

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee Re- Org
Zoom Meeting Minutes for
January 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 (Present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion made by **Mr. Davis**. Seconded by **Mrs. Sanchez**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION#1:

There was no one in attendance to speak at the open public session # 1

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasures Report – Mr. Davis asked Mrs. Babcock if the accounts have been subdivided and if monies have been distributed like recreation agreed on.

Mrs. Babcock stated yes, the only expenses that have not hit the accounts yet is the home decorating contest charges.

There was no new business discussed

OLD BUSINESS:

Gingerbread House Contest

Mrs. Formica stated that the gingerbread house contest was great.

Mrs. Formica stated that the Sugar Sisters loved having it there as well as the community.

Mrs. Formica stated that everyone seems to be excited for next year's contest.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Mr. Davis stated that he thinks that everything went well.

Mr. Davis stated that he drove around and the town really looked nice.

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Mr. Davis stated that the town's participation was great this year.

Mr. Davis stated that he agrees with Concetto that the highest award should go to people's choice.

Mrs. Carnes suggested flipping it around. Have the resident's choice the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place houses and have recreation do a smaller Recreation committee prize.

Mr. Formica stated it would be Rec's choice instead of People's choice.

The committee agreed.

Playground

Mr. Formica gave a brief update on the playground.

Mr. Formica explained how the finance portion of the playground will be worked out as far as the PO's and proof of finance.

Mrs. Formica asked if anyone had any questions.

There were no questions or concerns

NEW BUSSINESS:

Reorganization-

Mrs. Formica stated that everything will stay the same if everyone agrees to that.

Mrs. Babcock stated that recreation just regrouped mid-season and does not have to be as formal now that the recreation is a committee.

Mr. Formica stated is everyone still interested in keeping their positions that they have now.

There was no comment.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to keep the everyone at their positions on rec for the year of 2021.

Bobbi Formica- Chairwomen

Patti Carnes – Vice Chairwomen

Scott Davis- Treasurer/Scout Liaison

Stephen Skellenger – Council Liaison

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

Tentative event dates for 2021

Mrs. Formica asked everyone to look at their calendrrers to get an idea of certain dates and events that are usually around certain times.

Mrs. Formica stated that nothing is being planned right now due to the COVID restrictions.

Mrs. Formica stated it is on a day-to-day basis as of right now.

Mr. Formica asked Mr. Skellenger if he talks to Ms. Bonanno to remind her that we will be down a lifeguard this year due to Jacob B going into the Marines.

We will need to get a jump start on getting lifeguard ads out early.

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Mr. Formica suggested reaching out to the YMCA since they are on a limited schedule, they may have lifeguards looking for jobs and more hours.

Mr. Formica also stated he wants to get a jump start on the carnival as well.

Mr. Formica stated that he was not sure if any companies were holding their carnivals but at least to get out and see and if not for this year then for getting a lead and a spot for the summer of 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Davis stated that he would like to discuss the boy scout eagle project.

Mr. Davis stated that he distributed the document and different models.

Mr. Davis stated that he choice the first option just because the box for the doggie bags just made more sense it was covered so no water could get inside the bags.

Mr. Davis stated that he believed that everyone would agree that the first model was the best one that we should go with.

Mr. Davis stated that the Scout will be building six of the boxes and they should be completed by April (ish)

Mr. Formica asked if the bags needed for the boxes were something that could be ordered in bulk.

Mr. Davis stated that the scout will supply the bags for the first round.

Mr. Davis stated that then he just thought putting the recycled shopping bags in the boxes would also work and keep costs down as well.

Mr. Davis stated that he would research it further and look on amazon for the actual cost of the doggie bags.

Mr. Davis asked when he should take the lights off the bridge unless they have already been taken down.

Mr. Formica stated that they have not been taken down yet.

Mr. Formica asked if there was a way to ask DPW to not take down the bridge lights and just let Scott take them down.

Mr. Formica stated that we could leave the lights up a little longer and just take down the wreaths and candy canes down.

Mr. Davis stated he would go down and check them out because they have been half working half not.

Mr. Davis also asked if anyone had suggestions on what to put on the board down at the pond.

The committee did not have anything they wanted on the board at this time.

Mrs. Formica stated that Mrs. Babcock

Received and email from Marylin Giordano looking to purchase a bench in memory of her son and asked if she could choose the place to put the bench near the pond and if there was a certain bench she had to purchase.

Mr. Formica stated that he will do some research on different benches.

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Mr. Formica stated that there should be a happy medium in benches as far as quality but not being outrageously expensive to the point where someone may not be able to afford one.

Mr. Formica stated that he would research and look for other companies to help out.

Mr. Formica suggested maybe even reaching out to the playground company that we are working with right now.

Mr. Formica stated that they have been nothing but helpful and have gone above and beyond with helping us with the playground.

Mr. Formica stated maybe they can help with benches too.

Mr. Formica stated he would reach out to Ryan our rep from the playground company.

Mr. Formica also stated that he forgot to mention this when he was discussing the playground status earlier.

Mr. Formica stated that he wants to start seeking sponsors to help with the playground costs.

Mr. Formica suggested that we start writing letters to the businesses in town.

Mr. Formica stated that when he was talking to Ms. Bonanno, she gave him so ideas on what Menden did.

Mr. Formica suggested a sponsor pyramid Gold being the \$\$\$\$ Silver Being \$\$\$ and Bronze being \$\$ in the sense of dollar amount being sponsored.

Mr. Formica also stated that pieces of equipment can also be donated.

Mr. Formica stated that there are so many options and we will start getting into them and narrowing it down in the upcoming weeks to really start getting the ball rolling with sponsorship for the playground.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION # 2

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by **Mrs. Carnes**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.