

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

**ZOOM
June 3, 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, Genie Pentimalli, Jennie Purcell

Professionals in attendance: Chris Marmo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 16, 2024 was approved.

On a motion by Genie Pentimalli to approve.

AYE: Dannielle Carter, Genie Pentimalli, Jennie Purcell

NEW BUSINESS

Review of programming

Chris went over Winter 25 and Spring 25 seasons. We continued with popular workshop style classes including clay and art, kids cooking, and soapmaking. For the Spring season we added new yoga classes including Therapeutic Yoga, Yoga for Strong Bones, Yoga for Weight Loss and health. Also have a new Tai Chi class with new instructor. We started a new Senior Cued Ballroom dancing class, free for residents. We also have added a new outdoor kids nature class with Mindy's Den and a Mother's Day program also run by Mindy's Den. We also added a new Senior Fitness class and an Elemental Musical Journey class. Jennie mentioned the library was looking at possibly offering ballroom dancing as well.

Chris mentioned the rec department started Summer registration on April 21. Some new Summer camps/classes include ballet, Eat around the World, plein air, Show Choir, outdoor camps, boys volleyball camp. We are just finishing up registration for Junior Police Academy.

Chris then went over a list of upcoming events including Fireworks. We are also looking for volunteers. Megan went over some rules and volunteers for the Fireworks on July 3. Chris talked about kick-started the MWC (Mayor's Wellness Campaign). Megan expanded upon this and said we're focusing on monthly walks with the Mayor. They will be at the mall in the mornings. Looking at sample classes including providing mental wellness or getting outside.

Suggestions for new programs

Genie mentioned golf and possibly offering this. Chris said we anticipate offering these with a Cherry Hill resident in the Fall season. An online program proposal can be accessed online at CHNJ.gov. Genie also suggested cake decorating as a workshop. Jennie mentioned the library has done this and was a success.

6. OLD BUSINESS / OTHER ITEMS

Chris mentioned that Amy Winn-Dworkin is the new senior services coordinator and works out of the Mayor's office. Megan shared a little more about the position and her responsibilities. She spearheaded a tax info event. She's also planning a senior ice cream social event.

Megan discussed new hockey rink (Ravi's Rink) at Decou Park and had ribbon cutting. Should have a 25-yr life span, with a post tension concrete surface. Megan also said we renovated Brandywoods Park. Also getting ready to redo Sandringham Park. And at Kingston Swim Club site, that is being redeveloped. Also looking at building facility at Brookfield neighborhood. Barclay, Erlton, Still Park playgrounds are being redone down the line.

Genie asked if the hockey rink would be ideal for box lacrosse, Megan doesn't think so citing the surface.

Megan let the commission know we're still looking for another member for the Recreation Commission. Chris emailed the application.

Chris Marmo asked the commission to grant the recreation department the authority to run programs as long as they are net positive through Fall 2025. On a motion by Jennie Purcell, seconded by Danielle Carter, this authority was granted to the Recreation Director and Recreation Manager by the following vote:

AYE: Dannielle Carter, Genie Pentimalli, Jennie Purcell

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jennie, seconded by Danielle Carter, the meeting was adjourned.