



Recreation Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Present
Danielle Conroy	Member	Present
Lynn Apolaro	Member	Present
Marla Rodriguez	Member	Present via phone 8:34
Mark Scott	Member	Absent
Vacant	Member	
Vacant	Alternate #1	
Vacant	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also in attendance was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

Recreation Committee Chairperson Don Bogardus called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. all stood for a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

The Recreation Committee Chairperson as for the roll call by the Director of Recreation. We had 4 present members, 1 present via the phone at 8:34 pm and 1 member absent.

The Recreation Committee Chairperson asked for action on the minutes from the November 12, 2024, meeting. Lynn Apolaro made a motion to accept the minutes and Danielle Conroy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Director of Recreation gave her report to the Committee:

1. Went over the flyers for some Spring Programs
 - a. Tennis Lessons
 - b. Pickleball Lessons
 - c. Basketball Skill & Drills
 - d. Country Line Dancing- afternoon session.
2. Updated the Committee on Trips and Tickets.
 - a. Disney On Ice- Sold out
 - b. Sold 29/46 tickets to the Devils game on Jan. 14
 - c. Trip Sunday 12/8 went great- excellent weather, this trip was sold out.
 - d. Trip this Sunday 12/15 also sold out and we are all set.

- e. Philadelphia Flower Show tickets- \$67.00 March 3rd- sold 4 already.
- 3. Senior Exercise is a little slow over the last few weeks, but we will re do a flyer and send out to local Senior Clubs.
- 4. 654 families have signed up for a Community Pass Log In. This grows weekly.
- 5. Tree lighting was a huge success, we gave out 100 gift bags.
- 6. Polar Plunge, Kids Triathlon, and Beach Yoga have been approved by the Lake Lackawanna Beach Club.
- 7. The Sports Council meeting will be held in January, and I am obtaining the field requests first and will discuss them at the meeting. I am also asking that all Board members come to the meeting.
- 8. Holiday Decorating Contest – 6 entries, I will put out a Nixle to remind folks of the deadline on Dec 13, Judging will be this coming weekend.
- 9. Ski-Club- January 8-February 5
 - a. 5th grade- 1
 - b. 6thgrade-12
 - c. 7th grade-3
 - d. 8th-grade -2
 - e. 9th grade- 6
 - f. 10th grade – 4
 - g. 11th grade – 3
 - h. 12th grade – 0

Total: 31 kids/ 7 chaperones

We received 6 free ski passes to cover our chaperones.

Event Committee gave a short report to include dates for 2025

January Coat Drive- Saturday January 26

Polar Plunge- Sunday February 16

Miss Byram- Applications by Friday May 23

Kids Triathlon – Saturday July 12

Outdoor Concert- Saturday July 19

Halloween Decorating Contest- Register by Friday

Tree Lighting – Dec 7

Holiday Decorating Contest- Nov 23-Dec 12 judging Dec 13 & 14

Tree Lighting- Went over the event, everyone please with the turn out and the improvements we made from 2023 and will add maybe some entertainment for the kids from the Municipal Alliance for 2025.

Don Bogardus discussed the Open Space meeting that was held on Monday December 9. CO Johnson Field Complex was discussed and renovating the fieldhouse as use for some of the money and the possible raising of the Open Space tax.

Debbie brought up that in January we will begin to discuss Byram Fest 2025.

Councilperson Cris Franco gave her Council report- She spoke on the COJ/Highlands Grant project. Debbie mentioned the CO Johnson Playground installation has begun and all should be complete in a few weeks except for the surfacing. Also, the Tennis Courts outside the Municipal Building are complete we are just waiting for the Council to accept them from Corey the Engineer. We will plan a Grand Opening in the Spring.

Announcements

Chef It Up going well and the Spring Class is still accepting registrations.

Chairperson Don Bogardus brought up can we rest any fields, and can we use the High School fields? Debbie explained that with field 8 closed for 1 year at least we will have to use field 5 which means no rest, I would like to have that ability, but it is not feasible. Debbie also stated that she will be monitoring closely who is using what fields and making sure all the fields in the surrounding towns are also being used. As for the High School it is tough based on they rent to SCCC for Football and other for profit groups

There were no agenda topics for our meeting in January and as a reminder our 2025 meetings will begin at 7pm.

The meeting was open to the public- the public (Anneleise) had nothing.

Danielle Conroy (Ralphie) made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. Kelly Eller seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation