



Recreation Meeting Minutes June 11, 2024

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Present
Danielle Conroy	Member	Present
Lynn Apolaro	Member	Present
	Member	
Neldon (Joe) Condon	Member	Present
Marla Rodriguez	Member	Absent
	Alternate #1	
	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also in attendance was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

Recreation Committee Chair Don Bogardus called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m., all stood for the salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

The Recreation Committee Chair asked for roll call by Director of Recreation Debbie Armeno, we had 5 members present, 1 member absent, and 1 vacant member and 2 alternate positions open currently.

The Recreation Chair asked for anyone on the Committee to take the role of Vice Chair. After some discussion Kelly Eller stepped up and took the position, all were in favor of Kelly taking on this role.

Director of Recreation gave her report to the Committee, she spoke on:

1. 51 families took part in the Townwide Garage Sale
2. We currently have 2 applicants for the Triathlon, and we need to get the word out, and the help of this committee is imperative to this cause. They took applications to hand out.
3. How are we going to build our numbers and what programs are people in our Community looking for, discussion took place and exchange of good ideas took place
 - a. Book club
 - b. Line dancing
 - c. Look for local talent to give back

- d. Fishing club, learn to fish (Kelly to lead)
 - e. Bring in the Rec Committees from Stanhope and Netcong to collaborate on programming. (charge a non-resident fee)
 - f. Bring in the local Communities to our next meeting and see what they want and help get the word out. Maybe have each Community put in a team to compete in a corn hole tournament.
4. Refreshed all the flyers in the Townhall and sent packets out to the K-4 grade at the Lake School and put yard signs up at high foot traffic areas.
 5. The walking club finally began after 2 weeks of rain, we get 6 people, and it has gone well, this week's walk will be at the Rail Trail off of Waterloo Road. Will do a club in the evenings.
 6. Lacrosse had end of season party June 6, Baseball and Softball had end of season party on June 9 and Soccer is having an ice cream party on June 12.
 7. We have 348 people signed up for Community Pass accounts, and only a few signing up for programs.

Councilperson Cris Franco gave her Council report, she spoke on the Capital Budget and gave numbers to the Committee to show that the Council is committed to working hard for Recreation improvements, she spoke on Grant, ARP, and bonding for large projects. Discussion took place on field 8, the press box, and if local sports groups are giving back in the way of funds for field projects.

The Byram Fest Committee gave a report on the layout and activities for the day. Bill Eaves and his son came and spoke about his band, "Subject to Change" and the Committee was very clear on what type of family friendly play list they would like to see. He understood and the Committee was very satisfied and the band is hired for Byram Fest. They also agreed to scheduling of events for the day, they are:

Inflatable rides	4p to 7:30 p	(clean up while its light out)
Family games	4p to 7:00 p	(cleaned up before dark)
Face Painter	4p to 8:00 p	(fan favorite by playground)
Non-Profit tables	4p to 7:00 p	(cleaned up before dark)

There will be a schedule for the stage and that will be:

4:15- Bill the Juggler	5:15 – Mini Movers Dance	7:00 – 9:00 band
5:45- Irish Dance School	6:30- Perfect Point Dance	Subject to Change

The Events Committee gave their report, scavenger hunt meeting set for Monday 6: 30p.m to discuss Fall Hunt with the school, EC and the Rec Committee. Danielle then spoke on Miss Byram. Due to only 1 Miss Byram applicant the Committee chose to meet and interview her along with the 3 candidates for Little Miss and the 3 candidates for Young Miss Byram. There are clear winners that will be present at the June 18 Council Meeting, there they will receive a certificate, flowers and a sash with crown or tiara.

There were no more submissions for the Fall/Winter Brochure, we spoke on some new programs to try earlier in the meeting. We will put on the same events Halloween Contest, Letters to Santa, Tree Lighting and Christmas Decorating, and we will be adding the Fall Scavenger Hunt.

Director of Recreation made a few announcements:

- Frog Fall- 12 people registered
- Kids Triathlon- 3 people registered
- Miners Game- 20 people purchased tickets.

Topic or items for next meeting- July 9, 2024

- Invite neighborhood associations to discuss recreation
- Invite Netcong and Stanhope Rec Committees to discuss Tri- Town collaboration in programs, we already do it for sports.

Open to the Public:

Dina Trunzo spoke on sports groups contributing to field improvements, and Kelly brought up the overuse of the basketball courts at CO with this College group. Dina Trunzo and Anneliese DeMagistris spoke on a local business board to help.

Joe Condon made a motion adjourn the meeting, Danielle Conroy seconded all were in favor- meeting adjourned at 10:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Armeno
Director of Recreation

