

## RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2019 – 8:00 P.M.

Len Bicher	Chairperson	x
Scott Yappen	Vice Chairperson	x
Bob Androsky	Member	x
Jeri Quirk	Member	x
Jennifer Kerr	Member	x
	Member	
Nicole Halajjian	Secretary	x
Donna Griff	Alternate 1	
	Alternate 2	
Alex Rubenstein	Council Liaison	

Also present: Phil Crosson

- Council meeting called to order, Flag Salute, Moment of Silence. Presentation by Greener by Design at council meeting.
- Volunteer Representative from different organizations want to run a table at Byram Day but no one has volunteered to run the event. The education foundation wants to stick with a tricky tray.
- Byram Fest got people talking and interested in something different.
  - The kids enjoyed the light sticks from the police department
  - The bounce houses were not open long enough.
  - There needs to be activities for higher age groups.
  - Parking should be done by dedicated professionals. There needs to be more handicap spaces or designated temporary handicap parking.
  - Older people need something to do. Suggestions were family volleyball or pickleball tournaments, cornhole. Adults were just standing around talking.
- Byram Day 2020 – need a plan. Start framework by talking to sports organizations. What will people think if there is no Byram Day? Pinpoint a day in early June with fireworks at 9:30pm. Suggestions:
  - Ask band to play (Jeri to email school principal)
  - Ask choir to sing
  - Blood drive
  - Have seniors volunteer
  - Have a hike with Alex
  - No vendors
- The survey is completed. The Open Space Committee wants to focus more on trails. Most people feel we have adequate fields except field 8.

- There is a possibility of interacting with other towns and Recreation Committees but why does Byram pay for these activities? Byram has better facilities. Byram's population is declining and it's hard to recruit kids to play sports.
  - The survey showed that people want a dog park, a gazebo, adult sports, and indoor sports
  - Would Hudson Farms be interested in running a shooting program? Scott will look into this.
  - Can we run Yoga classes? What do seniors like to do?
  - Camp Lenape did well. There is also a camp in Sparta. The Recreation Director in Sparta wants to coordinate.
  - The capital budget is due in February. But the Recreation Committee cannot lose sight of running events and having programs
- Tree Lighting Event. December 8 at 6pm with magician at 7pm. Nicole will pick up the mailbox from Phil for Letters to Santa. If interested in volunteering please meet at firehouse at 5:30pm.
  - Holiday Lights Contest. People need to register online. Phil will put together addresses and will email them to the Recreation Committee. Recreation Committee members will drive around on December 14. Winners to be chosen on December 16 and announced at council meeting on December 17.
  - Can meetings be held somewhere other than CO Johnson Fieldhouse? If moved the meetings would have to be noticed.
  - 2020 Meeting schedule: January 13, February 10, then every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday thereafter: 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21

Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Jeri Quirk for adjournment at 9:02pm – approved by all

The next meeting will be December 16, 2019 at 8:00pm at the CO Johnson Fieldhouse