



Recreation Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Present
Danielle Conroy	Member	Present
Lynn Apolaro	Member	Present
Marla Rodriguez	Member	Absent
Mark Scott	Member	Present
Vacant	Member	
Vacant	Alternate #1	
Vacant	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also in attendance was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

Recreation Committee Chairperson Don Bogardus called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. all stood to salute the flag and a moment of silence.

The Recreation Committee Chairperson asked for the roll call by the Director of Recreation, we had 5 members present and 1 absent.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for action on the minutes from the October 8, 2024, meeting, Danielle made a motion to accept the minutes and Lynn seconded her motion, all were in favor.

Council Liaison Cris Franco gave her report, she spoke on the completion of the tennis courts, COJ 8 being redone for drainage, and the town has asked for an extension for the reassessment to 2026.

Director of Recreation gave her report to the Committee:

1. Growth in our tennis/pickleball classes from Sept. to Oct.
2. Mini Movers class did not really take off, will re-tool.
3. Senior Exercise continues to do well.
4. USA Sports has 18 students.
5. Halloween Decorating Contest winner were announced
 - a. Scariest- 501 Stanhope Road
 - b. Most Traditional- 3 Peach Tree Street

- c. Most Original- 86 Lynn Drive
- 6. Radio City trips- Dec 8 1 ticket left and Dec 15 sold out
- 7. She put flyers for all Winter activities.
 - a. Devils game sold 19 tickets so far
 - b. Disney On Ice sold 12 tickets so far
- 8. Ski Club so to register but will fill up with new marketing and a deadline set now to grab slow parents returning their forms.
- 9. Chef it Up – Session #2 begins this Thurs. with 4 kids reg. and Session #3 has 2 kids registered.
- 10. Working on Spring Brochure for release in December
- 11. Tennis Courts completed need 2 spots fixed due to water spots.
- 12. Veteran's Day had 35 people attended.
- 13. Crochet Class and Mahjong Cris Franco reported on the Crochet class are making soap sacks for the Food Pantry. The Crochet class is averaging 25 attendees, and Mahjong gets between 7-8 regularly.
- 14. Walking Group Mark Scott gave a brief report they are walking 3 times a week and exploring all the trails Byram has to offer, they get many regulars about 6-8 each time, it will grow with nicer weather.

The Director of Recreation spoke on our Tree Lighting and the tasks that will be involved. She also spoke about the items ordered for the event.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for an Event Committee report, Danielle stated there was none. Debbie asked that a report for the first 3 months of 2025 be compiled with events, dates, and locations so the planning of marketing and advertising can be taken care of. We must not wait until the last minute.

The Recreation Chairperson discussed the 2025 meeting dates then asked for some discussion on moving our meeting time from 8pm to 7pm. After some discussion it was decided to move the start time to 7pm. Debbie will change the Website and advise the Township Clerk of the time change for her notification to the Newspapers.

The Recreation Chairperson opened the meeting to the public- Anneleise from the Daycare stated she liked all the trips we are doing and is taking advantage of all of them.

The Recreation Chairperson made a public service announcement not to set any outdoor fires and to be extra careful around trees when it is very dry. We all need to do our part to help.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m., Danielle seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Armeno

Director of Recreation.