

**Franklin Borough**  
**Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for**  
**March 18, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Carnes, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mrs. Carnes read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Mrs. Bobbi Formica Chairwoman (Absent)  
Mrs. Patty Carnes Co- Chairwoman (Present)  
Mr. Anthony Marino (Absent)  
Mr. Concetto Formica (Present)  
Mr. Scott Davis (Absent)  
Mrs. Christina Sanchez (Present)  
Mrs. Darlene Pallay (Present)  
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (Present)  
Mayor John Sowden (Absent)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Carnes asked for a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 meeting minutes

Mrs. Formica made a motion to accept the March 4, 2021 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mrs. Pallay

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Pallay**

**NAYS: None    ABSTENTIONS: None**

**Approved**

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION#1:**

There was no public present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Treasure's report –***

Mr. Davis stated that he was not at the last meeting and there was a change. Mr. Davis stated that from February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup> \$1,000.00 was deposited into the playground donations account from Shoprite.

Mrs. Davis stated that there was also \$850.00 deposited for the Memorial bench along with a \$500.00 from the Wallkill Valley Little league for the light use fee.

Mrs. Babcock stated that today she also received \$150.00 from Simply Dance for their field use fee for the three days in June that they will be using the area.

Mr. Davis asked if the money that was budgeted has been put into the account as they were discussed and allocated.

Mrs. Babcock stated yes.

Mr. Formica and Mrs. Carnes agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**Field use – Scouts**

Mr. Davis stated that last year he spoke to the scouts and explained to them that they need to let recreation know when they are going to use the field/pavilion to eliminate any double booking. Mr. Davis stated that there have already been a few different events that took place down at the pond that I know we as recreation were not aware of. Mr. Davis stated that he emailed them immediately and cc'd Michelle the recreation secretary to make sure that going forward someone contacts her so that Michelle can put it on the calendar going forward.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she would take the list of contacts and email them to give them a reminder to make sure all events that they plan on having at the pavilion are approved and added to the field use/pavilion calendar.

Mrs. Carnes also suggested we put a post on Facebook reminding everyone if they want to use the pavilion and or field during the spring, summer & fall seasons they must contact the recreation secretary.

Mrs. Babcock stated she would email the scouts first and get them all situated and then make a post for Facebook as well.

**K9- Unlimited**

Mrs. Babcock stated that she also received the K9 unlimited application for their event in October.

Mrs. Babcock stated that they will be doing an October event along with the June event.

Mrs. Babcock stated that they sent in the application but did not send in any payment yet and stated they would when the event was closer. Mrs. Babcock stated that she told Rola that the payment would have to be in a week prior to the event.

Mrs. Carnes asked for a motion to approve the k-9 Unlimited application for October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

**Mr. Davis** made the motion. Seconded by **Mr. Formica**.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Pallay**

**NAYS: None    ABSTENTIONS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Easter Bunny Firetruck***

Mrs. Carnes stated that this is just a FYI and more of a Fire Dept event more so than a Rec event.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she and Khyle the chief have been in touch and he stated that he and the department are looking to do the bunny run on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon till they hit the last street in Franklin.

***Baseball/ Softball opening day***

Mrs. Carnes asked Mr. Formica if he had any info on opening day.

Mr. Formica stated that he knows that opening day is April 17<sup>th</sup> as of now if the weather cooperates.

Mr. Formica stated that they are going to ask Mrs. Sheldon to through out the opening pitch that day.

Mr. Formica stated before that he is going to have the plaque hung up and covered and then we can dedicate it and reveal it that same day in honor of Thor.

The committee thought that would be awesome and a great tribute to Thor.

Mr. Formica stated that in the next few days or week he would like for recreation to finalize where the plaque will go.

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Mr. Carnes suggested a field trip for the rec committee to go down and pick out a spot for the plaque along with making a wish list of things rec would like to see in the future for the park/pond area.

***Walking Path***

Mr. Formica stated that he and the council are throwing ideas around for the walking path again.

Mr. Formica stated that there was a lot of time and energy and money spent on just the plans alone.

Mr. Formica gave the committee a brief backstory of the walking path.

The committee discussed and brainstormed different ideas that they would like to see as far as the walking path.

Ultimately, the committee were all in agreement that they would like to see the walking path be an edition to the pond/park area.

Mr. Formica stated that he feels that the Borough needs to give it another look and really get some plans in order this time even if it is done through phases.

Mrs. Pallay stated that she believes it's the one thing that is missing right now and it would really draw people down to the pond area.

The committee also talked at length about the football field and the rest of the field and park area.

The committee brainstormed and through around different ideas on what they would like to see changed or upgraded.

Mr. Formica addressed the different options for the football field.

Mr. Formica explained his ideas for parking and maybe cutting it off and making more of a grass area where there is parking now.

The rec committee discussed the idea of making the football fiend a lacrosse field.

Mrs. Pallay stated that lacrosse is an up-and-coming sport and Franklin having a field would be amazing.

Mrs. Pallay stated that we would be the first to have a lacrosse field in our area. The only other lacrosse fields right now are in Sparta and Vernon.

The rec committee agreed that would be something to definitely consider and look into.

Mrs. Pallay suggested starting with putting money into the areas of the pond/park that will generate a return in our money.

Mrs. Pallay suggested making a priority list of what is most important and will allow us to make money in return.

The committee agreed and stated that this was something that rec will continue to touch on.

**There was no Public for Public session #2**

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Babcock stated that the food vendor/ Peddlers license.

Mrs. babcock stated that there is a gentleman who contacted the Zoning officer in regards to selling hotdogs down at the pond. However, he is not looking to do the concession stand he is not looking to commit to doing it every weekday/ weekend. He is more like an ice cream truck guy but with hot dogs.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she emailed the gentleman to get some more details and she has not heard back from him so we will see what happens.

Mrs. Babcock stated that if need be, we will readdress this at a later time.

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The committee agreed.

Mr. Formica stated that he is still in talks with JCP&L to get pricing on changing the lighting at the pond to LED.

Mr. Davis asked if there was going to be a Memorial Day Parade this year.

Mrs. Carnes stated that she believes that would be decided by the American Legion.

Mrs. Babcock gave an update on the Memorial bench that was delivered earlier that day.

Mrs. Babcock also stated that the Clerk reached out to her asking if the recreation would be interested and talking to a gentleman who reached out 3 years ago in regards to donating a bench in his daughter's memory.

The committee stated that they would have no problem doing the same thing with the same process as what rec just did for Mrs. Giordano.

The committee discussed possibly replacing the older broken-down benches with new ones.

The committee discussed possibly putting a Facebook post out asking if anyone wanted to donate a bench in memory of a family member.

The committee had mixed emotions and would hold off on posting something on Facebooks as of now and readdress at a later time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Mr. Formica** made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Davis**

**All were in favor.**

***\*The meeting was adjourned at 8:24***