

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
October 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 (Present)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (Present)
Mayor John Sowden (Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve the September 3rd meeting minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the September 3, 2020 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to accept the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes.

Mr. Davis made the motion to accept the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION#1:

Scott Davis made the motion to open the meeting to the public. Seconded by **Mrs. Carnes.**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would like to speak on behalf of someone from the public.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that her son is looking for community service hours and is asking if there is anything the recreation committee can offer him at this time.

Mrs. Formica suggested that he help set up for the senior tea party.

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Mrs. Babcock also suggested that's he may be able to help with organizing and getting the old electronics that are stored in the attic of the Borough Hall to be organized for the DPW guys to bring the collected electronics down to the electronic recycling center.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she would speak to the administrator and let Mrs. Sanchez know.

Mrs. Formica closed the meeting to the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasures Report – Mr. Davis gave a brief treasures report.

Mr. Davis reported that the Eagle plaque check from Mrs. Card has posted to the account.

Mr. Davis also stated that the Girl Scout's check in the amount of 142.00 came in today and will be deposited tomorrow. Mr. Davis explained that this check was for the pond use and for the two lifeguards.

Mr. Davis also stated that at the next meeting the committee will discuss the recreation's budget and work to break down the sub accounts for 2021.

Mr. Skellenger entered the meeting at 7:24

Senior Tea Party –

Mrs. Formica gave a brief update on the tea party and stated that Mrs. Babcock collected the sign-up sheets and there are 20 people signed up from the sign-up sheet at the senior center. There was no one signed up from the Senior House (Mill Street) Mrs. Babcock stated that the sign-up sheet was taped up not allowing the seniors to read all the details on the event and was not located in the best of places. Mrs., Formica stated that she would allow for calls and sign-ups till Wednesday before they start ordering and buying food.

The committee discussed decorations and Mrs. Contreras who was joined the meeting by phone suggested the committee purchase door prizes as a fun way to get the seniors more interested.

The committee spoke about making sure that there is a post on social media that the Senior Tea event is replacing the spring fling event this year, some of the committee members felt that the seniors just felt this was just another recreation event and not specifically for the seniors like the spring fling is ever year.

Mrs. Babcock stated she would post something creative on social media.

Mrs. Contreras stated that she was working on the speech for senior of the year and wanted to make sure he or she was definitely on of the names on the sign-up sheet. Mrs. Formica stated yes.

The committee discussed when they would meet on Sunday to set up and agreed on 9:45 AM the committee also briefly discussed borrowing the fire departments coffee pots (earns) until they purchase their own. Mr. Formica stated that we really need to purchase our own through rec for future events especially anything that may come up in the cooler months. The committee agreed and Mrs. Formica stated that she would start pricing them and bring some ideas to the next meeting.

Mrs. Formica stated that she was going to bring her speaker and use the Bluetooth. Mrs. Sanchez suggested reaching out to Tony and asking if he would be interested in doing the music for the seniors like he has done in the past. Mrs. Sanchez stated if he could not this year that would be perfectly ok but the music at the senior events are usually his thing so out of respect we should at least ask if he still wanted to do the music at this year's Senior Tea Party.

Mr. Davis stated that he would reach out to him right away.

Trunk -or – Treat/ Movie Night -

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Mrs. Formica stated that there has been a lot of chatter about the trunk or treat and movie night.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there are 18 cars signed up and two called or emailed to sign up. Mrs. Formica stated that we still need cars.

The more cars we have the better. Mr. Davis asked if we are opening up the event to surrounding towns. Mrs. Formica stated that we are which means we need more cars.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there are no other trunk or treats going on that she knows of. Mr. Davis stated that Scouts are holding one the weekend before ours. Mrs. Formica stated maybe we can get them to join ours.

Mrs. Formica stated a lot of the time people like to use your trunk- or- treat decorations and themes more than one time.

Mr. Davis stated that he would reach out and ask them if they would be willing to join us the weekend of Halloween as well.

Mrs. Contreras stated that if we are the only town having a trunk or treat and we are allowing other towns we will need more cars. Mrs. Contreras stated it would be ideal to have at least 30 cars.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she would post something on social media stating cars wanted for the Trunk – or – Treat.

The committee briefly discussed ideas for the recreation scarecrow and what kind of ideas we had for this year. Mrs. Formica asked everyone to brain storm and come back to our next meeting with an idea.

Mrs. Formica stated that everything is all set with movie night as well she has the movie in her car.

Mr. Formica stated that there is another meeting before the event to discuss in more details and finalize plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Maintenance –

Mrs. Babcock stated that the DPW guys did in fact help with the baseball field and it looks great and Mrs., Collins called her the next day praising us and the DPW guys for helping with the field. Mrs. Collins stated that it made such a huge difference and the kids and parents were so happy to see the field back to normal.

Playground update –

Mr. Formica gave a playground update asking the recreation committee for their final approval on the playground.

Mr. Formica stated that he would present the playground at his next building and grounds committee meeting and if all goes well with that it will then be presented to the mayor and council at a meeting for approval.

Mr. Formica stated that he would really like to give the playground company the green light by January to stay on track with having the new playground open for Spring of 2021.

Mr. Formica stated that the old playground will be open and a working playground until the new playground is finished and open.

The committee discussed at length the area and the layout of the playground.

Mr. Formica discussed briefly his ideas for the area where the old playground is and what he would like to see replace that area.

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Mr. Formica would like to add more parking for the senior center and add a retaining wall, gazebos and picnic tables for an outdoor sitting area.

Mr. Formica stated these are just some ideas and would obviously take a lot of time and money.

Mr. Formica stated he would just like to concentrate on the new playground for right now.

Mr. Formica stated if the committee did not have any more questions or comments, he would make a motion to propose this playground concept and rendering to the council for their input and approval to go forward. Seconded by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

Parks and Recreation Ordinance

Mr. Formica stated that he is referring to the dog ordinance that the committee has been working on.

Mr. Formica stated that he was on page 3 section G.

Mr. Formica stated that the wording would be changed to there will be no pets allowed unless properly trained to help the disabled on the ball fields, playground and beach areas.

Mr. Formica also stated that there will be bag stations and more signs added to the pond/park areas.

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve and pass on the proposed new wording to page three letter G of the Parks and Recreation ordinance to the council for their final approval.

Seconded by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

The committee also made mention that at the next meeting they would like to go through the whole section of the parks and recreation section and update it.

Mr. Formica suggested the committee bring it home and look at it and at the next meeting anyone who had questions or concerns on a specific rule could bring it up at the next meeting to possibly have changed at the council level.

NEW BUINESS:

Holiday Lights –

Mrs. Formica asked if the committee was for doing the home decorating contest again and stated that we should start brain storming and thinking back to what rec did last year as far as rules and prizes for the next meeting.

Mrs. Formica asked if Mr. Davis wanted to chair this event.

Mr. Davis stated that he would like to chair the event and would start looking back on previous years and what the budget was set at etc.

Gingerbread contest –

Mrs. Formica stated that Sugar Sisters (*The baking supply store on Main Street*)

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Would like to join forces with the rec committee and do a gingerbread making event and then display the houses in her store front windows for the holiday season.

Mrs. Formica stated that the rec would finalize a date and more information at the next meeting as it gets closer. Mrs. Carnes stated the earlier the better.

2021 Calendar – The rec committee agreed to leave the rec meetings the first Thursday and third Thursday of every month.

Mr. Davis stated that he has a suggestion to not add any of our rec events to the calendar and just announce them on social media and other outlets as they closer.

The committee agreed.

Boy Scout pond request –

The Scouts have requested to use the pond on Saturday October 24 the whole day to work on their badges.

The Scouts also requested having a fire pit.

Mrs. Formica stated that the scouts would have to go through the Sussex County Firemarshal for a fire permit.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve the Boy Scouts request to use the pond area all day on Saturday October 24th

Mr. Davis made the motion. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

There were no miscellaneous comments

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 9:00***