

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023 – 8:00 P.M.

Scott Yappen	Chairperson	x
Shawn Conner	Vice Chairperson	x
	Member	
Nicole Halajian	Member	x
Danielle Conroy	Member	x
Kelly Eller	Member	
Eric Dietz	Member	x
Jeri Quirk	Alternate 1	
	Alternate 2	
Jack Gallagher	Council Liaison	

Also in attendance: Mayor: Alex Rubenstein, Catherine Biancone: Recreation Secretary

Call meeting to order, meeting opened at 8:02 pm, flag salute, moment of silence, roll call

- Motion by Eric to approve minutes from the December 19, 2022 meeting, second by Danielle. All in favor.

Committee Reorganization:

- Nicole nominated Shawn for Committee Chairperson. Eric second the motion.
- Scott nominated himself for Chairperson. Shawn second the motion.
 - Scott and Shawn both spoke about the Chairperson position.
 - There was a detailed discussion about tabling the vote since two members were absent.
- Vote for Chairperson: Scott received 2 votes, Shawn received 3 votes
Vote count:
 - Scott voted for Scott
 - Shawn voted for Shawn
 - Nicole voted for Shawn
 - Danielle voted for Shawn
 - Eric voted for Scott
 - There was continued discussion about tabling the vote since two members were absent and there may have been confusion about the meeting date.
- Shawn made a motion to table the vote for Chairperson until the next meeting. Danielle second the motion. Vote: Yes - 3, No - 2
 - Scott voted yes
 - Danielle voted yes

- Shawn voted yes
- Eric voted no
- Nicole voted no

- Council Liaison Update: Jack Gallagher absent

- Completed Events: Catherine hosted a Senior Citizen Exercise class with Sussex County Health Education Department. It was a well-received activity. 23 seniors attended

- External Communications: Scott suggested that we advertise the vacancies on the various committees. Catherine and Alex responded that it has been Nixled, is on the website, and is on the sign in front of the school.

- Open Space – no report

- Facilities Sub-Committee: Shawn reported that there will be another meeting with administration and sport leagues to discuss C. O. Johnson improvements. There was a discussion about bathrooms vs. port o johns at C. O. Park. Shawn will present this question again at their next meeting.

- Programs Sub-Committee:
 - Danielle stated that the yoga class at the school was cancelled due to lack of enrollment but it will be restructured and offered again through the PTA.
 - Danielle explained that the Art class, which will be sponsored by the PTA, is going forward.
 - Danielle provided a spreadsheet with possible programs for the future. She used the results of the Recreation Survey along with researching surrounding towns to compile the information. She gave a brief overview of the classes on the list.
 - There was a discussion about which demographic each class targets.
 - (Public Comment) Annalise suggested that the committee research “Little Gym”. She suggested that the committee should target young children who are not in school yet. She also offered the committee the use of her mats if needed for a gym class.
 - Shawn suggested that the committee work on refining and providing more detail for the programs.

Future Events

- Scott reported that Lou Esposito from the Historical Society will be available to meet and discuss the Byram 225th Anniversary and Byram Fest.
- Senior Bingo Game event is Saturday Feb 11, 11:00am-1:00pm. There will be 3, \$10.00 gift cards awarded to winners. The bus will be available to pick up seniors who need a ride.
- Movie Night is Friday, February 24. The PTA is willing to assist with coordinating the event. They will provide the space at Byram Lakes School and snacks. The movie “Bad Guys” was chosen through a survey which the committee will be providing.
- Family Game Night is Friday, March 10. The committee would like to purchase oversized games such as checkers, jenga, ring toss, etc. for this event. These games could also be used at future events. Catherine said they could be stored in the trailer at the Municipal Building if needed.
- Shawn made a motion to spend \$300 from the Recreation Events budget to purchase games. Second by Eric. Approved by all.
- Eric suggested doing a fishing derby.
- Shawn explained that committee members are needed to volunteer in order for these events to be successful. Several members volunteered for upcoming events.

Items for Future Meeting:

- Budget review for 2023
- Committee Reorganization

Open to the Public:

- Annalise offered her bus to collect food for food pantry at the Polar Plunge event.

There was a discussion about next month’s meeting time conflicting with the Open Space meeting. The decision was to keep the Recreation Committee meeting as scheduled.

Motion by Shawn, second by Eric for adjournment at 10:28pm. All in favor. The next meeting will be **Monday, February 13, 2023 at 8:00pm** at the Municipal Building.