

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**October 25, 2023      7:30pm**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Bobnar-Becker **CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER** at 7:34pm.

**B. ATTENDANCE**

1. Committee Members: Melissa Adams, Sharon Bobnar-Becker, Emmanuel Bola, Shikha Shah, Mark Toman, and Bill Quinn
2. Township Officials: Township Committee Liaison John Albanese(arrived at 8:05PM), Director Gabrielle Bolarakis, Assistant Director Dina Fornataro-Healey

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Mr. Toman made a **MOTION TO APPROVE** the minutes of the September 2023 meeting of the Readington Recreation Committee. **SECONDED** by Mr. Quinn. **VOTE: YES** All present.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Hillcrest Playground:** DPW has received the new post and rail fence and will install it. The fence that is removed will be used for parts on other properties. The Township can submit final reports to the State to receive the \$55K grant reimbursement.
2. **Fall Program Update:** Due to rain, recreation soccer will extend through November 4, 2023. The World Cup will still be held on October 28, 2023. Art classes are sold out along with pickleball. Both activities have second fall sessions planned. Flag football and girls' lacrosse will finish on 10/28/2023.
3. **Travel Basketball Update:** Tryouts were held September 28 and 29, 2023. There are six teams: Boys 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>, and Girls 5<sup>th</sup>. All teams are practicing. Their season begins the weekend of December 1, 2023.
4. **Winter Brochure/Registration:** The brochure is posted and registration has started. A free session of three classes each, of yoga and Zumba will be offered in November/December. The Saturday NASA science course is sold out! We are offering Saturday theater classes at WHS.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Halloween Celebration – October 28, 2023:** The event will be at Pickell Park and volunteers are welcome. Amusements are ordered and the DJ is booked. The event will be from 2pm-4:30pm. There are 8 vehicles and 140 children pre-registered thus far. We will accept late and on-site registration.
2. **Readington Recreation FaceBook Page:** The department received a directive from the Township Committee to cease use of the page. Information will be posted to the official Readington Township page. Posts must be sent in 10 days in advance and then may or may not be posted. Discussion ensued about losing registration and thus revenue, comparing the two pages (Township and Recreation) for the purpose of the marketing vs providing information, the delay in posting rendering posts irrelevant, increasing the amount of recreation Constant Contact email messages and the impact of too many emails, too many posts on the Township page, etc. Gabrielle will provide analytics to the Committee at the next meeting.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Mr. Toman made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** the meeting. **SECONDED** by Ms. Adams. **VOTE: YES:** All present.
2. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

**Next meeting of the Recreation Committee:** November 29, 2023 at 7:30pm

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: Dina Fornataro-Healey, Assistant Director of Recreation