



Recreation Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Present
Vacant	Member	
Lynn Apolinaro	Member	Present
Vacant	Member	
Mark Scott	Member	Present
Vacant	Member	
Vacant	Alternate #1	
Vacant	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present- 7:16 pm

Also in attendance was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

The Recreation Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. all stood for a salute to the flag.

The Recreation Chair asked for a roll call- taken by Recreation Director Debbie Armeno

The Recreation Chair asked for movement on the meeting minutes from April 8, 2025, meeting. Lynn Apolinaro made a motion to accept the minutes and Mark Scott seconded and all were in favor.

Recreation Director Debbie Armeno gave a report that included:

1. Trips
 - a. Mets and Yankees trips sold out and the Mets trip went well on Sunday.
 - b. Miners tickets are selling
 - c. Monster Jam Tickets on sale now
2. Programs
 - a. Tennis, Pickleball, and Golf all going well
 - b. Both Line dancing sessions are going well.
 - c. Planning new programs for the Fall/Winter
3. Some ideas for a Christmas Show Light tour for Seniors with the help of Creative Kid Kare bus.

Cris Franco gave her Council report: She brought up the Grand Opening of the COJ Playground on June 6- at this point discussion was started on why there non-compliant picnic tables are not accessible to those who would need to use them based on an all-Inclusive Playground.

Cris also spoke on Field #8 and that the drainage is being all fixed from the top down. Then she spoke on the School Tax increase and a discussion was started on the subject.

Recreation Director gave an update on Byram Fest 2025 that included:

1. Hiring a Magician
2. Fireworks have been squared away
3. Next meeting we will meet at the park to discuss layout.
4. All letters have gone out to all non-profits in the town to participate.
5. Asked the Committee if they wanted a juggler this year and it was decided no.
6. New Inflatable Company has been hired.

Kelly and Lynn spoke about the Miss Byram Contest. We currently have no applicants, and we will all work to get the word out. Stanhope in the same boat. We will also order supplies in hopes we get some to participate.

Recreation Director spoke on the postcards mailed out and the Committee mentioned receiving them and what a great idea. Meeting with the new Supt of Schools on getting our paperwork out.

Kelly Eller spoke on the June 8 Fishing Program and showed off the prizes from the NJDEP that were donated. The Committee also thanked Creative Kid Kare for the \$100 donation for some additional prizes for this event. Kelly and Debbe will work on this and get them ordered.

Our next meeting will be June 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm at CO Johnson Field for Byram Fest Layout meeting.

The Recreation Chair opened the meeting to the public- Anneleise Demagistris spoke on a problem with Riverside Park and 6th -8th graders riding bikes on the park equipment, running the smaller kids off, and throwing trash items in the river. Kelly Eller concurred. Debbie asked if the Police had been called and was told no. Debbie further mentioned that she would mention it to the Chief but in the future 911 should be called.

Mark Scott made a motion to adjourn, Kelly Eller seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Armeno

Director of Recreation