

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE
September 28, 2022 7:30pm**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Bobnar-Becker **CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER** at 7:35pm.

B. ATTENDANCE

1. Committee Members: Sharon Bobnar-Becker, Bill Quinn, Allison Quintard, and Mark Toman
2. Township Officials: Director Gabrielle Bolarakis, Assistant Director Dina Fornataro-Healey

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Ms. Quintard made a **MOTION TO APPROVE** the minutes of the July 2022 meeting of the Readington Recreation Committee. **SECONDED** by Mr. Toman. **VOTE: YES:** All present.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Assistant Director of Recreation:** The Committee and Director Bolarakis gave a warm welcome to Dina Fornataro-Healey.
2. **Capital Projects – Pickell Park, Summer Road, Hillcrest Park:** Director Bolarakis stated that the Hillcrest playground was ordered and is scheduled to be delivered in March 2023. Replacement playground parts were ordered for Summer Road and will be installed at the same time as the Hillcrest playground. The pickleball courts, pavilion, and gazebo at Summer Road are complete. The rims basketball courts at Pickell Park were not installed at regulation height. The engineer is working with the installer for a solution.
3. **Summer Camp:** Director Bolarakis stated that the youth camp was sold out. The before and after care option was well received and she estimated that more families will take advantage of the after care at Health Quest in summer 2023. We will keep field trips to once per week and may be able to bring back teen travel camp in 2023. The youth and adult art camps, youth science, and youth theatre camps were sold out.
4. **Opening Pickleball Courts:** Committeeman Albanese ceremoniously “opened the gate” on September 24, 2022. The courts were full for the event from 2pm-4pm. Free pickleballs and hot dogs were given out.
5. **Fall Participation:** Registration numbers are growing post COVID. Tennis classes and two pickleball classes are sold out. There are 113 girls playing lacrosse, 250 children in flag football, 100 in soccer, and 266 adults playing softball.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Travel Basketball:** Director Bolarakis said that we will have five or six teams and tryouts are being held on September 29 and 30.
2. **Halloween Celebration:** The event will be held on October 29 and registration will be open soon.

F. ADJOURNMENT

1. Mr. Toman made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** the meeting. **SECONDED** by Ms. Quintard. **VOTE: YES:** All present.
2. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting of the Recreation Committee: October 26, 2022 at 7:30pm

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