

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

**ZOOM
May 2, 2024
6:00 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, Jennie Purcell

Professionals in attendance: Chris Marmo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 15, 2023 was approved.

On a motion by Kavita Gupta

AYE: Scott Mooney, Danielle Carter, Kavita Gupta, Jennie Purcell

NEW BUSINESS

Review of programming

Chris Marmo mentioned they are very busy at Croft in terms of programming for the Spring. The new administration has been pushing for more events and programming. In particular, the recreation department has done many different one-day workshop. Been pretty successful and will continue scheduling them. Only 2-3 programs did not meet minimum enrollment to run.

Chris Marmo discussed that Art Blooms was beginning at Croft Farm as well as Plant-A-Patch program at Barclay. Ken left was replaced by Jennifer Smith.

Earth Day was scheduled and was successful turnout. Croft also was host to its annual Migratory Bird Day.

Kavita Gupta asked about potential photography classes. Chris Marmo mentioned that the recreation department has offered that in the past and is looking to do that again with the right instructor. Recreation did offer a photography workshop in Fall of 2023.

Jennie Purcell asked about a return of camps in the Summer at the schools. That's still up in the air with construction going on. Recreation does use CH West for their JPA graduation. Last year, basketball camps were held outdoors and hopefully recreation will be able to get access for those. Just maintaining open communication with the BOE.

Chris Marmo mentioned that recreation started Summer registration on April 26. JPA will again be taking place involving Officer Amato spearheading the program. Recreation will not be having their Summer basketball league. Fireworks will be making it's long awaited return at CH West on July 3rd.

Chris Marmo asked the commission to grant the recreation department the authority to run programs as long as they are net positive. On a motion by Kavita Gupta, seconded by Danielle Carter, this authority was granted to the Recreation Director and Recreation Manager by the following vote:

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

Suggestions for new programs

Kavita Gupta brought up Belly Dancing fitness class. Chris Marmo provided information about working with community partners. There were no recommendations for additional community partners. Photography workshop was proposed again by Danielle Carter.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Scott Mooney said this is his last meeting and he will be moving to New Zealand.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Scott Mooney, seconded by Kavita Gupta, the meeting was adjourned.