assignments. Budgets will be presented at the next Recreation Committee meeting. Joe would like budgets by August 21 or as soon as possible.
 - Miss Byram: Nicole
 - Kids Triathlon: Jen
 - Byram Day: Mary, Jen, Donna
 - Letters to Santa: Nicole
 - Glow Golf: Jeri & Scott
 - Members of the Committee feel a full time Rec Director is needed. Alex and Joe felt some members of the Council may be receptive to hiring a full time Rec Director. Scott will put together a letter to the Council.
 - Scott spoke to other town Recreation Directors (Sparta, Randolph, Washington) which put on many events such as yoga, sports camps. It was suggested to partner with someone who already does these programs (a yoga instructor) to help with costs. Ski trip in January or February (there is already a ski club open to Byram students)
 - Activities related to trails: more hikes and maintenance of trails. Most of the trails were developed with the understanding that volunteers would take stewardship of maintenance. The Recreation Committee should develop a plan for trail maintenance.

- Byram Fest. Jeri, Donna, & Mary presented the plan to the Council and it was approved. The budget is up to \$10,000 which will deplete the reserve account. The event will consist of food trucks, fireworks, balloon maker, bounce houses, volunteers will give out glow sticks.
 - RFQ went out for fireworks
 - The risk manager will not permit rides without an attendant. A certificate of insurance and hold harmless agreement are needed.
 - Food trucks: Mike from Brooke's put together a contract for \$500, which is the fee to secure the food trucks. However the town has gotten feedback that this vendor has fallen short in the past. Other vendors are not interested because of the short timeframe, most food trucks expect the event to be 8 hours. The town is hesitant to start advertising until the food trucks are secured.
 - Items cannot be purchased from Amazon. The town did have an account with Oriental Trading in the past.

- Glow Golf. John Harin still needs to submit information to the town. The event cannot be scheduled until this is done.

- Hike. Saturday, August 3 from 9am-1pm at Tamarack Park. The event needs to be advertised.

- Letters to Santa. Ginny Lepore wrote the letters last year. Mary offered to help as well. Last year the firehouse requested a magician. Nicole to coordinate.

- Holiday Lights Contest. Committee members will judge on Saturday, December 14. The winners will be announced at the December 17 Council meeting. Winners will receive a gift card; \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$10 for third place. Residents will need to register by Wednesday, December 11.

- Rutgers Class. Phil, the newly hired Department Head will be certified on August 1. Fall sports will need to go to a class that is already scheduled.

- Fingerprinting is due. Scott will make an appointment. Mary will remind Donna.

- Other items from the Committee.
 - Is there a way to let the Committee know when events are posted? Committee members need to review Facebook for updates. The Nixle system will also help once it is up and running.
 - Scott would like to form a subcommittee called: "Recreation Experience & Facilities" Members: Jeri, Chairperson: Scott. This subcommittee will report to the Recreation Committee at meetings.
 - Phil will start attending meetings in August. He will help facilitate events but will not run events. The Committee will solicit volunteers. Phil will advertise on social media.

- Open Portion. Mike Hanifan's sons Matthew and Michael are completing Eagle Scout projects. Matthew is already building a protective structure over the well pump. His other son would like a project as well. Joe advised that there is a list and for Michael to schedule a meeting next week to discuss what he would like to do.
 - A shed could be built at Tamarack Park but the shed would have to be designated a sports shed for whichever team is practicing there. It could not be dedicated to soccer.
 - The soccer shed at Mansfield Park is in disrepair and needs a new roof.

Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Bob Androsky for adjournment at 9:10pm – approved by all

The next meeting will be August 19, 2019 at 8:00pm at the CO Johnson Fieldhouse