



Recreation Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

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

Also present was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

The Recreation Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Donna Koenig and Lynn Apolinaro who gave prior notice and was excused.

Tracy Vanauken – 29 Crescent Drive S, Andover- was present and discussed with the Committee why she would like to join the Committee and the Committee had a few questions, she has been a resident for 25 years and is a music teacher and feels it is time to volunteer and give back. The Committee agreed and her name will be sent to the Mayor and Council via Clerk Church for final approval.

Cris Franco gave her Council report- Field 8 has some delays and is not progressing as the Township would like. Not sure when will be open this Spring. The EC reported on trails and prescribed burns that will be happening soon. Don mentioned that in Open Space Mayor Rubenstein brought up that retention basins may now be considered Wetlands by the DEP, he will get more clarification he asked Cris if she had heard of this or if the Council is talking about. She stated no.

Recreation Director Debbie Armeno gave her report-

1. WORKING ON WINTER FAMILY ACTIVITIES, ADVERTISING TRYING TO GET THE WORD OUT.
2. SKI CLUB HAS 35 SKIERS THIS YEAR AND 5 CHAPPERONES SET TO GO IN JANUARY.
3. WILL BE HOSSTONG THE SPRING SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY DEC 11.
4. COAT DRIVE ALREADY YIELDED 3 LARGE BAGS OF COATS- WILL END ON FRIDAY.

5. ROCKETTES TRIP- 109 PEOPLE 2 BUSES READY TO GO FOR SUNDAY.
6. ALREADY WORKING ON SPRING BROCHURE HOPE TO RELEASE IN LATE FEBRUARY
7. CLASSES THAT ARE ON GOING:
 - a. Senior Exercise
 - b. Line Dancing with Kara (Monday evenings)
 - c. Line dancing with Wendy (Friday afternoons)
 - d. Mini Movers (Tuesday afternoons)
 - e. ABC's of Art (Saturdays)
 - f. Crochet and Mahjong
8. CLASSES THAT WE HAD TO CANCEL
 - a. Plant Workshop- only 1 sign up all year.
 - b. ABC's Art 4-week session only 1 sign up for the December class
9. WILL NEED SOME HELP WITH THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES AS THEY COME UP, WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

Recreation Director Debbie Armeno recapped the Tree Lighting, we spoke about the Santa Letters, the Holiday Decorating Contest and how successful the event was. Next year bring in another performer, the Magician was great and well received. The HS Choir is a great hit as usual and will be welcomed back next year. The addition of the Art instructors was a bonus.

Recreation Director Debbie Armeno stated that in the January meeting we will be doing a “deep dive” into the 2025 Byram Fest and begin the planning of the 2026 Byram Fest- Aug. 22. All are ready to get started.

Recreation Chairperson asked if there were any announcements- There were none other than Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Recreation Chairperson asked for agenda topics for next meeting- There were none.

Recreation Chairperson opened the meeting to the public- Kreative Kid Care stated she can drive the kids around the lot to Chef It up.

Kelly Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cathy Cobo seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Armeno