

**TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**ZOOM
March 15, 2023
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by Jennie Purcell

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT: Read by Jennie Purcell in compliance with the Sunshine Law

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Dannielle Carter, Scott Mooney, Kavita Gupta, Genie Pentimalli, Jennie Purcell

Professionals in attendance: Megan Brown, Chris Marmo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 9, 2022 was approved.

On a motion by Jennie Purcell

AYE: Scott Mooney, Genie Pentimalli

NEW BUSINESS

Review of programming

Megan Brown highlighted that the recreation department is not running Morning Fun Camp or our Basketball League because of bond work at the schools. Hopefully, we would revisit that in 2024.

Chris Marmo discussed starting Spring 2023 registration and has gone well. Also running a couple Spring Break programs. New community partner includes the Pennsauken Skate Zone – ice skating lessons. Also started new drawing classes, in particular teen drawing. Also starting new painting workshops and a nature program for kids. Also are planning a Cross Country Camp in the Summer.

Jennie Purcell asked about maintaining revenue with lack of Morning Fun and basketball. Megan Brown said the township does subsidize that program partially. All other programs run a net positives. Megan Brown said she can provide sample reports from tax office. Not every class runs from year to year or season to season. Increase in minimum wage, prices would have probably gone up for Morning Fun Camp. Hopefully, people will take advantage of all the other Summer camps we are offering.

Megan Brown asked the commission to grant the recreation department the authority to run programs as long as they are net positive. On a motion by Jennie Purcell,

seconded by Scott Mooney, this authority was granted to the Recreation Director and Recreation Manager by the following vote:

AYE: Jennie Purcell, Genie Pentimalli, Dannielle Carter, Kavita Gupta, Scott Mooney

Megan Brown talked about the Community Center HVAC work – hopeful we'll open it up by end of the month. Senior groups anxious to get back. Transition it to a senior center.

Megan Brown discussed the passing of Jean Rotoli and Gaye Pino.

Suggestions for new programs

Kavita Gupta brought up Belly Dancing fitness class.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Kavita Gupta, seconded by Genie Pentimalli, the meeting was adjourned.