

Franklin Borough: Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes for

October 16, 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)
Ms. Sarah McGreevy – Member (absent)
Mrs. Lisa Wagoner – Member (absent)
Mrs. Christine Affinito – Member (present)
Mrs. Jennifer Torres – Member (present)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- September 18, 2025

Mrs. Talmadge made a motion to approve September 18, 2025 meeting minutes.

Mrs. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

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.**

H. Committee Reports:

- Treasurer –

I. OLD BUSINESS:

- Halloween:
 - o Sat. Oct. 25
 - o Remaining Budget: \$1400
 - o Parade @ 12pm/PTO Trunk-or-Treat @ 1pm/Party @ 5-8pm at Fireman's Park
 - o Sound & Lighting: Aldo Sanchez \$500 (payment processed)
 - o Wallkill Valley Drug Alliance: \$434.11 reimbursement from Hardyston Twp. Processed.
- Paint Party - Sat Nov 8, 7PM, Deadline to register, October 28th.
- Wind Creek Casino Bus Trip - Sat Nov 15
 - o Bus \$1400 (vote/requisition needed)
- Christmas Parade (Judy Williams)
 - o Sat. Dec. 20, 2025, approx. 5-6pm
- Carnival
 - o Still no reply from Garden State Fireworks on the additional firework display. Mr. Affinito to reach out to alternate vendors.

- o Looking for a bigger celebration for 250 year celebration, Franklin Day and Carnival
- o Discussed the possibility of a community committee to help plan the event.
- o Judy Williams to attend the meeting in November to discuss further

J. NEW BUSINESS:

- Tree Lighting Budget
- Quilting Club - Senior Center

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED.

- New member application - Zoe Heath

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED.

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: 11/6/2025
- Field Use
 - o Recreation Responsibilities:
 - o Seasonal Portable Restrooms

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recreation Secretary Transition:
 - o Prior Secretary – Suzann Brush has resigned effective 10/1/25

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

- Next Meeting: 10/16/25
- Chairman to inquire if a sitting rec member can be hired and paid to make shirts/sweatshirts.
- Chairman to inquire if a certified letter should be mailed to chronic absentee member before voting to remove.
- Ms. Brush, Recreation Secretary, is resigning effective October 1, 2025.
- The Recreation Committee has made a recommendation that Mrs. Affinito fill the role of Recreation Secretary. Being sent to Admin.

AJOURNMENT:

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

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

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