

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
September 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Formica, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.
Mrs. Formica read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the “Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975.”

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 3rd meeting minutes.

Mrs. Formica stated that the meeting minutes were not distributed by Mrs. Babcock and would need to be tabled for our next meeting October 1st Mrs. Babcock apologized for the oversight and will email the minutes to everyone first thing tomorrow morning.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION#1:

Scott Davis made the motion to open the meeting to the public. Seconded by **Mrs. Carnes**.
Rosa Collins- Walkkill Valley Little League President.

Mrs. Collins addressed the committee and stated that she was wondering if the rec committee would consider refunding the league their field use fee for the spring season.

The recreation committee stated that they would refund the league the \$200.00 refund for the field use fee for spring. Mr. Formica stated that he knows that Covid – 19 has messed with everyone’s plans this year especially sports.

Mrs. Collins stated that she reached out last week for the help and the weather did not cooperate. Mrs. Collins is asking if there is a way the DPW can just help with turning over the dirt in the infield. Mrs. Collins explained that they have a piece of equipment that makes it a lot easier to drag the dirt. However, they do not have a proper or working lawn mower at this time to hook that particular piece up too. Mr. Formica referred to it as a harrow. Please let me know if there is any way you and your guys can help.

Mrs. Collins stated that she knows that the DPW guys typically just mow and maintain the outfield and grassy areas. Mrs. Collins is asking if this year due to COVID-19 and the fields not being used for months, ultimately losing the spring and summer seasons and the maintenance that the league usually does before each season if they could receive help from the DPW.

Mrs. Collins stated that she has had parents and a handful of dads do what they can but like she stated before they do not have a mower to hook (harrow) to. Which would help drag and flip over the clay in the infield.

Mr. Formica also suggested that the baseball field be added to areas that you spray for weeds in the beginning of the spring season to help eliminate some of the over growth that tends to happen.

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Mrs. Formica stated that Mrs. Babcock could email Brian asking if he and his crew could help out in anyway.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to refund the Walkkill Valley Little League their spring field use fee in the amount of \$200.00

Motion made by Mr. Formica. Seconded by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasures Report –

Mr. Davis gave a brief report and stated that nothing has changed since the last treasures report at the last meeting.

Mr. Davis asked if Mrs. Card gave a check for the Eagle Scout Plaque and Mrs. Babcock stated that she did and it was just deposited earlier that day.

911 Lights Memorial –

Mr. Formica stated that the 911 Memorial went of well and he has received nothing but positive feedback.

Mr. Formica asked the committee if they would be interested in reserving the bigger lights for next year. The committee all agreed that they would definitely want to reserve the memorial lights for next year. The committee discussed the evening and what they could do different next year with ultimately deciding not to change a thing.

Senior Tea Party –

Mrs. Formica stated that the Senior Tea Party will be held on Sunday October 11th Mrs. Formica asked the committee when a good time would be with Mrs. Carnes and the rest of the committee stating noon would be a good time to start the tea party.

Mrs. Formica stated that the committee would need to decide and approve a budget for the Senior Tea party.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would purchase Sandwich and wrap platters from ShopRite that were already prepackaged.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would also pick up pastries and cookies to go along with the tea party theme.

Mrs. Carnes stated that there is coffee and tea in the concession stand and we should take inventory in there before purchasing any more.

Mrs. Formica stated that she will donate pre wrapped tea bags that she has at home as well.

Mrs. Formica stated that she will ask Mrs. Sanchez to make a flyer to start posting on social media. Mrs. Babcock stated that she would make a sign-up sheet and drop it off at the senior center and the Senior housing (The Franklin House)

Mrs. Formica stated that would give us a better idea and a head count of how many seniors we can anticipate attending.

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Mrs. Formica stated having the sign-up sheet will help when she goes to place the sandwich platter orders at ShopRite.

Mrs. Formica stated that she was thinking of setting the budget at \$500.00 and depending on the response that we receive we can always vote and approve to bump up the budget at the next meeting October 1, 2020

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve a \$500.00 budget for food and supplies for the senior tea party event.

Motion made by Mrs. Carnes and Seconded by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Flea Market 10/4

Mrs. Formica stated that the flea market has been cancelled and they will re visit the idea next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

October Movie Night

Mrs. Formica asked the committee when a good date for the October Movie night would be.

The committee agreed that the night before Halloween would be a good night especially because the movie for this movie night would be Hocus Pocus.

The Committee talked about different ideas for Halloween and if they would be holding a parade or a trunk or treat.

Mrs. Babcock suggested having a trunk or treat before the movie night.

6- 7:30 and rolling into the movie night at 8:00.

The committee agreed and Mrs. Formica stated that she would ask Mrs. Sanchez to make a flyer and we would start posting and advertising on social media.

Mrs. Formica asked Mrs. Collins if baseball had any games or practices that night.

Mrs. Collins stated that she would reach out to the coaches and ask them to cancel any games or practices that may of fell on that date.

Mr. Davis was very happy with the committee's decision to have a Trunk or Treat this year.

Mrs. Formica stated that they would go over the details and secure the plan better at the next rec meeting on October 1, 2020

Senior health & fitness

Mrs. Babcock stated that she has been receiving phone calls from a Diana who was in charge of the senior health and fitness program for the seniors at the Littell center and is wondering if she could possibly start something like that up again.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she was just looking into doing small classes under the pavilion at the pond while the weather is still cooperating.

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Mr. Formica asked what they would need from recreation and or DPW as far as moving picnic tables.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she would get more details when she called Diana back.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve the seniors using the pavilion during the day 3 days a week.

Motion made by Mr. Davis Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION # 2

There was no one in attendance to speak at the open public session #2

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Davis asked for an update on the dog ordinance.

Mr. Davis stated that he just wanted to let the boy scout who is interested in building the doggy doo doo stands.

Mr. Davis stated that he has been working on the stands and will be presenting his idea to the boy scout council and once he gets approval from the council Mr. Davis will ask the Scout to present his idea to the recreation committee.

Mr. Davis asked if the new basketball nets arrived.

Mrs. Babcock stated that the new nets are up and have been for the last 2 weeks.

Mr. Davis asked if we will be holding any firework displays this year.

The committee stated that there would not be any fireworks displays this year but will work on having fireworks next year.

Mrs. Babcock shared with the committee different ideas for purchasing folding chairs for the recreation committee.

Folding chairs have been something that the recreation has discussed purchasing.

Mr. Skellenger asked if there were any folding chairs available at the old Littell Center.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she does not believe there would be anything like that left but she would reach out to Becky Westra to confirm. The folding chair discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Playground Presentation

Mr. Formica gave brief update on the new playground plans.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Mrs. Carnes**

All were in favor.

****The meeting was adjourned at 8:42***

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