

**Byram Township Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 7:30 P.M.**  
**Agenda/Notes**

- I. Call meeting to order, 7:30 PM Flag Salute, Moment of Silence
- II. Roll Call:

Shawn Armstrong	Chairperson	x
Giovanni DiMeo	Vice-Chairperson	
Bill Schilling	Member	x
John Figiel	Member	
Dina Trunzo	Member	x
Tom Mikolay	Secretary	x
Allyson Botto	Member	
Charlie Kranz	Alternate 1	x
Diana Fleming	Alternate 2	x
Janet Meisner	Recreation Director	x
NishaKash	Council Liaison	

- III. Key items for discussion and possible action:
- Approval of minutes from (no minutes from Jan meeting)
  - Reorganization Meeting
    - Nominations for Chairperson
    - Election of Chairperson
    - Vice Chairperson – Giovanni DiMeo
    - Secretary – Tommy Mikolay
    - Vice Secretary – Diana Fleming
  - Discussion and appointment of Subcommittees/liaisons
  - 5 Year Strategic Capital Improvements Plan
    - Approved in January
  - Walk America Grant
    - Walking School bus
      - Met with Byram Supt. Bryan Hensz& Byram BA Alice Bresset
        - In favor of Walking/riding school bus
        - Will provide a bike rack at the end of the Mansfield Bike Path
        - Will provide a tub in each school for helmet collection
        - Suggested walk route from end of trail
        - May coordinate a Safety Patrol to assist at School end

*Vol needed to wait at walking bus stops (WBS) for children to be received*

*Vol needed to help guide/walk children to school*

*Name of Tony White was given by Janet*

*Tentative start date of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 –once a month*

- Need a leader for Afterschool Advantage (Spring session) hiking and/or biking program
- Need a leader for Walkin' Wednesdays

*Incorporate a morning walk w/ poss. Refreshments*

*after walk meet and greet place*

- Application from Lenape Valley Band Parents Association to use NG 1 & NG2 on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> for a Color Concert
  - Requires use of electricity, Twp stage.
  - Softball has agreed not to schedule games or practices that day
  - Event was held last year with no concerns

*All attending members were in favor of this event.*

#### IV. Recreation Director's Report

- Basketball – Going well. Mike Manzi is president and is handling more responsibilities
- Ski Club in 2 weeks left
  - Going to Mtn Creek 5 weeks, Camelback 1 week
- Afternoon Advantage – 2 Winter sessions registration open
  - Feb – 25 – Feb 19 Filled Karate and Sewing classes, Dance had 2 openings
  - Mar 14 – April 18 Sewing is already filled
- Tri-Town Dance March 18 (need chaperones)  
*Dina, Diana and Allyson to Vol. To Chaperone*
- Learn to Ride Bike April 24 (need 1 volunteer)
- Pitch Hit and Run (need volunteers)
  - Local April 17 @ Stanhope
  - Sectional May 22 @ COJ (need volunteers)
- Miss Byram and Royalty Contest May 31 & June 2 (need 4 volunteers)*Bill to see if his daughter would vol. (former miss Byram)*
  - Town-wide Garage Sale June 4 - 5
  - Kids' Triathlon June 25 (need volunteers)*Vol. Bill, Diana, Dina & Don*
  - Municipal Alliance
    - Open Mic night ongoing
    - Too Good (DARE) just began for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
    - Project Graduation – new PTSA Chair Stacy Galvin (need volunteers)
  - Byram Day – Manager has approved some aspects – would like the Byram Day Committee to be comprised of 2 – 3 Recreation Committee members  
*Need a location for Byram Day: possibly the school (with involvement and cooperation of the schools, or possibly NG fields.*  
*Decision needs to be made soon*  
*Diana, Charlie, Allyson, Giovanni to help vol.*
- Capital Improvements –
  - Mountain Heights Park will get 2 ½ court basketball courts (can't have anything under the power lines) and landscaping w/ some trees
  - Tamarack Park may get a new well to manage (spray) irrigation
    - Tamarack Park probably won't be available for use until Spring 2017

#### V. Council Liaison Report

#### VI. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports: Need appointments

- Board of Education: Nisha Kash
- Buildings and Grounds: everyone's responsibility *Len Bicher*
- Byram Day Committee: Giovanni DiMeo & Allyson Botto, *Diana Fleming, Charlie Kranz*
- Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance: Shawn Armstrong *Charlie Kranz*
- Open Space Committee: Bill Schilling
- Tri-Town Subcommittee: Dina Trunzo
- Sports Council Subcommittee: Tommy Mikolay & Shawn Armstrong
- Strategic Planning/Capital Improvements Subcommittee: John Figiel & Charlie Kraus
- Walking/Biking Grant – Diana Fleming
- Council Liaison: Nisha Kash

VII. Any other items from the committee:

- *What are our goals as a committee this year and what are we setting out to accomplish? Ex: eco tourism*
- *Celebrate/ publicize our current accomplishments Ex: possible community involvement, the Herald, News 12*
- *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new town Rec park (Tamarack Park)*
- *Kick off to the walking school bus*
- *Focus on the aging population/ Active Adults*
- *Environmental Committee*
  - *Eco Tourism*
  - *Use of trails*
  - *Geo Cashing*
- *Trail Rallies (Dina)*
  - *Adults only, Families only, Kids Only etc,*
    - *Stations*
    - *Prizes*
    - *Stamps*

VIII. Open to the public

IX. Adjournment