

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Minutes for
February 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Sanchez, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mrs. Sanchez read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mrs. Christina Sanchez Chairwoman (Present)
Mrs. Bobbi Formica Co- Chairman (Present)
Mr. Anthony Marino (Absent)
Mr. Concetto Formica (Absent)
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)
Mrs. Holly Sollitto (Absent)
Mrs. Patti Carnes (Present)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (Present)
Mayor John Sowden (Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Sanchez stated that at this time she would like to have a motion to accept the January 16th meeting minutes.

Mrs. Formica made the motion to approve the January 16th meeting minutes.

Seconded by **Mrs. Carnes**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Carnes

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

No audience to have a public session

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasures Report –

Mrs. Carnes gave a report on the rec accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Fling –

Saturday April 18, 2020

Mrs. Formica gave a brief update on the spring fling. The committee discussed confirming the date of April 18th at the Franklin Firehouse. The theme for this year's **Spring Fling** will be the **Roaring 20's**.

The committee discussed different restaurants in town they would like to reach out to this year to cater the event. The committee briefly discussed the budget for this year's spring fling agreeing that this year the budget should be slightly raised from last year. Mrs. Formica stated that it seems to grow bigger in attendance every year. Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee

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should brain storm some ideas and at the next meeting we will finalize the budget and discuss any other ideas that the members come up with.

RFQs

The secretary of recreation distributed the RFQs and the lifeguard ad that was being sent to the NJ Herald. Mr. Skellenger stated that he would like to start with reviewing the lifeguard ad. The members read and reviewed the lifeguard ad. Mr. Skellenger stated that he was not interested in reinventing the wheel with these ads and asked if this ad was ok with everyone as it is written. Mrs. Sanchez stated that rec should be open to providing training and the certification if needed. Mrs. Sanchez stated especially if we do not get anyone to apply because they do not have the certification. The committee agreed. The committee discussed at length the pros and cons to putting training will be provided if needed into the ad. The committee ultimately decided to add that training will be provided if needed in the ad.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to except the lifeguard add with the small change of adding the sentence training will be provided if needed.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion. Seconded by Mrs. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Carnes

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would now like to move on to the first RFQ which is the boating rental equipment RFQ which is the same exact RFQ as last year with a different date.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if there were any changes that needed to be made. The committee agreed that it was ok as written.

Mrs. Formica made a motion to except the RFQ as written. Seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Skellenger stated that the next RFQ is the operation of the Franklin Pond.

Mrs. Sanchez explained and broke down what the RFQ is stating.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she did not agree with wording in the RFQ that gives an outside group the right to come in and make their own prices and profit from the pond without any sort of fee going to the borough.

The committee members agreed.

Mr. Skellenger stated that he would like to discard this RFQ all together. Mr. Skellenger stated that he believes that this one just does not make sense for a business to take on. Mr. Skellenger stated that it is not a profitable at this time. The committee agreed and ultimately decided to not advertise for the operation of the Franklin Pond.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would agree with not placing the beach operation RFQ in the paper as long as the Borough believes they can handle the staffing and the day to day running of the pond.

Mrs. Formica stated that teachers have asked her if the pond would be hiring lifeguards this year and seemed very interested in being as lifeguard.

Mr. Davis asked if the Borough could hire enough lifeguards so that the water area could be extended back to its original size that it was the first year.

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Mrs. Formica stated that she has heard from many people that they missed the floating area last year.

The committee discussed many different options to having the speech expanded and possibly having it set to one size during the week and expanding on the weekends and adding another lifeguard. Mr. Skellenger stated that these are issues that can be addressed with the aquatic supervisor at a later date.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would like a motion to not place the RFQ for pond operation.

Mrs. Formica made the motion to not place the RFQ for pond operation.

Seconded by Mrs. Carnes

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Carnes

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

Mrs. Sanchez stated the next RFQ is the concession services.

Mrs. Carnes concern was if the concession service was provided where would all the things currently in the concession stand go.

Mr. Davis stated that there is still a little more storage in a closet in the senior center.

Mr. Skellenger also stated that there was plenty of storage here in the Borough Hall.

Mrs. Formica suggested the beach attendant having a cooler with water and beverages and light snacks like bags of chips, etc.

The committee discussed at length the pros and cons of having the concession stand. The committee ultimately decided to place the ad for concession services for 2020.

The committee went over the RFQ making minor changes one being the date.

Mrs. Formica made the motion to approve the Concession services RFQ with the corrections made by the committee. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Carnes

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

The committee spoke briefly on the carnival RFQs for 2021.

Flea Market – JC Promotions

Mrs. Sanchez stated that JC Promotions got back to her and stated that she not interested in doing anything on Main Street at this time.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she was more interested in setting up a flea market at the pond. The date that she wants is May 31, 2020 (Sunday after Memorial Day)

Mrs. Sanchez stated that JC would provide the vendors and advertise. Mrs. Sanchez stated that there would not be anything that we would need to do other then provide JC with the appropriate food handler permits, etc. so she could pass it along to any of the food vendors.

The board agreed to get in touch with JC to give permission to move forward with planning and writing up a contract to proceed with the flea market for May 31, 2020.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she recently attended a Franklin Forward meeting and they are interested in working closely with the rec committee on different events around the community to help promote healthy choices and a healthy lifestyle.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she has started an ongoing list of ideas to promote the pond.

Summer date nights for parents and collaborating with other businesses around town.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that these are things that will need to be addressed and rec will have to start planning now to prepare for the summer.

Mrs. Formica suggested fencing in the girls' softball field so dogs, people and carnival attendees would not be able to walk, do their business or set up rides on the field if the field was fenced in.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that is something they will have to look into.

Mrs. Formica stated that before the meeting she stopped at coffee with a cop and the police officers are very interested in working with rec for National Night Out (Tuesday August 4th.)

Mr. Davis stated that he was still very interested in doing an event in town that focused on the minerals and in town specifically a night dig.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she was thinking along the same kind of lines and told Mr. Davis to go ahead with reaching out to the right people to get the event and ideas rolling.

Mrs. Carnes asked if the committee wanted to discuss the carnival confusion and or the article that was in the newspaper.

Mr. Davis stated that he heard things but was not sure what the truth actually was.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the article was misleading and that the numbers are correct however, the recreation does not and has never covered the police cost and or the DPW costs.

The committee discussed the numbers and stated that the paper sounded as if the rec was putting out tons of money that was lost which is simply not the case at all. The funds that went to Campy's was their percentage of funds made. The town/taxpayers did not lose any money on paying the Campy's carnival company it was a transfer of funds that was the percentage owed to Campy's from profit made during the carnival.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Davis asked if the balances of each recreation account could be listed in the minutes under the treasurer's report.

Mr. Davis asked if the rec would be purchasing a new POW MIA flag for the bridge by the pond.

Mr. Davis stated that the Borough website needed to be updated.

Mr. Skellenger stated that he would be having a meeting with the website guy to discuss new ideas and formats for the website in the near future.

Mrs. Formica asked if the rec committee could have their own website now that they are a committee.

Mr. Davis stated that they need to do an inventory of the concession stand when it gets a little warmer.

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Mrs. Carnes stated that when taking inventory look to see what is needed to make the concession stand organized shelving, labeling

Mr. Davis stated that he would like to start having an email signup sheet at every event so we can have a list of emails of people who are interested in being notified of rec events or rec news.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there is a service that rec can use for that.

Mrs. Formica suggested a town newsletter. The town discussed at length discussing different ideas and ways to start a town newsletter.

The committee agreed that as much as the thought and idea is there the committee agreed that at this time it is not practical.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mr. Davis**
All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Babcock
Recreation Secretary