

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
January 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 January 7, 2021 meeting minutes

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to accept the October 1st 2020 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mrs. Scott.

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 public present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasures report –

Mr. Davis gave his treasures report.

Mr. Davis stated that he noticed that fees were moved around.

Mr. Concetto explained that the reason why the funds were moved around.

Mr. Concetto explained that because we are purchasing the playground company needs to see that there is proof of funds for the playground.

Mrs. Babcock stated that it is like held deposit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Bench

Mr. Formica asked if everyone received the email from Mrs. Babcock with the bench options.

The committee discussed different material benches. Mr. Formica explained to the committee different benches and the durability of each bench and the different price ranges.

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The committee ultimately decided to go with option 2 which was the steel bench with the curved back.

Mr. Formica stated that it was in the \$800.00 dollar amount range.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she would reach out to Mrs. Giordano and give her the bench option that the recreation committee decided on and go from there.

Mr. Formica stated that while rec is on the topic of the park, he has started a list of things that he would like to see addressed or fixed at the pond area. Mr. Formica stated that it is like a wish list that does not necessarily need to be addressed this year but things that need to be addressed over time.

Mr. Formica asked if all the rec members would start a list or if they are down there and see something to let him know and he will add it to his list.

Mr. Formica shared with the committee pictures of the announcer's booths that are beyond repair and would like to have removed as soon as possible.

Mr. Formica also discussed the option of turning the football field around and possibly relocating the basketball court area.

Mr. Formica stated these are just some things he has been thinking about and would like to see happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field use/ Pavilion

Mrs. Formica stated that she would like to propose to waive the fees for the field use this season for Walkkill Valley Little League and for Walkkill Valley Girls Softball.

Mr. Davis stated that he agrees on waiving the field use fee but thinks rec should still charge for the lighting fee. Mr. Davis explained that they are still going to use the lights and that is something the borough is responsible for paying.

The committee agreed.

The committee spoke at length about the fee uses and giving the teams a break for the spring and to re address the fees for fall.

Mrs. Formica stated that the teams are going to have a hard time finding businesses to sponsor them this year with COVID-19 hurting small businesses the last 11 months.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to waive the field use fees keeping the lighting fee as is.

Mrs. Babcock stated that the check would be returned to Mrs. Collins in return she would ask for \$ 500.00 the cost of both the lighting fees for the spring and fall seasons.

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTION Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica

Facebook Page.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would like to propose to start a new Facebook account.

Mrs. Formica stated that we have not been able to figure out the password for when the account was set up.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she can only post when she is on her work computer which is 100% fine but therefore, she will only be able to post during the weekdays.

Mrs. Babcock stated that if there was a password, we knew then she could log into any computer or phone and post updates or information.

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Mrs. Formica agreed she has no way to access the account either.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there is a way that Mrs. Babcock could go into settings and change the administrators that would then give Mrs. Formica access to the post.

The committee spoke at length about the pros and cons of starting a fresh new account.

The committee ultimately decided to give Mrs., Sanchez's idea a try and if that does not seem help the issue then the committee would have to start a new Facebook page.

A few members of the committee feared that the password was from previous committee members and they may still have the password.

Mrs. Formica stated that she fears eventually the committee will have no choice but to start a new account. Making sure that the password was on file at the borough hall for all future rec chairs and vice chairs to easily access like it should have been done for us.

The committee agreed.

Mrs. Formica stated that the next item that needs to be discussed that was not put on the agenda is the sponsorship letter for the playground. Mrs. Formica asked if everyone received the email from Mrs. Babcock with the letter.

Mr. Formica stated that he worked on a draft letter and sent it to Mrs. Bonanno and she cleaned it up and it is ready to go with one minor add on being a contact to send questions and where to send donations to.

The committee thought the letter was perfect and hit all the key points.

Mr. Skellenger asked if Mrs. Babcock could send him another letter so he could start talking to some townspeople and Organizations as soon as possible.

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve the sponsorship letter with the minor corrections and contact information discussed.

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Carnes wanted to address the 911 Memorial and that earlier that the committee discussed reaching out to the light company which have the bigger lights that can be used for the 9 11 memorial this year.

Mr. Formica stated that he would start making phone calls and getting a price.

Mrs. Carnes stated that we should get a jump start on it this year because it is the 20th anniversary this year and stated that a lot more groups/ organizations will be looking to do something this year.

The committee agreed.

Mr. Davis stated that he had a few miscellaneous comments as well.

Mr. Davis started with the beach needed sand this year especially if the beach was going to be open another year for swimming.

Mr. Davis also stated that the bridge flag holders need to be replaced with medal holders instead of the plastic ones.

Mr. Davis asked if the *Spring Fling* will go back to the spring this year.

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Mr. Formica stated that he highly doubts it.

Mr. Formica stated that he is not sure what will happen with the *Spring Fling* this year.

Mr. Formica stated that he is not sure when everyone will feel comfortable again especially the seniors.

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 8:05***

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