

TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM  
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 13, 2023 – 8 P.M.  
**AGENDA**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the recreation committee meeting on February 13, 2023, will be held in person at the Byram Municipal Building at 8:00 pm.

Public will have the opportunity to comment at appropriate times during the meeting. Formal action may be taken. The following is the agenda to the extent known:

- I. Call meeting to order and Flag Salute
- II. Roll Call
- III. Recreation Committee Reorganization
- IV. Approval of minutes from January 9, 2023
- V. Byram Town Council Liaison Update
- VI. Completed Activities and Recognition
- VII. Events
  - a. 2023 Events Update
  - b. Byram Township Historical Society Presentation
  - c. Byram Fest Planning
- VIII. Programs Planning
- IX. Facilities
  - a. Engineering - New Dog Park and CO Johnson Park Upgrades
- X. 2023 Budget Review
- XI. Trex Recycle Challenge
- XII. External Communications
- XIII. Open Space Committee Member
- XIV. Items for a Future Meeting
- XV. Open to the Public
- XVI. Next meeting and Adjournment

**Byram Recreation Committee - 2023 Events**  
**February 2023**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date 2023</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Material Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
Coat Drive	FEB		Pantry and Pet Supplies	pantry. 2 drop off dates at pet store by ShopRite	One large bin	pickup if needed
Polar Plunge	2/19/2023	10am	Lackawanna	Costume contest with \$25 gift card. What else?	coffee/hot choc- Prize	Shawn, Eric, Catherine
Senior Games	2/11/2023	11-1pm	Council room	PTA has bingo wheel we can use, Danielle or Shawn will pick up	snacks, water bottles, coffee, bingo equipment	Nicole, Shawn, Scott, Jess P
Indoor Movie Night	2/24/2023	7pm	BLS Auditorium	PTA partnership, Jim McBain will provide projector, Marlas husband speakers, Shawn DVD player.	PTA would run snacks and drinks.	Shawn, Nicole, Danelle
Family Game Night	3/10/2023	7-9pm	Byram Schools	Games being ordered from yardgames.com and oriental traders by Catherine. Shawn to provide cornhole	PTA pick up snacks and drinks	Shawn, Nicole, Danelle
Geo Catching Event	5/6/2023		Tamarack Trail to COJ	11 geocaches on this trail, PTA would like to partner on this	Participants need to have the app	
Senior Walk	5/13/2023		COJ Park	date		
Color run with PTA	5/20/2023	all day	Byram Schools	obstacle courses around the school. Advertise, organize food trucks and face painter. Shirts What do these cost	Marla looking for food truck info from Catherine	as many as possible
Memorial Day Parade	5/29/2023					
Movie in the Park	6/3/2023		Tamarack park	Need to determine movie	PTA pick up snacks and drinks	3
Garage Sale	6/3-6/4					
Miss Byram	6/10/2023			Check graduation dates		
Kids Triathlon	6/17/2023					
Patriotic Showoff	July					
Cranberry Lake Kayak	7/2/2023		Cranberry Lake	kayak group activity. Participants are expected to bring all. Do we need EMS on site?		
Movie in the Park	7/15/2023		Tamarack park	PTA will partner	PTA pick up snacks and drinks	
Senior Walk	7/22/2023		Sussex Branch Trail			
Sussex Count Miners Game	July or August		schedule dependent	schedule dependent		
Fun Run	8/12/2023		Sussex Branch Trail or COJ	Partner with PTA	décor, prizes, snacks drinks	

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Movie in the Park	8/26/2023		Tamarack park	PTA will partner	PTA pick up snacks and drinks	
Byram Fest	9/9/2023		COJ Park	Coordinate with HS, budget is just a 20% increase from 2022 budget		
Contest	October					
Fright Night	October			Local haunted hayride or such activity.		
Pet Costume Parade/Contest	October		COJ park?	When would be the best time, can we coordinate with any other Halloween activity in town? Trunk or Treat?		
Veteran's memorial	11/11/2023					
Letters to Santa	December					
Tree lighting	12/2/2023			the face painter. Need input from Catherine on cost		
Christmas Decorating	December					
Family Dance	Pending budget		Firehouse	DJ? Marla is going to check on a DJ also. Nesters could donate plants and décor. Kathy Bethon balloon display? High budget item that we will most likely move to a winter dance EOY if Byram Fest	Book ticket structure. All on dinner catered food	
<b>Hiking Club</b>	<b>Difficulty</b>		<b>Notes</b>	<b>Road Rides</b>		
2/18/2023	Intermediate		Allamuchy	4/23/2023		
3/18/2023	More difficult		Steven's State Park	5/21/2023		
4/15/2023	Intermediate		Hudson Farm	6/25/2023		
5/13/2023	Easy		Mother's Day theme, Sussex Branch Trail	8/27/2023		
6/3/2023	Intermediate		National Trails Day hike, any town trail (Tamarack?)	9/24/2023		
8/5/2023	More difficult			10/22/2023		
9/9/2023	Easy		Healthy Kids			
10/14/2023	Intermediate					
11/25/2023	Easy					

Byram Recreation Committee - Programs Planning  
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**Fitness & Wellness (73.70% - Survey)**

Example	Possible Locations	Frequency & Duration	Seniors	Adults	Youth	Toddler/ Preschool	Special Needs	Notes
Yoga	firehouse, council room, school	1 night/week for 6wks 1 day/week for 6 weeks for toddler and seniors	X	X	X	X	X (Youth & young adults)	Multiple options for pay to play. 1.The Center for Special Needs, Inc. (Chester NJ) 2.Lindsay Brown is doing classes for school.
Exercise Class	firehouse, council room, school	1 night/week for 6wks	X	X	X		X	1.Continue Seniors class offered by rec, 2.In the Byram survey notes, a resident offered to run a class because they are a fitness instructor. 3.Certified Fitness for Special Needs 422 Rt. 22 West, Whitehouse Station, 908-534- 1961"
Fit Club	firehouse, council room, school	1 night/week for 6wks			X			1. Mirror program run by Ms. Vasquez at Byram Lakes and offer more often/Class fills up quickly.
Movement/Dance	firehouse, council room, school	1 night/week for 6wks				X	X (ages 5-18)	1.Another Byram Resident offered/has experience running a sing along class. 2.Somerset County YMCA Special Needs Programs Recreational programs for ages 5-18 include Saturdays in Motion for autistic children and their families; music and movement for ages 5- 14; and Aqua S.T.A.R.S. for ages 3-12.

**Sports Camp/Clinics (59.80%)**

Example	Possible Locations	Frequency & Duration	Seniors	Adults	Youth	Toddler/ Preschool	Special Needs	Notes
USA Sports	COJ Park, Tamarack Park	1 night/week for 6wks			X	X		Interest in sports and pickleball showed up the most in survey. used by Sparta Rec as well USA Sports offers soccer, basketball, lacrosse, golf, track & field, field hockey & more
Pickleball/tennis	multiple tennis courts in town	1 night/week for 6wks	X	X				USA Sports could run tennis for kids, Adults & Seniors are interested though says the survey

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**Artistic & Cultural (58.96%)**

Example	Possible Locations	Frequency & Duration	Seniors	Adults	Youth	Toddler/ Preschool	Special Needs	Notes
Arts & Crafts (Knitting, Crocheting, jewelry making, painting, etc)		1 night/week for 6wks	x	x	x			Multiple requests in survey. Large turn out for the program being sponsored by the PTA Have senior citizens teach kids?
Giggle Time	Any	1 day/week for 6 weeks				x		offered by Sparta Recreation circle time, art, music/movement, story time

**Culinary (54.77%)**

Example	Possible Locations	Frequency & Duration	Seniors	Adults	Youth	Toddler/ Preschool	Special Needs	Notes
Chef It Up	firehouse, remote	1 night/week for 6wks	x	x	x	x		offered to ages 2 1/2 and up

**Swim Lessons (53.94 %)**

Example	Possible Locations	Frequency & Duration	Seniors	Adults	Youth	Toddler/ Preschool	Special Needs	Notes
Swim Lessons	Lake Lackawanna, Forest Lakes, Cranberry lake	1x/week	x	x	x	x	x	More than half of the survey would like this. Important safety since we live in a town of Lakes

**Nature Classes (48.74 %)**

Example	Possible Locations	Frequency & Duration	Seniors	Adults	Youth	Toddler/ Preschool	Special Needs	Notes
bird watching, tree walks, water sampling, orienteering	endless possibilities	1x/week for 6 weeks	x	x	x	x	x	Environmental committee is happy to help along with rec committee volunteers. Ms. Poff at BLES has had great success with programs she runs through the school.

**Summer Camp**

Example	Possible Locations	Frequency & Duration	Seniors	Adults	Youth	Toddler/ Preschool	Special Needs	Notes
All Day (48.74%) Part Day (39.53%)	Parks in town, school	5 days/week			x	x	x	Ms. Poff and Ms. Vazquez (Byram Residents) are trying to start a program. They had lots of responses/interest in the survey they sent out to parents.