

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2019 – 8:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Phil Crosson

Call meeting to order, Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Meeting opened at 8:20pm

- Scott contacted Griffen & Howe to discuss an archery, gun, or fly fishing event. The event cannot be promoted in schools but hunting can start at 16. Scott will discuss again with Stacy in February. She may attend a meeting with a presentation.
- Winners were picked for the Lights Contest and announced at the Council Meeting. Next year Phil will get permission beforehand to post pictures online.
- The 2020 Capital Budget should be submitted before 1/21/20. The Recreation Committee will focus on: COJ Fieldhouse / PA system, Gazebo, and Dog Park. Phil will ask Joe the next steps.
- Scott suggested Mohawk Ridge has land for a dog park as well as Field 8. Len feels Field 8 should be fixed and stay a field.
- Gazebo: need an architect and rough plans and numbers. Need guidelines on size. Where and how big? A pavilion at Tamarack Park probably wouldn't be used. Who would be in charge of applications to rent it?
- COJ Fieldhouse: used by most sports, cub scouts, Bingo. A PA/sound system with zones is needed. If a generator was installed it could be used as a warming center. Are the stairs necessary? It would create a wider floor plan to remove the steps. It was suggested to only keep 3 years worth of trophies. Needs new playground equipment.

- Would Atlantic Health give money if approached with a particular project? They receive incentives for health and wellness. Need a plan: where, what, how much
- Potential trails – not enough markers. Need people to go out and nail to trees. Salt Shakers?
- Seniors – seniors go to their own senior meetings. Ask them what do they want to see in town and what events. Jeri will invite them to the next meeting.
- Tamarack Park was overused. Soccer may have to be moved or delayed.
- The basketball courts need new nets
- PSE&G gave money to Mountain Heights but it's not an area of focus at the moment. Funds are still available.
- Open Space – the idea of linkage of both groups was discussed. A meeting would be needed for both groups and the Council.
- Mayor's Hike in the Spring. Need an easier trail such as Sussex Branch. Needs to be published.
- Jeri reported that if the school bands want to play at Byram Day, it would have to be the first couple weekends in June. June 13 is graduation. There can only be one Byram Day/Byram Fest, not two in June and September.
- Byram Day - We should not go too big too fast. There should be more stuff for adults to do. June will have more day light. Take what we did for Byram Fest and make a little bit better. We need volunteers to help. Sports can each run a piece. Groups can sell snacks before fireworks but need to be reliable. Food truck were a draw. Alex will talk to Atlantic Health about a blood drive. The goal is June 5 – are there any reasons this date doesn't work?
- Upcoming events: May: Miss Byram. June: Kids Triathlon
- Len and Nicole will renew terms. Nicole feels the Recreation Committee needs to take ownership of Byram Day or not plan it at all.

Motion by Jeri Quirk, second by Scott Yappen for adjournment at 9:43pm – approved by all

The next meeting will be January 13, 2020 at 8:00pm at the CO Johnson Fieldhouse