



Recreation Meeting Minutes October 8, 2024

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Absent
Danielle Conroy	Member	Present
Lynn Apolinaro	Member	Present
Marla Rodriguez	Member	Absent
Vacant	Member	N/A
Vacant	Member	N/A
Vacant	Alternate #1	N/A
Vacant	Alternate #2	N/A
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also present was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

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

The Recreation Chairperson asked for the roll call by Director of Recreation Debbie Armeno, we had 3 people present and 2 people absent.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for action on the Minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting, Danielle Conroy made a motion to accept the minutes, Lynn Apolinaro seconded the motion all were in favor.

Council Liaison Cris Franco gave her report, she reported on the reconstruction of the Municipal Building. Director of Recreation Debbie Armeno mentioned that we will be accepting, from the lowest responsible bidder Grade Construction, in the amount of \$533,805.21 for the Improvements to CO Johnson 8.

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

1. Fall/Winter update, we are seeing some growth in tennis and pickleball lessons, we had to put a hold on Mini Movers due to 1 sign up in October, and our bus trips to Wicked and Radio City are sold out and we have a waiting list for a 2nd bus to Radio City. Debbie has freshened the brochures in all local businesses this week and put up flyers for display on what we have to offer.
2. Debbie attended both Back to School Nights at the Elementary Schools and was received positively by all parents and staff. Debbie thanked Kelly and Lynn for attending Club Night at the Byram Intermediate School behalf of the Recreation Department, Lynn said it had gone pretty well.

3. Debbie spoke on the upcoming Spring/Summer Brochure and programs:
- a. CSI Camp for Middle School Kids – Summer
 - b. Pottery Class
 - c. Beginner Guide to Herb Gardening
 - d. Photography for Beginners
 - e. Floral Arranging
 - f. Cardio Line Dancing
 - g. Cake Decorating
 - h. Intro to Bird Watching + craft for kids
 - i. Scavenger Hunt + nature craft
 - j. Build and Fly a Kite Day
 - k. Geocaching
 - l. Picnic in the Park with a movie
 - m. Trivia Night
 - n. Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show
 - o. Rock Climbing
 - p. Bowling Night w/ PTA at Sparta Lanes
 - q. Achary for kids
 - r. Board Game- bring your favorite game to play with others
 - s. Indoor Swim Lessons
 - t. Girls on the Run for Middle School girls
 - u. Broadway Show trip.

Debbie has sent emails out to all the above for price quotes, availability and see if feasible for Byram.

The Committee went over the 2025 Budget and discussed the all the Events they would like to hold in 2025 and discussed at great length Byram Fest, Miss Byram, and using the Municipal Alliance to fund the company hosting the outdoor movie. After the discussion the Committee voted to move ahead with asking for the additional \$3,000.00 to fund the anticipated increases from the Byram Fest Venders and Cris Franco, Council Liaison is prepared to explain to the Council why the increase is being requested.

Recreation Chairperson Asked the Event Committee for their report. Danielle and Lynn stated no report but wanted to thank Anneliesse from Kreative Kid Kare for the donation of gift cards for the Family Scavenger Hunt, they were met with such excitement from the 2 winners. We further discussed getting the word out on all Recreation Programs and the use of Facebook Live, people sharing our page when we post, and Debbie spoke on the possibility of a new Rec Web Page and the collection of emails to add to our weekly distribution list. We will continue to work together to get our word out.

Recreation Chairperson asked if there were any other announcements there were none.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for topics for next meeting on November 12 no one had any.

The Recreation Chairperson opened the meeting to the public.

Anneliese DeMagistris spoke that Champs Ice Cream closed their business for good and that she was happy to donate the gift cards.

Patricia Moschella spoke on the Rec Department is moving in the right direction and we will see slow growth based on some poor experiences with the previous Recreation Director, people will come back and enjoy what we have to offer.

The 2025 meeting dates were presented to the Committee from Director of Recreation for their consideration and to vote on, there was no discussion all dates were fine with the Committee- Lynn made a motion to accept the calendar and Danielle seconded all were in favor. Debbie will submit to Cindy Church in the morning.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. and seconded by Danielle all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted-

Deborah Armeno
Director of Recreation.