

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
September 8, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 7:24pm by the Chairwoman, Mrs. Formica, 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. Patty Carnes Co-Chairwomen (present)
Mr. Concetto Formica (present)
Mr. Scott Davis (absent)
Mrs. Christina Sanchez (present)
Mrs. Darlene Pallay (absent)
Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold (absent)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Formica asked if they had the August 5, 2021 meeting minutes to be approved. Mrs. Sanchez indicated no they did not.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

There was no one from the public in attendance.

COMMITTEE REBORT

Treasure's Report –

Mr. Davis, treasurer, was not in attendance. Mrs. Formica stated they would table treasure reports for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Playground –

Mr. Formica stated the mulch was installed and the inspector is coming out on 9/9/21 to conduct the inspection.

Mr. Formica stated they had two signs from Berk, that were with the original purchase of the glider. The signs were not installed because they weren't sure where to place them so we're waiting on guidance from the inspector. If they did not need them, they would not put them in, if they are needed the inspector can indicate where they need to be placed.

Mr. Formica stated they are waiting on the sign and that the benches came in. He was not sure if the plaques for the benches came in.

Mr. Formica stated if the inspection goes well, he would like to talk to the mayor to discuss having the kids being able to use the playground right away. Then once everything is complete, they can do the ribbon cutting.

Mrs. Sanchez asked what else was left to complete the playground.

Mr. Formica stated the entrance sign and the benches still need to be put in place.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if they wanted to announce a soft open to the playground and then once the sign and benches are in, they can have a grand opening and ribbon cutting.

Mr. Formica said they will see how the inspection goes, and if that is approved, they can ask the mayor about opening the playground.

Mr. Formica stated he would update on how the inspection goes, that the inspector was due to come at 1:00 on 9/9/21.

Mr. Formica stated Darlene would be going to the inspection and that he may ask one of the guys from DPW to join.

Mrs. Sanchez asked who was going to dig the hole for the library and where it will be placed. Committee discussed the placement of the library.

Mrs. Carnes suggested looking at the area on Saturday 9/11/2021, while they were there for the 9/11 event. All agreed.

Mrs. Formica stated Michelle received an email from the sign guy asking if they should leave extra spaces in case they get future sponsors or leave the sign as is. Committee discussed doing a second phase for sponsors and a second sign. All agreed.

Mrs. Formica said she would follow up on the email.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she would bring the library with her on Saturday 9/11/2021.

Mr. Formica said he did not go to the fence guy yet in regards to the fence pole, that he is looking for a black post and cap. Committee discussed the sign placement.

Mr. Formica made a suggestion but stated that was something else they could look at on Saturday 9/11/2021.

Mr. Formica stated he was not sure if the plaques for the benches came in, and discussed bench placement.

Mr. Formica stated DPW suggested putting cement blocks under the benches, rather than a cement slab, in case they needed to move the benches in the future.

Recreation secretary, Ms. Brush-Babcock stated she had the plaques on her desk.

Mr. Formica said he would come by tomorrow 9/9/2021 to get the plaques and bring them to DPW.

Mr. Formica stated he spoke with the insurance guy, that they are putting the old playground up for auction. That the insurance guy was going to reach out to another company who had bought equipment from another town, to see if they wanted more equipment.

Mr. Formica stated maybe they could make something off the old equipment, rather than scrap it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Use Applications –

Mrs. Formica asked if there were any field use applications.

Recreation secretary, Ms. Brush- Babcock, stated not to her knowledge.

9/11 Event –

Mrs. Formica stated Andy Velar, DJ, is coming to the 9/11 event, and asked if the committee wanted to give him something for his services.

Mrs. Sanchez stated no, that they pay him for September 25 (Fall Festival).

Mr. Formica agreed.

Mrs. Carnes stated there is not a lot Andy will be doing for the 9/11 event, only setting up. Committee discussed whether they gave Andy a donation for National Night out, which they determined they did not.

Mrs. Sanchez suggested they give a combination for both events.

Mr. Formica stated he felt they should wait until the Fall Festival.

Mrs. Carnes stated to wait till the Fall Festival and they could figure out an amount that covers both.

Mr. Formica stated if it's a volunteer, then they volunteer.

Mrs. Formica ok'ed that statement.

Mrs. Formica stated the cantor, Rebecca, from the shalom in town will be in attendance for the 9/11 event. Stated she sent an email and phone call out to the presbyterian church, but has not heard anything back yet. Stated Father Bogey will be in attendance. And Reverend Bob, also a Hardyston Fireman and a reverend at Christian Faith Fellowship.

Mrs. Formica stated the police, Wallkill Valley First Aid, the fire department all have been notified.

Mrs. Formica stated she emailed the cub scouts, boy scouts, and girl scouts but has not heard anything back.

Mrs. Formica stated officer Jeff Korger will be doing the bag pipes.

Mrs. Formica asked if they had a national anthem.

Mrs. Sanchez stated they did, she spoke with Donna at National Night out and asked if her daughter would be interested. Donna stated she would talk with her daughter and get back to her the next day, but did not follow up. Stated Mia was available as back up.

Mrs. Sanchez stated the plan for the kids singing was not going to happen, due to late notice.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she moved forward with getting decorations to make a display for all the 9/11 victims and books and poems that also can be displayed.

Mrs. Sanchez stated they do have one 12-year-old girl that is going to come to sing, and will be singing 'God Bless America'.

Mr. Formica asked about the Franklin Band.

Mrs. Sanchez confirmed they would be there.

Mrs. Sanchez stated they need to get about two tables from the senior center.

Committee discussed the need for tables and table clothes for the victim display.

Committee discussed set up of event, displays and guests, including the fireman.

Committee discussed the order of the program.

Mr. Formica stated he would introduce everyone and call for a moment of silence.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if they wanted to do something special for the 13 victims, suggested putting out 13 white roses with the names. All agreed.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she reached out to the Marines, as she found out they could have requested a fly over, but it was too late according to the application request time line.

Mrs. Sanchez reviewed the program set up from last year's 9/11 event.

- Welcome
- Presentation of Colors
- National Anthem
- Opening Remarks (Mayor Sowden)
- Franklin Band
- Natalie Torrez sang 'America the Beautiful'
- Multi-Faith Remarks
- Closing Prayer by Bill Drum
- Presentation of Names
- Bag Pipes
- Memorial Lights (approx. 1 hour)

Mrs. Sanchez asked if they would be providing water.

Mr. Formica stated maybe to only provide water for the speakers, band/singers. All agreed.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she would put the program together, Concetto does the Welcome.

Mr. Formica asked when they wanted to do the 13 soldiers, that the color guard would marching in followed by the National Anthem.

Mrs. Sanchez stated after the National Anthem Concerto would do the opening remarks and introduce the Franklin Band.

Mr. Formica suggested the band then do a couple songs.

Mrs. Sanchez stated the Band would do their music, then prayers.

Committee further discussed order of program.

Mr. Formica suggested getting a new flag and getting it folded.

Mrs. Formica suggested Cory, Bodle, and Cody, the three veterans could, fold the flag.

Committee discussed times to go set up, and indicated the event starts at 7:00pm.

Fall Festival –

Mrs. Formica requested to change the name of the event from 'Fall Heritage Festival' to 'Fall Festival'.

Mrs. Sanchez stated if there was nothing related to heritage, they could change the name. All agreed.

Mrs. Formica stated they needed a budget for entertainment.

Committee discussed what budget they have and where it is coming from.

Mr. Formica stated the Carnival money was put in the Carnival fund, and is still available. Also, the \$9000 that was for this year is still available.

Mrs. Carnes asked how much the band was.

Mrs. Sanchez stated the band is \$1500 but they are willing to go down to \$1200-1300 and could possibly make that work.

Mr. Formica asked if the band could definitely do \$1200-1300.

Mrs. Sanchez stated the guy from the band said to her that there is some wiggle room and he would see where he could cut cost.

Mr. Formica asked how long the band plays.

Mrs. Sanchez stated they play for 3 hours, from 5-8pm.

Committee briefly discussed the possibility of having an event next year featuring the Nerds.

Mrs. Formica asked Mrs. Sanchez's husband to find out about available dates for next year.

Mrs. Formica asked about the one-man band.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she is \$175 for 1 hour, 4-5pm.

Mrs. Sanchez stated they have Andy, the DJ, 2-4pm.

Mrs. Formica stated she thinks they should give something to Andy, that she felt bad not compensating for National Night Out and 9/11.

Mrs. Sanchez asked how much she thought the fee should be.

Mrs. Formica suggested \$400.

Mrs. Sanchez suggested splitting the fee between all three events.

Mrs. Formica stated they thought a payment of \$400 could be made to Andy for National Night Out, 9/11, and the Fall Festival.

Mrs. Sanchez suggested \$300.

Mrs. Carnes agreed on \$300 for National Night Out and the Fall Festival.

Mrs. Sanchez agreed, not to include a fee for 9/11. All agreed.

Committee discussed a budget for decorations for the Fall Festival.

Mr. Formica stated doing a budget for entertainment now, and waiting to do the budget for decorations. All agreed.

Mrs. Formica confirmed the budget for entertainment of \$1975.

Mrs. Sanchez made the motion for the Fall Festival entertainment budget to spend \$1975.

Seconded by Mrs. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Mrs. Sanchez asked if the budget cost could go on the bills list for this meeting.

Mrs. Formica said it needed to go on Friday's agenda so they could be paid on time.

Mr. Formica stated they would need to do purchase orders.

Mr. Formica asked recreation secretary, Ms. Brush-Babcock, if she could ask Cory about the funds for the bands.

Mrs. Sanchez stated the band had an LLC and would send over an agreement invoice and bill.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she would gather the information and email it to recreation.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she would also get the information for the girl, one-man band.

Mr. Formica re-stated to recreation secretary, Ms. Brush- Babcock, to ask Cory how it would work with payment. That in the past they have paid the night of the event.

Ms. Brush-Babcock stated she would follow up with Cory.

Mrs. Carnes stated to make sure they needed the funds fast as it needs to be approved by the council in the upcoming meeting in order for the entertainment to be paid.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

There was no one from the public in attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Formica stated he saw Emily the other day and asked about the seniors, and how she would feel about having a spring/fall thing. Emily stated seniors are now required to put masks on at the facility she works at, and isn't sure they would feel comfortable coming out. Emily stated maybe wait till October to see how things are.

Mrs. Formica stated Ms. Franklin messaged her and said she would be there, 9/11 event. That she could get in touch with Little Ms. Franklin, but did not have contact info for Jr. Ms. Franklin or the boy.

Mrs. Sanchez stated she did and would reach out to them.

Committee discussed more about the plan for the 9/11 event, and order of the program.

AJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Formica made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

All were in favor.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm