

## RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2020 – 8:00 P.M.

Len Bicher	Chairperson	x
Scott Yappen	Vice Chairperson	x
Bob Androsky	Member	
Jeri Quirk	Member	x
Jennifer Kerr	Member	
Kymerli Morris	Member	x
Nicole Halajian	Secretary	x
Donna Griff	Alternate 1	x
	Alternate 2	
Jack Gallagher	Council Liaison	x

Also present: Alex Rubenstein, Phil Crosson

Call meeting to order, Meeting opened at 8:03pm

- Minutes from November 16, 2020 – Motion by Jeri Quirk, second by Kymerli Morris to approve the minutes. Motion passed
- Open Space Funding – The Council agreed to a contract with French & Parello authorizing conceptual drawings and ideas for the C.O. Johnson expansion including the fieldhouse and layout of fields. Joe and Phil did a walk-thru with representatives from French & Parello. French & Parello will address the items from the survey, except turf fields.
- Holiday Events (Tree Lighting, Decorating Contest, etc)
  - Phil tabulated the light contest results, and he will reach out the winners. The winners will receive a ShopRite gift card. The contest was coordinated with the PTA's map. Scott suggested to have criteria next year such as creative use of inflatables. Len suggested to start planning early next year (August) to give the Committee time to create different categories. The contest is a good way to show community spirit.
  - There were about a dozen Letters to Santa. Our volunteer, Ginny, is working on them.
- Byram Fest Subcommittee
  - The subcommittee should meet before the next Recreation Committee meeting to come up with ideas and the framework. Donna said the Subcommittee will meet after the holidays.
  - The Subcommittee will plan the event for June, until they hear otherwise from the Town or Governor.

- Any Other Items:
  - Len stated someone wanted to donate a TV to the fieldhouse but was met with issues such as the size, power source, will it be on the wall, free-standing, taking up space, etc. The TV couldn't be donated because there is too much storage at the Fieldhouse (gym mats from the old school). It shouldn't be a hassle if someone wants to donate something.
  - The Committee would like to plan more events. Scott feels we need a Recreation Director or shared services with other towns. Alex shared that the Council is looking into hiring a part-time Recreation Director. Activity idea: Halloween haunted trail
  - Len gave everyone on the Committee homework: what event do you want to plan for 2021? What is needed to get it done?
  - Donna will add to the school sign: "Happy Holidays & Stay Safe"

Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Kymberli Morris for adjournment at 8:45pm – approved by all. The next meeting will be January 20, 2021 at 8:00pm, via Zoom.