

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
September 1, 2022

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Carnes, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMEBERS:

Mrs. Bobbi Formica – Chairwomen (present)
Mrs. Patti Carnes - Co-Chairwomen (present)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (absent)
Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold – Member (absent)
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (present)
Mrs. Barbara Castania – Member (present)
Mrs. Sandra Westermann – Member (present)
Ms. Suzann Brush – Secretary (present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 21, 2022:

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes.

Mr. Formica second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: Mrs. Castania, Mrs. Westermann

APPROVED

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Westermann second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All in favor

- Girl Scouts
 - The Girls Scouts would like to paint the picnic tables at the Pond to achieve a Bronze Award.
 - A Bronze Award is given to a Girl Scout who performs community service.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to close the public session.

Mr. Formica seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All in favor

COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasure's Report:

- Fun Services – paid
- Essential Creative Group (NNO Banner) – pending payment
- Christopher Lewis (9/11 Event Lights) – payment processed and ready for day of event

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bench Donation – delivered
 - Follow up with school to see where they would like the donated bench to be placed.
- New Committee Member: Sandra Westermann
 - Acknowledged and accepted. Welcome, we all look forward to collaborating with you!
- Field Use:
 - Football Field: Walkill Valley Youth Football & Cheer
 - Softball Field: Walkill Valley Softball League

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the field use request from WV Youth Football & Cheer.
Mr. Westermann second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Westermann, Ms. Barbara Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the field use request from WV Softball League.
Mr. Westermann second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Westermann, Ms. Barbara Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- 9/11 Event:
 - Invites went out to appropriate parties.
 - Time: 6-10pm
 - Lighting – check is processed and ready for payment on day of event.
 - DJ Services provided by Aldo Sanchez - \$250 Budget

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve a \$250 budget for DJ services.
Mr. Castania second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Westermann, Ms. Barbara Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- Chair Purchase:
 - 20 Folding Black Metal Chairs
 - Purpose: To be used at future events
 - Order through Walmart (Mainstay Brand, approx. \$14 per chair)
 - Budget: \$300

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve a \$300 budget for the purchase of 20 folding metal chairs.
Mr. Castania second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Westermann, Ms. Barbara Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- Girl Scouts – Bronze Award Project

- The Girl Scouts would like to do a community project to work toward achieving a Bronze Award.
- This award is given for community service.
- They plan to refurbish the picnic tables at the pond by cleaning and staining them.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve The Girls Scouts Bronze Award project of staining the picnic tables at the pond.

Mr. Castania second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Westermann, Ms. Barbara Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- WV Rec. Softball League – Request to install a pre-build, hard top gazebo over home bench.
 - Committee does not feel they should pay for this.
 - Committee is going to work with town council to have shelter installed over both home and visiting benches. This requires budget discussions.
 - For the 2022 Fall Season the league is approved to use a temporary, pop-up easy-up.
- Member Application: Eric Maynard
 - Committee makes a recommendation to Mayor & Council for Eric Maynard to be appointed as a Recreation Committee Member.
 - Application being sent to Mayor & Council for review

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the field use request from WV Softball League.

Mr. Westermann second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Westermann, Ms. Barbara Castania

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- Volunteer Members – Recruitment
 - Mrs. Westermann suggested a Jr. Recreation Member Committee
 - Possibly hold monthly meetings at the Franklin Borough Elementary School
 - Mrs. Westermann suggested recruiting members through events at the Pond
- 2023 Events: (initial discussions, all is tentative)
 - Carnival
 - May not hear from them until April
 - June, Wed.-Sun, exact dates to be determined
 - Ms. Franklin Pageant to be held that Friday
 - Fireworks display that Saturday
 - Franklin Day
 - Name Change: Franklin Festival
 - Date/Time: End of September (tentatively the 30th), off set from Hardyston Day
 - Bands/Music and vendors
 - Spring Fling
 - Senior of the Year – have the people vote
 - Date/Time: April, start at noon, end time to be determined
 - Concerts in the Park
 - During Summer months
 - Possibly hold a joint meeting with EDC

- Outdoor Market
 - During Summer Months
 - 7am-11am or 12pm
- Halloween Parade/Trunk-or-Treat at the end of October
- Holiday Tree Lighting

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

- No comments

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

- Research geese control for the pond area.
- Start discussions about replacing the message board at the pond with a digital message board.
- Boy Scouts – Mrs. Carnes attended the Eagle Scout ceremony.
- Plans for a pavilion to be built by the senior center has been budgeted out of grant money.

AJOURNMENT:

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

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

All were in favor. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm