



Recreation Meeting Minutes July 14,2026

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Lynn Apolinaro	Vice Chair	Present
Cathy Cobo	Member	Present
Vacant	Vice Chair	Present
Donna Koenig	Member	Absent
Maritsa Barosi	Member	Present
Tracy Vanauken	Member	Present
Kelly Eller	Alternate #1	Absent
Vacant	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also present was Director of Recreation Debbie Armeno

The Recreation Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m., all stood for the flag salute, and a moment of silence.

The Recreation Chairperson asked the Director of Recreation to take roll call. All were present except for Donna Koenig.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for the approval of the June 29, 2026, meeting minutes. Lynn Apolinaro made a motion to accept, Tracy Vanauken seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Councilwomen Cris Franco gave her Council report, she reported on Field 8 is still being worked on by happy we can use it for the Fireworks display, Council heard a report from Cory Stoner the Engineer about a lighting plan for field #5 and the addition of a new press box using a shipping container with a stick built structure on top. She further reported on Miss Byram and her Royal Court was crowned during the meeting and our newest Police Officer was sworn in.

Recreation Director Reported on:

1. Fall programs are almost completed and will be released mid-August.
2. Byram Fest planning meeting with Township Officials and EMS this morning to lay out our plan and hit home the parking plan with Police in place.
3. Touched on Miss Byram and when she will be at the State Fair.

Recreation Director discussed the Kids- Triathlon and asked for feedback from the Rec Committee and some volunteers who assisted.

Ginny LePore- reported that the Beach is a “no pets” location and an Event sign can be posted at the Lake entrance a week prior to the event to stop traffic.

Malani Leitzel- reported perhaps starting the older kids first then the little kids so when the older kids finish there are people there to cheer them on, almost a staggered start.

Rec Committee- reported a better map to help guide the volunteers to direct the children, stop traffic at the Caddyshack to the beach. Get notices out and electronic signs, this will help reduce the traffic while kids are running. It was also brought up that in previous years they used to close roads for the Byram Day 5K so it can be done.

Debbie reported on the budget, and next year we will have to purchase T-shirts for the youth and perhaps add a logo to the shirts. The only expenses this year were coffee for the volunteers and snacks and water for the runners.

Our total expense was: Shop Rite- \$56.94 and Dunkin Doughnuts- \$42.50

Debbie reported on the Crowning of Miss Byram and her Royal Court- The expenses for this was:

Print wear printing of the sashes - \$39.00

Amazon- purchase of sashes/tiaras

Shop-Rite- flowers- \$79.97

Debbie discussed the possibility of a small Fall event if the budget allows by the next meeting she will provide a total that will include the Byram Fest expenses.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for any announcements or agenda topics for next meeting, there was none.

The Recreation Chairperson opened the meeting to the public; Anneliese mentioned a trip to NYC and allowed folks to go where they want and just pay for the bus. Debbie will investigate it.

Lynn Apolinaro made a motion to adjourn, Cathy Cobo seconded meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Armeno

Director of Recreation

