

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2020 – 8:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Phil Crosson, Alex Rubenstein, Joe Sabatini

Call meeting to order, Meeting opened at 8:00pm

- Minutes from June 15, 2020 – Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Bob Androsky to approve the minutes. Motion passed
- Dog Park update: Phil and intern, Ricky, put together a 10 question survey. The survey will be presented to the Council tomorrow night for approval. Scott asked if the questions could include one more that is more positive. Phil advised that they spent a lot of time on researching the best questions. Scott will send a 20 question survey that he created to Alex. Phil stated to keep in mind that Survey Monkey allows up to 10 questions.
- Kids Triathlon – Nicole reported that Lake Lackawanna has decided not to allow the Triathlon at the lake this year and would like to plan for June 2021. Len asked if we should approach Forest Lakes. Nicole stated she is not interested in volunteering due to the large crowds and does not feel comfortable asking for volunteers. It was agreed to postpone the Triathlon.
- Patriotism Week – a lot of people decorated and showed off their work on social media.
- Halloween Contest – it was suggested to hold a Halloween decorating contest the second week of October / middle of October. No prizes. Donna will send a write-up to Jack.
- Byram Fest: No one can predict what will happen in the upcoming months regarding the virus. Currently, the governor is allowing up to 500 people with social distancing, masks, sanitizing stations, and signage. There is no way to prevent more people from attending.
 - The DJ has backed out. 3 vendors are scheduled but not confirmed. If we cancel they want a month notice.
 - Ride vendors – rides have to be sanitized in-between each group. Kids have to wear masks. There may be long lines.

- Fireworks may draw a large crowd.
 - Other towns have cancelled their fall events.
 - Last year's crowd was around 1200-1500 people
 - Joe discussed the operational challenges – incurred costs, expanded man hours. The township has to meet State guidelines, and work with police, DPW, Board of Health. It would be hard to police people and tell them it's time to go. The event cannot be restricted to just Byram residents.
 - The Committee weighed the options of continuing to plan vs canceling the event. Scott feels the town needs something. Donna feels it's asking too much of our police and volunteers to work the event under these circumstances.
 - Motion by Donna Griff, second by Bob Androsky to advise the Council not to hold Byram Fest 2020 and move to 2021 late spring/early summer. Scott Yappen opposed. Motion passed
- Sign & Maintenance – Bob needs news quotes for the sign. He would like them approved by the Council first. Joe advised the Administration can approve the quotes and they should be sent to him and Phil. Bob said the sign can hold 19 spaces with 3 lines. Bob also asked about the status of the LED sign. The sign can be put on town or county property but not State property. The land by ShopRite is not an option because of the electricity needed and speed of the cars decreases visibility. Alex suggested approaching the potential WaWa (application by CVS).
 - All-Inclusive Playground – Wayne just built a new all-inclusive playground. Phil is researching grants but has not found one that Byram Township qualifies for.
 - Joe advised that he is putting together the Capital budget and the Council is getting into the planning stage for next year. Joe advised that if the Committee wants to advise the Council to focus on one project such as the Fieldhouse or football field, it may prohibit another project from being completed. Nicole stated that the Committee already agreed to recommend to the Council to use funds to renovate the Fieldhouse and does not want to go backwards. No further discussion.
 - Fall Field Space – Byram schools currently prohibit the use of fields. Teams have moved to Mohawk View. Fields may open in the fall but protocols have not been published yet.

Motion by Bob Androsky, second by Donna Griff for adjournment at 9:22pm – approved by all. The next meeting will be August 17, 2020 at 8:00pm, location TBD.