

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
READINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE**

July 26, 2023 7:30pm

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bobnar-Becker **CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER** at 7:32pm.

B. ATTENDANCE

1. Committee Members: Sharon Bobnar-Becker, Melissa Adams, Emanuel Bola, Bill Quinn, and Allison Quintard
2. Township Officials: Director Gabrielle Bolarakis

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Mr. Quinn made a **MOTION TO APPROVE** the minutes of the May 2023 meeting of the Readington Recreation Committee. **SECONDED** by Mr. Bola. **VOTE: YES** Bobnar-Becker, Bola, and Quinn **Abstain** Adams and Quintard

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Summer Spectacular:** Director Bolarakis thanked the committee for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the Summer Spectacular. Approximately 3,000 residents attended. It was a beautiful evening, and resident feedback has been fantastic. The Recreation Department is already beginning to plan for the 2024 event.
2. **USTA Social Event:** On June 27th the USTA hosted a social event for adult tennis players. They provided professional instruction, give-a-ways, and food. The participants had a wonderful evening. Director Bolarakis reports the participants stayed until the lights went out on the courts.
3. **Summer Camps Update:** Summer Recreation is a success despite the rainy summer. The children are having a great time. Next week will be the last week of the Summer Recreation program. Specialty camps began with Band Camp the week of July 10th. The theme was movie music and the performance on Friday evening was fantastic. Next week begins the middle school Theater Camp. Specialty camps are sold out for the most part. There are still openings in the Multi-Sports Camp scheduled the week of August 28th.
4. **Fall Program Registration:** Registration numbers look good for fall, with some tennis and art programs already sold out. Registration should slow down in the beginning of August when many people take vacation and pick up again at the end of the month.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Hillcrest Playground:** The new playground has been installed in Hillcrest Park. We are waiting for one part, but the structure is open to the public. New post and rail fencing will be installed by DPW.
2. **Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity:** Director Bolarakis informed the committee that Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity is interested in writing a grant to fund a project in one of our Readington parks. The suggestion was made that the Dobosynski cottage needs repainting, and the playgrounds need mulch. Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity will reach out when they hear whether they have received funding for a Readington project.
3. **Next Recreation Committee Meeting** – Director Bolarakis reminded the committee there is no schedule meeting in August. The next committee meeting will be in September.

F. ADJOURNMENT

1. Ms. Adams made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** the meeting. **SECONDED** by Mr. Quinn. **VOTE: YES:** All present.
2. The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Next meeting of the Recreation Committee: September 27, 2023 at 7:30pm

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: Gabrielle Bolarakis, Director of Recreation