

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2020 – 8:00 P.M.

Len Bicher	Chairperson	x
Scott Yappen	Vice Chairperson	x
Bob Androsky	Member	x
Jeri Quirk	Member	x
Jennifer Kerr	Member	x
	Member	
Nicole Halajian	Secretary	x
Donna Griff	Alternate 1	
	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 August 17, 2020 – Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Bob Androsky to approve the minutes. Motion passed

- Promote the trails:
 - Len suggested a proper box with a weather-proof copy of the trail map and mount it on the exterior of the fieldhouse. There is a map at town hall.
 - The Recreation should work with the Open Space Committee. Greener by Design has an electronic version. They did a nice job updating the maps.
 - There is a QR code. Connectivity can be an issue. Jen thinks the map is a good idea because a lot of people don't know how to use a QR code.
 - The Recreation Committee can host events such as "Hike with the Mayor"
 - Joe stated no one owns the promotion of trails. The EC has been the leader with trails by hosting clean ups. A scout built a kiosk at CO Johnson. Joe suggested the Recreation Committee could make a recommendation to the council to allocate money to print new trail maps. The EC received a grant to develop a 4x6 trail map (11x17 expands) of all trails throughout town.
 - Alex is not adverted to a kiosk of the entire trail system. Alex suggested partnering with one website for an accurate map such as alltrails.com
 - The Township website in the Appendix has a link to a map. There is opportunity to work with the EC to get a grant to update maps. Or the Recreation Committee could ask the Council to allocate an updated map into the budget. The first step would be to identify the source of funding and how much it costs. Then email Donna Fett or go to a meeting and ask if the EC is interested in working with the Recreation Committee.
 - Len to research which app is best.
 - Greener by Design is working on marketing and new logos for the trails. Scott will look into the survey and what people utilize on the trails.

- Byram Fest Subcommittee – The max for a subcommittee is 3 members of the Recreation Committee.
 - Jeri stated the event is too big to tackle and there are not a lot of volunteers.
 - Keep it small. Reach out to organizations, Byram band, choir
 - No one wants to get rid of Byram Fest but we need to organize it.
 - Len volunteered to lead the Subcommittee
 - Phil will make a Facebook post looking for volunteers
 - Scott stated in two weeks the Fairgrounds will host food trucks and music groups. They advertised 16 food trucks and 2-3 bands. The problem with Byram Fest is it's an evening event. But last year did have a decent turnout. There are many factors why the Fairgrounds is different from Byram Fest such as an admission fee and an all-day event.

- Halloween Spirit Celebration – Phil's flyer looks great with promotion starting October 1. Jeri suggested changing the event to a Jack-o-Lantern event instead of house decorating:

	YES	NO	BOTH
Len Bicher	X		
Scott Yappen			X
Bob Androsky	X		
Jeri Quirk	X		
Jennifer Kerr	X		
Nicole Halajian			X

- Phil and Nicole will change the flyer

- September 8 Meeting – very useful and consensus was agreed on next steps. All parties agreed COJ is the center of improvements and bulk of money. The Township engineering will focus on the plan.

- Shared Services – Scott asked why doesn't Byram, Netcong, and Stanhope share services, assets, and work together? Netcong has big events and a small budget. LVR has turf and other assets. Each sports organization should reach out to the Board of Education. Alex stated that if anyone has a problem using a field, they should contact him directly.
 - Sparta has been under quarantine (football, soccer, field hockey).
 - Field hockey did not play but has more field access. Organizations have to hold to the governor's standards. Cheerleading has stopped, the majority of coaches did not want to continue. Football is continuing.
 - Joe stated no one has come to the town to ask for more space, it is an organization decision.

- Town-wide Garage Sale – Jen asked if we are hosting the garage sale this year. It was decided to wait until June 2021.

Motion by Scott Yappen, second by Bob Androsky for adjournment at 9:18pm – approved by all. The next meeting will be October 19, 2020 at 8:00pm, location TBD.