

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
April 7, 2022

This meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Nahrwold, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mrs. Nahrwold read the statement on compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975"

ROLL CALL OF MEMEBERS:

Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold – Chairwomen (present)
Mrs. Patti Carnes - Co-Chairwomen (present)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (present)
Mrs. Darlene Pallay – Treasurer (absent)
Mrs. Christina Sanchez – Member (absent)
Mrs. Bobbi Formica – Member (present)
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (present)
Mrs. Barbara Castania – Member (present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 17th minutes table to next recreation meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

Mrs. Nahrwold asked for a motion to open to the public.

Mrs. Formica made the motion. Mrs. Carnes second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Nahrwold, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

APPROVED

Mandi Raperto was in attendance for the public.

Mrs. Nahrwold asked if Mrs. Raperto had anything to share.

Mrs. Raperto stated she was just there to check it out.

Mrs. Nahrwold asked for a motion to close to the public.

Mrs. Formica made the motion. Second by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Nahrwold, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasure's Report –

The treasure, Darlene Pallay, was absent.

Committee briefly reviewed report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Franklin Nite – Inflatables

Mrs. Carnes asked if everyone looked at the inflates on the website.

Mrs. Carnes stated to get an accurate quote they needed to decide what they wanted.

The committee reviewed and discussed which inflated they were interested in.

The committee indicated they liked the 16ft patriotic slide, vertical rush, and obstacle course.

Mrs. Nahrwold asked which inflated would they rather do if they only picked one, the vertical rush or patriotic slide.

Mrs. Formica stated the vertical rush.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she agreed and felt it has more.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated or the vertical rush.

Mrs. Carnes stated maybe the 5 in 1 sports combo.

Mrs. Nahrwold agreed.

Mrs. Carnes stated she would quote the vertical alone and then a quote for the vertical rush and the 5 in 1 combo together.

Mrs. Carnes stated just to see she would get a third quote for the 40-foot obstacle.

Mrs. Carnes stated maybe she would get a fourth quote for the vertical rush and the 40-foot obstacle.

Mrs. Nahrwold agreed.

Mr. Formica stated maybe they could get one for National Night Out too.

Mrs. Carnes asked what time they were starting Franklin Nite.

Mrs. Formica stated 3:00pm.

Mrs. Carnes stated she would tell the inflatable company that they need to be up by 3:00pm.

Mrs. Formica stated to tell them to break down the inflatable at 8:00pm so they are not trying to break it down at night and during the fireworks.

Mr. Formica stated that would be late and still would be during the fireworks because it takes time to breakdown the inflatables.

Mr. Formica stated maybe they could breakdown the next day.

Mrs. Formica stated but they will be bringing their attendance for set up and probable breakdown.

Mrs. Carnes stated they would figure that out but recreation needs to determine what time they want the inflatable operational.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated maybe 3:00 until 15 minutes before the fireworks.

Mr. Formica asked if they wanted the inflatable running while the pageant was going on, cause then there would be commotion going on in the background.

Mrs. Carnes stated if the inflatable is over on the field, it could be less children on the playground.

Mrs. Carnes asked if they wanted to do 3:00pm-8:00pm or 8:30pm.

Mrs. Formica stated to tell the company the event is from 3:00pm till 9:30pm, ask if they have a 3 hour or 5-hour package.

Mrs. Carnes stated it is usually 5-hours, and anything more is extra.

Mrs. Heath suggested 4:00pm-9:00pm, that way the pageant would be over.

Mrs. Nahrwold asked if they were starting the pageant at 3:00pm or 1:00pm, cause last year it was earlier.

Mrs. Carnes stated no.

Mrs. Formica stated they were doing it at 3:00pm, so the event is from 3:00pm and on.

Mrs. Carnes stated she had plenty of information to get quotes for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vendor – Convention of States for National Night Out –

Mrs. Nahrwold stated that the Convention of States inquired about having a table at National Night Out.

Mr. Formica stated National Night Out is for the police department, fire department, and first aid squad.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she agrees.

Mrs. Castania asked what the Convention of States was.

Mrs. Formica stated it is an activist group, and they have a website if she wanted to check it out. The committee unanimously stated no to the request.

Pond Opening -

Mrs. Nahrwold asked if there were any applications for the lifeguard positions.

Recreation secretary, Suzann Brush, stated only one and three attendants.

Mrs. Nahrwold asked if they hired the lifeguard.

Ms. Brush stated no, the applications are pending because the recreation committee needs to make a decision whether the pond will open or not.

Mr. Formica stated that was up to the council.

Ms. Brush stated that Darlene said the council needs a recommendation from the recreation committee.

The committee discussed the pond opening.

The committee decided to send a recommendation to council to not open the pond, unless more lifeguard applications came in soon.

Global Industrial – Park Benches –

Recreation secretary, Suzann Brush, updated the committee on the company that was used for bench purchases on the new pond playground.

Recycling Plastic Bag Program –

The committee reviewed the flyer for the program and discussed its potential benefit.

Mrs. Nahrwold read the outline of the program.

“Free Benches Earned From Recycling Plastic Program. How it works: a six-month collection time period is set. Collect a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film and bags. Weight and record amount each month. Deliver the collected plastic to a participating retailer. Report recycling totals to Stephanie Hicks each month. If more than 500 pounds of plastic is collected in six-months, then Trex will donate a high-performance composite bench to the community.”

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she was unsure if they had to deliver the recycled plastic or if that was something they set up.

Mrs. Formica asked where they would store it.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated they supply two recycle bins, posters, and award (a bench).

Mrs. Nahrwold listed off the items that can be recycled: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc & other re-closable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap & stretch film, wood pallet bags, and produce bags.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she thinks the program would gain traction quickly in the community but again doesn't know where they would set it up.

The committee further discussed the details of the program.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she thinks they should look into it more and see what storing the plastic looks like.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she thinks it is a great idea and a good way to get benches for the playground and/or pond area.

Carnival Advertisement -

Mrs. Nahrwold asked Mrs. Formica if the lady from the Carnival ever reached out to her.

Mrs. Formica stated no.

Mrs. Carnes stated they needed to discuss the billboard they previously were discussing.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated Christine was pricing out the billboard.

Mrs. Carnes stated to put it on the next meetings agenda.

Florescent 5K -

Mrs. Formica stated she has an email out to the company they previously used.

Mrs. Formica stated they needed to figure out a way to mark off the raceway.

Mr. Formica stated the best way is to close the roads and put barricades up.

Mrs. Carnes stated they were thinking of doing the 5K in September, it gets dark earlier and its not as hot.

Mrs. Carnes stated last time they did it in August, but its light out until like 9:00PM and they need it to be darker for the fluorescents.

Mrs. Heath confirmed that they are thinking to do this in September.

Mrs. Carnes stated yes, one Saturday evening.

Field Use –

Mrs. Nahrwold stated there was a field use application from Sarah from Stockholm for May 7th. Recreation secretary, Suzann Brush, stated Sarah was supposed to get the application back before the meeting but she did not.

Ms. Brush stated Sarah was looking to use the pavilion for a birthday party on May 7th for approximately 3 hours.

Mrs. Carnes asked if there were any other events on the calendar.

Ms. Brush stated no.

Mrs. Formica asked if this was a full reservation where no one else could use the pavilion.

Ms. Brush stated yes, it was for a birthday party.

Mrs. Formica stated they are from Stockholm, not a Franklin resident, is that something they charge for.

Mrs. Carnes stated she thought there was a fee they charged for that.

Mrs. Carnes stated she thinks the fee is \$50.

Ms. Brush stated it was not listed clearly on the application.

Mrs. Carnes stated that Michelle might know.

Mrs. Health stated its also the liability insurance that is prevalent.

Mrs. Carnes stated she know this is something they have allowed before.

Mr. Formica stated during COVID they were a little more relaxed with it since people could not really go anywhere.

Mrs. Carnes stated the application stated daily use of fields \$50 but then below it says purpose of request; meeting, private parties, sporting event.

Mrs. Carnes stated she knows they have allowed this in the past.

Mrs. Formica stated yes, but she doesn't remember anyone specifically stating having the pavilion to themselves.

The committee agreed they needed more information and to put this field use on the next agenda since they did not have the physical application.

Ms. Brush stated there was a last-minute field use application, not on the agenda, for the Mineral Museum Swap & Sell Event on July 30th with a rain date of July 31st, and needed to know if the fee would be waived.

The committee asked if there was any other event on the calendar.

Ms. Brush stated no.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to approve the Franklin Mineral Museum Swap & Sell on July 30th with a rain date of July 31th, and to waive the fees as they are nonprofit. Second by Mrs. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Nahrwold, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

APPROVED

Holiday Decorations –

Mrs. Carnes stated she spoke with Judy Williams and Concetto about some of the decorations.

Mrs. Carnes stated the banner across Main Street is in bad shape.

Mrs. Carnes stated she told them she would put it on the agenda so the conversation could start about budget and where the funds come from.

Mr. Formica stated that is not recreation, that is building and ground, and the town should be paying for that.

Mr. Formica stated the pond area, they do the bridge and three trees.

Mr. Formica stated for the past three years Mrs. Williams and her daughter got together and decorated the trees and DPW takes the decorations down.

Mr. Formica stated Scott use to decorate the bridge.

Mr. Formica stated he got a text message complaint from DPW that the lights were still on the bridge and looked unprofessional.

The committee discussed this issue and who would be responsible for taking the decorations down.

Mrs. Heath stated it is part of buildings and grounds.

Mrs. Carnes stated it was also a good time to bring up the pruning of the trees.

Mrs. Heath stated she also felt that was buildings and grounds.

Mr. Formica agreed.

Mrs. Carnes agreed.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to make a recommendation to Council for all decorations on Main Street and at the pond, and the maintenance of the trees at the pond to be handled by buildings and grounds. Second by Mrs. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Nahrwold, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

APPROVED

Ms. Brush asked if this needed to be added to the Council's agenda.

Mrs. Heath stated no, she would do it on her report

Miss. Franklin Pageant –

Mrs. Nahrwold asked who was contacting the host from last year.

Mrs. Formica stated Christine was.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated they needed judges, however her or Christine can't ask anyone they know because their daughters participate in the pageant.

Mrs. Castania asked if she could judge.

Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, And Mrs. Nahrwold stated yes.

Mrs. Nahrwold asked how many judges they needed.
Mrs. Heath stated she think they need three judges.
Mrs. Carnes stated at least we have two, and maybe we can get a third one.
Ms. Brush asked if there was an application for the pageant.
Mrs. Formica stated Christine wants recreation to discuss the pageant so she could finalize the application.
Ms. Brush stated she had someone reach out interested in participating in the pageant.
Ms. Brush stated they wanted to know if talent was required.
The committee stated no.
Mrs. Carnes stated it is a Q&A.
Mrs. Carnes asked who provided a scholarship in the past.
Mrs. Formica stated the FOP, however there is no longer an FOP, they were a PBA.
Mrs. Heath suggested to reach out to the PBA.
The committee discussed options for requesting scholarship sponsors.
Mrs. Formica stated she would reach out to PBA.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

Mrs. Nahrwold made a motion to open to the public. Second by Mrs. Carnes.

ALL IN FAVOR: Yes

APPROVED

Peggy Askew was in attendance for the public.
Mrs. Askew asked if recreation had tried advertising for lifeguards on the college websites.
Mrs. Nahrwold stated no, but that was a good idea.
Mrs. Askew asked if they could possibly work with the YMCA on splitting lifeguard training cost.
Mrs. Nahrwold stated the YMCA was also having a hard time recruiting lifeguards.
Mrs. Nahrwold stated it is also difficult for people to get the certification because it is costly.
Mrs. Formica stated she had reached out to the YMCA to see if they had lifeguards to spare, and they stated they did not even have enough lifeguards to run their pool programs.

Mrs. Askew asked if recreation ever thought of like a Franklins Got Talent type show.
Mrs. Formica stated Christine wanted to do something like that last year and then feed it to the Sussex Got Talent.
Mrs. Askew thought it might be something fun.

Mrs. Askew asked what new business was on the corner; it says something like Build for a Better You.
Mrs. Heath stated she thinking it was going to be a dog training business.

Mrs. Askew stated she had gone to a church in Hawthorn where they participated in the plastic recycling program, that she could reach out to them for more information.
Mrs. Nahrwold stated that would be wonderful.

Mrs. Nahrwold made a motion to close to the public. Second by Mrs. Carnes

ALL IN FAVOR: Yes

APPROVED

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Carnes stated the Boy Scouts will be making the cheese steaks and the Cub Scouts will be making the fries for the Carnival.

Mrs. Carnes stated there are two more Eagle Scouts: Randy Nagy and Noah DeRanzo.
Mrs. Carnes asked if the committee felt it was necessary to put an exact date on the plaques.
The committee decided just the year would be fine.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to order two Eagle Scout plaques not to exceed \$100. Second by Mrs. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Nahrwold, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

APPROVED

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she would like the committee to start thinking about the idea of Franklin Recreation Sports for Children.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she would like to talk about it more at a future meeting.

Mr. Formica asked about Thor's plaque.

Recreation secretary, Suzann Brush, stated she needed to follow-up with Michelle.

Mr. Formica stated he received a call from Little League.

Mr. Formica stated that Vernon has too many kids playing and are having scheduling issues.

Mr. Formica stated they reached out to ask if they could use Franklin's field.

Mr. Formica stated regardless they needed to fill out the application.

Mr. Formica stated that he suggested if they only need the field for one or two game then to have them only pay one field use fee, but if it is more to pay the season field use fee.

Mr. Formica stated the only thing would be is that Little League would also have priority.

AJOURNMENT:

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

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

All were in favor.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm