



Recreation Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Present- 7:05 pm
Vacant	Member	
Lynn Apolinaro	Member	Present – 6:46 pm
Vacant	Member	
Mark Scott	Member	Present
Vacant	Member	
Vacant	Alternate #1	
Vacant	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also present was Recreation Director Debbie Armeno and Mayor Alex Rubenstein. This meeting was held at the Fieldhouse at CO Johnson Field.

The Recreation Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. all stood for the salute to the flag.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for a roll call taken by Recreation Director Debbie Armeno.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for movement on the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025, meeting. Lynn Apolinaro made the motion to accept the minutes, Mark Scott seconded and all were in favor.

Councilperson Cris Franco gave a very brief report; she stated the Inclusive Playground is open and the Grand Opening went well and was well attended.

Recreation Director Debbie Armeno gave a report that included:

1. Trips
 - a. Yankees trip, sold out will go June 22, bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.
 - b. Miners tickets are selling
 - c. Monster Jam tickets are beginning to sell.
 - d. Pirates the Musical has sold 16 tickets so far.
2. Programs
 - a. Tennis/Pickleball/Golf- Spring Session #2 has quite a few sign ups and is ready to go.

- b. Our Plant Workshops not going- only 1 person signed up so we refunded her money.
- c. Our line dancing programs are going well both afternoon and evening.
- d. We are looking into Fall programs now.

Kelly Eller gave a short report on the Fishing Event that took place on Sunday June 8, 2025. Well attended and people were extremely pleased with this program, we hope to spin off a new fishing program moving forward plus make this HOFNOD and Annual Event. We thanked Creative Kid Kare for their donation, this made it possible that every kid who participated took home a prize.

Lynn and Debbie Discussed Miss Byram Pageant. Stanhope only has 1 applicant so they are going with that Young Lady, Byram has 1 applicant and 2 Little Miss and 1 Young Miss so we are going with that, We will present them at the July 1 Mayor and Council Meeting if the agenda is open to it.

The Recreation Director began the 2025 Byram Fest Discussion- she presented 2 different diagrams for the Fireworks, after a lengthy discussion it was decided that the 4 "display was what they would like to go with. The Mayor and Rec Chair both stated that in the back stone lot was parking for Emergency Services equipment and the Fireworks company vehicles. Moving it down the stone path will leave us some parking space for vehicles. Recreation Director Debbie Armeno explained that we may want to rethink this and go to the 3" to leave us more room for additional parking, but the Committee decided on the 4" display. Debbie Armeno further explained that she must bring this up to the Township Manager, Supt. Of DPW, and the Police Chief so they may change it.

The Committee then went outdoors and walked the grounds to decide the layout for the event. We are going to change up the layout by putting the DJ and stage inside the football field with inflatables on the other end, with the new playground squared off giving us more room for tables and Emergency Vehicles. Food Trucks will be moved to surround the batting cage areas between the fields to keep the noise of generators away from the tables. The addition of a dunk tank over by the Fieldhouse will be added fun.

Committee went back into the Fieldhouse- there were no announcements nor items for the next agenda. The meeting was open to the public with no comments made.

Lynn Apolinaro made a motion to adjourn, Mark Scott seconded all were in favor at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Armeno,

Director of Recreation.