

Franklin Borough: Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes for

December 4, 2025

This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the Chairperson, Mr. Babcock, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mr. Fredrick Babcock – Chairperson (present)
Mr. James Affinito - Vice-Chairperson (present)
Mrs. Crystal Talmadge – Member (present)
Mrs. Lisa Wagoner – Member (present)
Mrs. Christine Affinito – Member (present)
Mrs. Jennifer Torres – Member (absent)
Ms. Zoe Heath - Member (present)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 20, 2025

Mrs. Talmadge made a motion to approve November 20, 2025 meeting minutes.

Mrs. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Affinito, Mrs. Talmadge, Mr. Affinito

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Heath, Mrs. Wagoner

APPROVED

F. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION# 1:

Mr. Babcock will request a motion to open the meeting to the public, for any questions or comments regarding tonight's agenda items. **All comments should be directed to the Chairperson and kept to a 3-minute maximum.**

- Mr. Craig Drace addressed the committee introducing himself and the Iron Bells, an NJABL baseball league. Initially, Mr. Drace was interested in using the field at the pond to host games for the league. The field does not meet regulation requirements.

H. Committee Reports:

- Treasurer – The committee will be placing an Amazon order for much needed supplies which will exhaust the remaining 2025 budget

I. OLD BUSINESS:

- Instagram Account Update – We are waiting for admin access to the account to be able to add Zoe as a contributor.
- Tree Lighting – the event was a success. Ms Heath had some great suggestions for next year
 - o Add a program of times and activities so the community will know what to expect
 - o We need a microphone so Santa can address the crowd
 - o Perhaps have the Franklin bank or grammar school chorus attend and ply for the crowd
- Toys for Tots update
 - o Boxes have been set up at the Senior Center and Borough Hall for donation collections.
 - The day of the event, Jim and Freddie will have those boxes collected and brought to the location to meet up with the train.
 - Zoe and Crystal will attend and have hot chocolate for all who participate
- Christmas Parade (Judy Williams)
 - o Event cancelled

K. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Babcock will allow each member of the Committee to offer any miscellaneous comments which they may have at this time.

- Next Meeting: 01/08/2026

AJOURNMENT:

Mr. Babcock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Affinito made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Affinito

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