



**Recreation Meeting Minutes September 10, 2024**

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Present
Danielle Conroy	Member	Absent
Lynn Apolaro	Member	Present
Marla Rodriguez	Member	Present via phone
Vacant	Member	
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Vacant	Alternate #1	
Vacant	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 8:00 p.m. all stood to salute the flag and a moment of silence.

The Recreation Committee Chair asked for the roll call by Director of Recreation Debbie Armeno, we had 3 people present in person and 1 via phone then in person at 9:01 p.m.

The Recreation Chair asked for action on the Minutes from the August 6, 2024, meeting, Lynn made a motion to approve, Marla seconded all were in favor.

Council Liaison Cris Franco gave her report, she spoke on the tennis courts in front of the Municipal Building work has begun. She had nothing else to report on.

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

1. Fall/Winter Brochure update- quite a few sign ups for various programs and events but can still use more. Brochure booklets have been placed at:
  - a. Leggo my Bagel
  - b. Quick Chek

- c. Crunch Fitness
- d. Primo's
- e. Carlos Pizza
- f. Pet's Supplies Plus
- g. Mc Donalds
- h. Landon Maxwell Barbershop
- i. K & J Nails
- j. Creative Kid Kare
- k. Cranberry Deli
- l. Stonewood Tavern

They were also sent home with all the schoolchildren. They will also be handed out at back-to-school nights, 9/12 and 9/19 and on Club Night 10/01.

Kelly also sat at Cone with a Cop on 8/28.

2. Byram Fest Recap: We had great weather, a good amount of people who enjoyed the event, the layout change worked out great. Deb met with Casey from the DJ Company about changing the layout of the DJ spot so we can get sound everywhere. The Committee spoke up and agreed on the event and how great it was, we spoke of add On's for next year and the date being August 23 seems to work well. We also spoke about adding vendors and other stage performers. Also, the Committee would like to book Radio Stranger to play at Byram Fest. We want to continue to make this a great event for Byram. Cris asked if we could sell vendor spots next year.
3. Outdoor movie was cancelled again due to rain and will be rescheduled for 2025. We received a credit for the movie and never paid the movie company for the screen.

Recreation Chair and Director of Recreation spoke on the 2025 budget, Debbie handed out proposed programs/events for 2025 with dollar amounts attached. She asked that everyone to go over it, make any adjustments, discussion about Miss Byram and the Polar Plunge it was decided to keep these on the schedule for 2025. Deb will mee with Joe and Ashleigh on September 18 at 10am.

Lynn Apolaro gave the Event Committee report, she spoke about the Family Nature Scavenger Hunt- they had 30 attendees, all made bug hotels, and other crafts. Thanks to Creative Kid Kare for the donation of gift cards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

place prizes. This was a good collaborative event with the EC, and we will look to do another event next year.

Recreation Chair asked to discuss the remaining 2024 events- we have the following:

1. Halloween Decorating Contest – gift card prizes
2. Holiday Decorating Contest – gift card prizes
3. Letters to Santa- postage
4. Tree Lighting – supplies for crafts

This should be the remaining money left in the budget.

Cris mentioned that at Monday's Crochet class there were 20 people present and that we will begin the Mahjong group again tomorrow evening.

The Walking group began last Thursday and we had 9 people present, we walked the school grounds and into the wooded trail Lubbers Run Trail.

Recreation Chair asked if there were any agenda topics for the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, there were none.

The meeting was opened to the public, Anneliese De Magistris was the only public and she was thanked by the Committee for her donation to the Family Scavenger Hunt. She had no further comments.

Lynn Apolaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelly Eller seconded the motion, all were unanimously in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Armeno,  
Director of Recreation