

## RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021 – 8:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Phil Crosson

Call meeting to order, Meeting opened at 8:04pm

- Minutes from March 15, 2021 – Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Nicole Halajian to approve the minutes. Motion passed
- Update on Open Space funding:
  - Forest Stewardship Services and Greener by Design consulting were hired.
- Report on Grant opportunity that was discovered.:
  - A grant opportunity is available for the Riverside Park. The grant is for improvements and handicap accessibility on an existing park and cannot be used to fund the dog park. The grant has limited funding to communities affected by COVID-19.
- Update of Existing Topics:
  - Byram Fest – The fireworks vendor is booked until the fall. Phil suggested to hire a consultant service (Mega Bite Events LLC – approximately \$500) to organize the food trucks. Motion by Kymerli Morris, second by Scott Yappen to engage Mega Bite to coordinate the food trucks. Motion passed
    - Kymerli will email the subcommittee to organize another meeting. Jack will ask the council if October 9 (rain date October 10) works.
    - Can beer be sold? This has been addressed before and logistics would need to be researched: insurance cost, police. This can be planned in the future.
  - Status of facilities/parks/fields/trails (snow melt, etc.) – parks are open and look good. People are using the amenities. Field 8 is being used by lacrosse. Sports need school availability which have been closed.
  - Miss Byram contest – scheduled for June 5 with a rain date of June 12. DPW will put the platform outside the football field. Nicole will purchase snacks and drinks.

- Pickle Ball/Tennis tournaments – Begin to plan and identify someone to lead the effort. Scott purchased equipment. Donna had stated she knew people who play. Scott asked if a Nixle can be set up to ask who is interested. Scott will email Phil the bulletin with tentative date. Scott would like to set up a small group to boost interest in May.
- Kids Triathlon – Phil will ask Alex if Lake Lackawanna is willing to have the Triathlon this year
- Glow Golf – Phil will check with Joe on the issue with glow golf in 2019. Are we able to host it this year?
- Recreation Leader – still interviewing. Another Nixle advertisement went out. There were 3 applicants and 2 will be asked to come back for a second interview.
- Update on request to the council/town management regarding social and dedicated Byram Recreation Facebook page – Jack said he did mention it at a council meeting. He suggested we wait until the Recreation Leader is hired. Joe cannot move forward without direction from the Council.
- Hike with the Mayor – will be discussed with Alex at a future meeting
- Other Items from the Committee:
  - Continue shared services. Can we coordinate with Sparta or Mt. Olive?
  - Garage Sale – Phil will ask the risk manager if the township can be the directory. Motion by Nicole Halajian, second by Kymberli Morris to host a town-wide garage sale June 5 and June 6. Motion passed
  - Phil & Alex are unavailable in May. Len will run the Zoom meeting
  - Parks are open with no COVID limitations. Sports have to submit an action plan.
  - French and Parrello are finalizing the recommendations and will send the plan to Joe. Joe will present the plan to the Council.

Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Kymberli Morris for adjournment at 8:54pm – approved by all. The next meeting will be Monday, May 17, 2021 at 8:00pm, via Zoom.