

**Byram Township Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 2017 7:30 P.M.**  
**Agenda/Notes**

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

Shawn Armstrong	Member	
Giovanni DiMeo	Vice Chairperson	
Bill Schilling	Member	x
Diana Fleming	Secretary	
Dina Trunzo	Member	x
Len Bicher	Member	
Charles Kranz	Chairperson	x
Robert Brady	Alternate 1	x
	Alternate 2	
Janet Meisner	Recreation Director	x
Nisha Kash	Council Liaison	

III. Approval of notes from April 19, 2017 - *Approved*

IV. Key items for discussion and possible action:

- a. Committee goals for 2017 – Charlie Kranz- The following are goals to be considered. Goal #1: Research grant opportunities which may be available for sports, passive recreational activities, or cultural, social and educational programs. Promote health and wellness for all age brackets including millennials and baby boomers. Goal #2: Improvements to fields & trails. A) Investigate the building of three kiosks at COJ Park. They will contain information such as where each field is located, distance of the walking paths, and information regarding the various sports organizations. Possible locations would be near the field house, near the entrance by the large parking lot, and finally one by the stairs at the Roseville parking lot. B) Inquire about the acquisition of new field lights. Newark Airport replaces their lights each year. They then donate them to different communities. Promote tournaments. C) Promote our trails. Research best ways to encourage Geocaching. Goal #3 Research to find funding opportunities to review our parks to ensure that they are ADA compliant. Findings would be sent to the mayor, council and township manager to determine if this is an issue they wish to pursue. Review should be done by an ADA consultant.- *Goal #3 is accepted. Charlie will rewrite the goals as discussed.*  
*Goal#1 Research grant opportunities which may be available for sports, passive recreational activities or cultural, social and educational programs. (Discussion: check NRPA & NJRPA websites for upcoming grant info)*  
*Goal #2 Improvements to fields and trails:*
  - a) *Investigate the building of three kiosks at COJ Park. They will contain information such as where each field is located, distance of walking paths, and information regarding the various sports organizations. Possible locations would be near the field house, near the entrance by the large parking lot, and finally, one by the stairs at the Roseville parking lot. In addition, add mile markers to the walking path (ex. ¼ mile. ½ mile etc) (discussion: We would look for scouts or others to build the kiosks using plans we have from previous kiosks. We would provide access to each of the sports groups. Could also hold NRPA Posters on wellness, walking, etc.)*
  - b) *Inquire about the acquisition of new field lights. Newark Airport replaces their lights each year. They donate them to different communities. (Discussion: Would the twp allow installation? Could the sports groups fundraise to pay for installation? Bob will look into additional info.)*

- c) *Promote our trails. Research best ways to encourage Geocaching(Discussion: Use the school's electronic backpacks, Put info on police message board. Add info to official and unofficial Byram social media.)*

*Goal #3 Research to find funding opportunities to review our parks to ensure that they are ADA compliant. Findings would be sent to the Mayor, Council and Manager to determine if this is an issue they wish to pursue. Review should be done by an ADA consultant.*

- b. Should we make a request to the Council to
  - i. Reduce the number of Committee members to 5 full and 2 alternate members? – *Not at this time*
  - ii. Reduce the meetings to every other month? –*Not at this time*
- c. Events Recreation Committee members are needed
  - i. Byram Day Sept 9 – set up schedule – *Bill until 11:00 ish. Dina until 10:30. Charlie and Bob all day- Bob will need to devote most of the time to soccer. Diana will come when she can, still wearing a boot and walking is minimal, no driving.*

V. Recreation Director's Report

- a. Application from Cranberry Lake Community Club to use Tamarack Park Sun Aug 20 – denied, Tamarack Park remains closed to groups, but open for families to use. CLCC was given access to Neil Gylling Park
- b. Have received phone calls from for-profits to use parks, one formal application – denied by Twp Council as we do not have a policy for for-profits entities to use Township Parks
- c. Camp Lenape Summer Camp – ends Aug 18
- d. Second Saturday Hikes – July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9 will be Byram Day run/walk, Oct should become the Charity Hike instead of Cranberry Overlook.
- e. Movies in the Park
  - i. July 7 & 14 @ COJ1, July 21 & 28 at Lakeland Field, Aug 4 & 11 @ COJ1
  - ii. July 7, 14 & Aug 4 rained out. Tried to hold Aug 11 indoors, but rain kept people away

VI. Council Liaison Report –

**VII.** Subcommittee/Liaison Reports: - *These reports will be prepared by the lead committee person by the weekend before the Recreation Committee to be distributed prior to the meeting and discussed if there are comments/concerns*

- Buildings and Grounds: Shawn, Bob, Len
- Byram Day Committee: Giovanni, Charlie, Diana –*Next meeting Aug 28 @ 6:30 pm. Soccer is bring a dunk tank and will have a food booth. Continue talking to people about Byram Day*
- Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance: Dina –*New grant year began July 1*
- Open Space Committee: Bill, Shawn
- Tri-Town Subcommittee : Dina
- Sports Council Subcommittee: Len, Bob – *Opening Day for Soccer is Sat, Sept 16. What are the dates for opening Mohawk View and CO7? Sept 1? What date closes CO6? Sept 1?Mike O'Hagen is not coaching Soccer this season*
- Strategic Planning/Capital Improvements Subcommittee: Bill, Charlie – see goals above
- Walking/Biking Trails: Diana
- Council Liaison: Nisha Kash

VIII. Any other items from the committee

IX. Open to the public

X. Adjournment