

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2021 – 8:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Phil Crosson, Joe Sabatini

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

- Minutes from January 20, 2021 – Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Jennifer Kerr to approve the minutes. Motion passed

- Open Space update:
 - Two Resolutions were approved by the Council on 2/16: Forest Stewardship Services not to exceed \$5,000 and authorization to Greener by Design as a consultant, not to exceed \$12,000.

- Partnership with Sparta Recreation:
 - The information with Sparta Recreation was sent out on social media (Nixle, Facebook, and email). Scott asked if it could be pushed out again but Joe advised most programs are full. There was no participation by residents of Byram.
 - There are costs associated with sending out Nixle text messages and they are reserved for important community notifications. “Advisories and urgent messages” go to text. Other messages go to email depending on how the user’s account is set up.
 - There are too many events for Phil to advertise separately. They will be listed on the website.

- Any other items from the committee:
 - March 15 is the deadline for applications for Recreation Leader. The Town Council still needs to discuss the role of the Recreation Leader. This position will be part time to assist the Recreation Committee with events, administrative facilities and finger-printing. The Town budget will be introduced at the next Town Council meeting. This position will not exceed \$40,000.
 - Has there been any update for events due to COVID? The government has not provided any for direction for in-person events. The committee should plan as if Byram Fest will happen. Nicole will email the Sub-Committee for an update.

- Feedback was received from the plans submitted by French & Parrello. Comments by the Council, general comments from 1/20 Recreation Committee, and content from 2/8 Open Space Meeting, and comments from Councilman Bonker were compiled. Phil will email the comments to the Recreation Committee.
- As a reminder, please do not text or email more than 3 Committee members.

- Open to the public:
 - Annalise DeMagistris: greeted the Committee members and stated she is here to see what is going on.

Motion by Nicole Halajian, second by Jennifer Kerr for adjournment at 8:35pm – approved by all. The next meeting will be Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:00pm, via Zoom.