

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
October 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 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 October 1st meeting minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the October 1st 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

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. Formica stated that she would like to speak on behalf of Karen and Joe Roccisano and the rest of Wallkill Valley Girls' Softball league board, they would like to thank to recreation and the borough on allowing the fields to be open. This year for the first time ever. The Wallkill Valley Girls' softball is hosting the playoffs/championship games this Saturday. Mrs. Formica stated that the Wallkill Girls' softball board is very appreciative and stated that anyone who wanted to come cheer the girls on this Saturday would be more than welcome first game starts at 10:00 AM.

Mrs., Formicas asked for a motion to the close the meeting to the public.

Mr. Davis made the motion to close the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Sanchez.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasures Report –

Mr. Davis gave a brief report on the treasurer's report. Mr. Davis reported that the expenses from the appreciation tea have been deducted. Mr. Davis stated that the cost of the event in total was \$293.13 which came way below the \$ 500.00 budget the recreation decided on.

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Mr. Davis stated everything else has remained the same since the last report at our last meeting.

Senior Tea Party –

Mr. Davis stated that the senior tea party went well and all who were in attendance seemed to be enjoying themselves and appreciated the event.

Mr. Davis stated that it seemed like Emily was very surprised to receive the Senior of the year award.

Mrs. Formica stated that it was a very emotional day and Tamara did an amazing job with her speech in honoring Emily.

Trunk or Treat/ Movie Night –

Mr. Davis distributed his ariel map of what he thought would be a good start of lining of the cars.

Mr. Davis stated there were 42 cars signed up as of right now.

The committee spoke at length of different ways to have the cars line up and spaced out for social distancing.

Mrs. Formica stated that it needs to be organized in a way that it would not be easily accessed to have children go around and around more than one time.

Mrs. Formica suggested a one way only and to be sure the children go up one side and down another and exit the trunk or treat area.

Mrs. Formica stated that last year kids just kept going around and there was no organization and it made the candy go quick.

Mrs. Formica also stated that the more cars we have the better.

Mrs. Formicas stated that 42 cars is a lot better then what we had last year but we still need too have more.

Mrs. Formica stated that the area is big enough to have a lot more cars even if we do need to space out of social distancing.

Mrs. Formica stated that we will need to purchase gift cards for prizes for the best Trunk or Treat decorations.

Mrs. Formica also suggested picking up the washable spray paint for marking the cars out for the trunk or treat.

Mrs. Formica stated that you can get it at Walmart.

The committee agreed on setting the trunk or treat/ movie night budget to no exceed \$70.00

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion.

Mr. Davis made the motion not exceed \$70.00 for gift cards and spray paint to be purchased at Walmart.

Seconded by Mrs. Sanchez.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

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OLD BUSINESS:

Budget rec accounts –

The committee spoke at length to come up with a plan to budget the rec accounts.

Mr. Formica stated that the budget was \$9,000.00 however, this year there were a few miscellaneous purchases that needed to be made and they were charged to rec.

Mr. Formica stated it was not worth nickel and diming the issue.

Mr. Formica stated that left our rec budget this year at \$8,400.00. The committee went line by line account to account. Listing what dollar amount is currently in each account and decided what dollar amount should be added for the 2021 rec year.

After a long discussion and working numbers the committee agreed on the following.

Mr. Formica stated and rec also needs to add the three-line items.

Mr. Davis stated yes, the three new line items are Miss Franklin, 911 Lights Memorial & Spring Fling.

Mr. Formica stated these dollar amounts are what is being added to each account on top of the current balance of the following accounts.

- Miss Franklin - \$500.00*
 - 911 Lights memorial \$ 2,00.00*
 - Spring Fling - \$1,00.00*
 - Franklin Day – \$700.00
 - Fishing contest - \$900.00
 - Halloween- 0.00
 - Concessions - \$800.00
 - 5K run – 0.00
 - Craft Camp – 0.00
 - Holiday - \$1,000.00
 - Events/Misc. - \$1,500.00
- = 8,400.00 * will be the new added accounts**

Mr. Davis stated that he would send Ms. Bonanno an email explaining how rec broke down the budget.

Mr. Davis stated that he will also remind Ms. Bonanno to add the three other accounts rec discussed. Miss Franklin, 911 Memorial Lights & The senior spring fling.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to finalize the recreation sub accounts allowing for Scott to send an email to the CFO to set up the accounts as discussed.

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

Holiday Lights –

Mr. Davis stated that he will start advertising and creating a sign-up sheet for residents to sign up to participate in the home holiday lights contest.

Mr. Davis stated that he would like to have everything to go live right after Halloween.

The committee agreed the earlier the better. The committee compared ideas and how the prizes were broken down. For First place, second place, third place and people's choice.

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Mr. Davis stated that last year first place was given \$200.00 Second place \$150.00, third \$100.00

And people's choice \$50.00 totaling \$500.00. Mr. Davis stated that he would confirm with his notes from last year but he and the rest of the committee agreed that sounded right.

Mr. Formica also stated that we need to budget a little extra for the signs the residents get to display showing that they came in 1st, 2nd, 3rd or People's choice. The winners seem to like the signs to show off in their yards.

Mr. Formica asked Mrs. Formica is she could make them or should they order them this year.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would have to price it out to see what would be the cheapest route.

Mrs. Formica stated it may be easier and more cost effective to order the signs.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would look into it and see which option was best.

Mrs. Formica stated we have some time.

Mrs. Formica stated we will set a budget and vote on this at the next meeting.

The committee was in agreement.

Mrs. Formica stated that the next topic to discuss is the tree lighting,

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Lights –

Mr. Davis stated that He was talking to Mrs. Williams at the senior appreciation tea and she and her daughter Jenna are still very much interested in helping with putting the lights on the trees at the pond again this year.

Mrs. Formica stated that this year they would like to in cooperate the gingerbread house contest into the tree lighting.

Mrs. Formica stated that the committee would have to come up with a budget for the prizes for the contest as well.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that setting the budget for \$ 200.00 dollars for the gingerbread contest would be a safe dollar amount.

Mr. Skellenger stated that the rec committee can also solicit donations to help off set the costs of some of the holiday budget especially the gingerbread contest winners. The committee agreed.

Concession Clean out

Mrs. Formica stated that we will plan on November 8th in the am to get together to start cleaning out the concession stand and taking inventory of what we may need for some upcoming events.

Mrs. Formica stated there was no public present for open public session # 2 and moved on to

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Formica stated that the committee has homework.

Mr. Formica would like for the committee to read and review the PARKS & RECREATION Chapter 196- Exhibit A Rules and Regulations Ordinance.

Mr. Formica stated that this was the document we started going over and had a lot of questions and concerns with.

Mr. Formica stated that Mr. Ursin has also looked at it and has eliminated a lot as well.

Mr. Ursin told Mr. Formica that it is way to long and it needs to be condensed.

Mr. Formica stated that anything that is in read has been eliminated.

Mr. Formica would like the rec committee to read it and look at it ands come back at the next meeting with any questions or concerns or changes that the members may have.

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Mr. Formica stated that he would like for us to work on the document and have it all passed at the same time instead of changing a little at a time.

Mr. Formica stated that it seems like everyone is for allowing the dogs at the pond so this is not something we have to rush into.

Mr. Formica stated let's look at the whole document and change it all at once and get it through the right way the first time.

The Committee agreed.

Mr. Formica also stated that he knows Emily is not happy with where we placed Mr. Mindlin's bench.

Mr. Formica stated that it needs to stay there for now because if it is moved to the pavilion area it will be trashed like the other benches that are starting to be ruined.

Mrs. Formica stated some of the issues he has encountered down at the pond area with some teens who are not respecting the area or the property.

Mr. Formica suggested that we see if the DPW guys can remove the trees that are blocking the pavilion area.

Mr. Formica suggested clearing the trees out will open the space up and help hinder any inappropriate behaviors in the future.

Mr. Formica stated that he would bring up at his next buildings & grounds committee meeting.

Mr. Formica stated if they are ok with it. Mr. Formica will reach out to DPW to remove. The committee thought that was a smart idea and agreed with Mr. Formica.

Mr. Formica stated until then Mr. Mindlin's bench will stay where it is by the YMCA equipment.

Mr. Formica stated that the long-term goal is to have a little area outside the senior center with picnic tables and gazebos when the old playground is no longer there.

Mr. Formica stated that this is something that will be looked at in more detail at a later date.

Mrs. Formica stated that the Walkkill Valley Little League's last game was scheduled for Halloween weekend but has to be rescheduled.

Mrs. Formica asked the recreation committee if they would be interested in reaching out to Walkkill Valley's Little league to see if they would want to put something small together for us to present the plaque at the last scheduled game of the season, The rec committee all agreed that would be nice.

Mrs. Babcock stated that the plaque will be delivered the end of next week and will be in on time for the last game.

Mrs. Formica asked if anyone else had a miscellaneous comment.

There were no further comments made by any of the rec members.

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***

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