



Recreation Meeting Minutes May 12, 2026

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

Also present was Director of Recreation Debbie Armeno

The Recreation Committee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Kelly Eller and Cathy Cobo. Cathy Cobo was excused based on prior notice of her absence.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for the approval of March 10, 2026, minutes, we did not have a quorum for the April 14, 2026, meeting so it needed to wait until May 12, 2026, meeting. Lynne Apolinaro made a motion to approve March 10, 2026, meeting minutes, Donna Koenig seconded and all were in favor.

Councilperson Cris Franco gave her report, she reported on Field 8 still having issues, the Township Engineer has taken over, and the previous Engineer has been released from this job.

Director of Recreation Debbie Armeno reported on:

1. Summer Brochure being released and went over new things
2. Went over existing programs and their progress.
3. Discussed the following dates that MUST be in the calendars of all Committee members:
 - a. June 6- Fishing Event at Cranberry Lake
 - b. July 25- Outdoor movie night
 - c. August 22- Byram Fest
 - d. December 7- Tree Lighting
4. Asked for any Fall program ideas as that Brochure is being worked on now.

Discussion of Byram Fest 2026- Debbie discussed the following:

1. Went over letter to be sent out to all non-profits, asked Committee to review and make any changes. None were brought up; we added 4 more non-profits to send invites too.
2. Reviewed the report Cris gave to the Council for those not at the April meeting.
3. Discussed our next meeting being at the COJ Fieldhouse so we could walk to the facility and work on the placement of the event. Debbie will get a change of meeting announcement out and cover on our next agenda.

Discussion of Miss Byram 2026- Debbie discussed the following:

1. No applications have been picked up not sure if any have been downloaded. None have been handed in to date.
2. LVRHS, Sussex Tech, the elementary Schools, our Spring and Summer Brochure, the website all have the flyers and have been promoting this event. We will all continue to spread the word and hope to get at least 1 applicant.
3. Debbie will send flyers and applications to the Choir and Theater teachers at LVRHS they both stated that they will personally hand them out to young ladies that meet the requirement.

Recreation Committee Chairperson asked for any announcements, there were none.

Recreation Chairperson asked for any agenda topics for the June 9, 2026, meeting, there were none.

The Recreation Committee Chairperson opened the meeting to the public- we had 2 attendees. Anneliese stated she received a very large donation of crayons for her school and would like to donate some to the Recreation Department for use at Byram Fest for the patriotic coloring pages kids will color for a prize.

Mr. Vanauken stated that he would be happy to lend a hand at the June 6 Fishing event.

The Recreation Chairperson closed the meeting to the public

Lynn Apolinaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Maritsa Barosi seconded all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Armeno

Director of Recreation

