

Recreation Advisory Committee

January 4, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Theresa Miller, Dan Posternock, Diane Doherty, Candace Coleman, Councilman Jake VanDyken, Jack Dunne, Jack Guerin, Sal Petriello, Amy Gravenstine, Raghav Akula, Lenny Wagner, Tamara Johns, Joe Horwitz, Cyndee Solomon and Sara Wantrobski

1. Minutes Approved from 11/3/21 with addition of Kevin Aberant's full name in item 5d.
2. Chairman's Report (Dan Posternock) – Within the next month Theresa will have a brief one on one meeting with each member of the committee to discuss their focus, goals and special interests.
3. Member Introductions and focus:
 - Tamara Johns – Seniors and Diversity
 - Lenny Wagner – Vietnam Vets tribute on Memorial Field and Strawbridge Lake
 - Amy Gravenstine – Strawbridge Lake Beautification Committee and their annual paddleboard race
 - Sal Petriello – MYBA and identification of new programs
 - Jack/Jack/Sara and Raghav – Teen community involvement and volunteering opportunities
 - Diane Doherty – programs for people with special needs
 - Cyndee Solomon – arts, sports and a school district employee
 - Joe Horwitz – sports and arts
 - Candace Coleman – MoorArts Board member
 - Jake VanDyken – town council representative
4. Director's Report (Theresa Miller) – recently wrapped up all fall programs and our first ever theatre program. Kicking off winter programs next week. All members are encouraged to set up an account on Moorestown rec website to keep informed of what is happening and being offered in the department. www.moorestownrec.com
Moorestown Walking/Running Challenge (MRWC) has just kicked off.
Outdoor service club has lots of teens and adults involved in making improvements to parks and open space throughout town. Details of both can be found on www.moorestownrec.com
Hopefully bringing back the Teen Coffee House/open mike nights this year.
Employment and CIT applications are available online through March 11th.
Rec Dept has already started preparing for summer programs.
A Teen Clean Day was held in previous years and Theresa would like to look into bringing this back as a community wide/family event based on "Year of the Environment". This would include some education/awareness for children on the importance of limiting plastics use, particularly the excessive plastic bottles that are being discarded throughout the fields and parks in Moorestown.

5. Mayor's Report (Nicole Gillespie) – Mayor Gillespie will be visiting with all committees in their first meeting of the year. She will also be reviewing the individual committee charters with an eye to better defining and revising the various committee guidelines.

2022 will be the Year of the Environment with a different township wide focus for each quarter. First quarter will be focused on sustainable energy and a recent award for a community solar program. Second quarter will be about plastics use and the statewide ban of plastic bags that will be going into effect on May 1, 2022. Jake VanDyken will be keeping the committee informed of these initiatives and providing more details in the coming months.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.