

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Minutes for
April 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the Chairwomen, Ms. Sanchez, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Mrs. Christina Sanchez Chairwoman (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica Co- Chairman (Present)
Mr. Anthony Marino (Present)
Mrs. Jennifer Giordano (Absent)
Mrs. Bobbie Formica (Absent)
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)
Mr. Joe Limon (Present)
Mayor Giordano (Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 21, 2019.

Mrs. Davis made a motion to accept the March 21, 2019 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Formica

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS: Mrs. Sanchez

Approved

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Mr. Limon made a motion to Open to the Public. Seconded by Mr. Davis.

All were in favor.

Brian Connelly – President of Walkkill Valley Little League.

Mr. Connelly inquired about whether or not the town would be dumping dirt/clay on the baseball field and by field he means the infield. Mr. Connelly also inquired about the recreation committee to look into possibly replacing the net behind the field. The net that catches the foul balls to protect the houses behind the field. Mr. Formica stated that the purchasing of the net was on tonight's agenda and would be discussed and voted on tonight. Mrs. McHose was in attendance at the meeting and suggested that Mr. Connelly contact her tomorrow and she would help answer any questions he may have in regards to field maintenance, funds, and any other questions he may have in regards to the field, batting cage maintenance.

Grant McHose 76 Buckwheat Road – Grant stated that he was a boy scout with troop 48 in Hamburg and was working on his eagle scout. Grant explained that he wanted to

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work on the sign at the entrance to the pond. Grant would like to redo the sign and make it look a lot nicer than how it currently looks. Grant stated that he would replace the wood and the area of the sign that holds information/ event info or just general information for the community. Grant also explained he would spruce up the area in which the sign is located by planting flowers. (suggested by the rec committee to choose deer resistant shrubs)

Mrs. McHose suggested doing both sides one being a welcome sign and the other being covered with plexiglass that would hold information for the community.

The recreation committee agreed and thought Grant had some really good ideas. Grant explained he has a very strict time line of two months and would like to get it started as soon as he could.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve Grant McHose to do his Eagle Scout as replacing the pond sign. **Seconded by Mr. Formica.**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES **Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis**

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Approved.

Grant thanked the committee and stated he would start getting to work on it.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if there was anyone else that would like to come up and address the committee. Mrs. Sanchez stated not seeing anyone coming forward she would like a motion to close the meeting to the public.

Mr. Formica made a **motion** to close the meeting to the public. **Seconded by Mr. Davis**

All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spring Trout Derby- Mr. Formica gave a brief report and updated the committee on the Trout Derby. Mrs. Formica stated that the fish have arrived and things are coming together for a fun filled day. It also looks like the rain will hold off which makes for an even better day.

Spring Fling - Mr. Limon gave a brief update, stating that he has been confronted by more than one resident and council member that there are complaints on the date. It is the same day as Garage Sale Day. Mr. Limon asked if the rec committee wanted to keep the original date of April 27th or possibly move the event to the next available date that the Firehouse is available, which is Saturday May 11, 2019. The Committee was in agreement and thought it would be best to move the Senior Spring Fling to May 11, 2019. To make the seniors happy. Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to move the Senior Spring Fling from April 27, 2019 to

May 11, 2019. Mr. Davis made a motion to move the Senior Spring Fling from April 27, 2019 to May 11th 2019. **Seconded by Mr. Formica.**

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Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES **Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis**

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she has made up a flyer she was just waiting on a definite date before she printed out and started posting to social media and other places around the community. Mr. Limon gave a brief update on the Spring Fling. Mr. Limon stated that he was working closely with the Mayor on choosing the senior of the year. Mr. Limon stated that the same applies for set up and clean up with the new date.

Mrs. McHose stated that she would take care of placing the order for the plaque and the street sign for senior of the year. Mr. Limon was thankful for everyone's help and stated that he had nothing else to report at this time.

Mis Franklin Pageant - Mrs. Sanchez gave a brief update on the event. Mrs. Sanchez stated that the FOP has replied and will be bringing it up to discuss at their next meeting in April in regards to donating to the scholarship that would be given to the winner. Mrs. Sanchez stated that everything was coming together nicely.

Bowling Program – Mrs. Sanchez stated that there are currently 21 registered. Mrs. Sanchez and Mr. Formica would be making the t- shirts themselves. It was approved at the last meeting not to exceed more than \$100.00 for the T-shirts. Mrs. Sanchez and Mrs. Sanchez will be donating any extra costs and materials needed to make the t-shirts.

OLD BUSSINESS:

Field use – applications, fees maintenance, etc. Mr. Formica gave a brief update on the status of ordering both the girls batting cage nets and the barrier net for the baseball little league field. Mr. Formica stated that he was able to find a place called cascade nets and the cost of the nets were significantly cheaper. Mr. Formica stated the hardware we can order anywhere.

Mrs. McHose asked about installation. Mr. Formica stated that he has had a few people volunteer to help with the installation of the net in particular the barrier net on the baseball field. Mr. Formica stated that he just wanted to order the net as soon as possible so that it was here and the committee would look into finding help to install once it arrived. Mr. Formica also stated that he wanted to look into maybe a pulley system for an easier way of putting the net up and down. Mr. Formica made a motion to purchase both nets from Cascade nets with shipping totaling \$ 1, 766.19. Mr. Davis Seconded.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES **Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis**

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

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Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would like to have a more consistent way of managing how the deposit works and the refunding of the deposits. Right now, some teams just roll their deposits over to the next year. Others are getting refunds back and paying a deposit every year. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she believes the rest of the board would just like a better system that all the teams followed the same procedures.

NEW BUSSINESS:

New Member Holly Sollito

Mrs. Sanchez announced that the mayor has appointed Holly Sollito has a member to the recreation committee. Mrs. Sollito was unable to attend the meeting because she was at the Treps Market this evening at the school.

Mrs. Sanchez made an announcement that if anyone else hears that someone in the community is interested in being a recreation member there are some available seats open.

Treasure re-appointment. The committee asked if they could re-appoint the treasure position to Mrs. Formica even though she was not present at the meeting. Mrs. McHose who was in the audience stating that the rec committee could reappoint the treasure position. Mrs. McHose said that you would need a motion and proceed when you do all other voting.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to appoint Bobbie Formica has the Treasurer.

Mr. Formica made the motion to appoint Bobbie Formica as the Treasurer. Seconded by Mr. Marino.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Approved.

Franklin Day - Mrs. Sanchez stated that this year for Franklin Day there will be vendors. Mrs. Sanchez explained that there has already been a ton of requests for applications from vendors looking to be a part of Franklin Day this year. Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee would need to approve the \$25.00 fee for the vendor space. Nonprofit organizations that are not selling anything their fee would be waived. **Mr. Davis** made the motion to approve the \$25.00 fee for vendor space. Nonprofit organizations not selling anything would be waived of fees. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

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The committee briefly discussed procedures and the application process.

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Mr. Formica stated that this year Sugar Sweet Farms as offered to come for free and set up their petting zoo. Mrs. McHose stated that they would have to be insured and that she would look into getting the information for them on that.

Mrs. Sanchez and Mr. Formica briefly discussed with Mrs. McHose on the times of when Franklin Day would start and end.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that entertainment is another big draw that brings people down to the pond. If anyone knows of anyone who would like to be part of Franklin day and share their musical talents that day please let them know the committee is looking for bands. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she feels it's important to have the town's business involved as well, dance studios, gyms, karate, etc. to have demonstrations and showcase their business.

There was a brief discussion on the talent show. A date to be announced. Mrs. Sanchez stated that it would not be in the Miss Franklin pageant.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would like to open it up to the surrounding towns. "Walkkill has Talent. "

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there would be fireworks on Franklin Day and two nights during the carnival. Mrs. Sanchez stated that we would carry this discussion to the next meeting.

Electrical invoice from John Prtorich totaling \$990.00

Mrs. McHose explained how much work that Mr. Prtorich did in helping get the pond ready for the pond opening.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the invoice from Mr. Prtorich totaling \$990.00 for all of his electrical work. **Seconded by Mr. Marino**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Approved.

SECOND PUBLIC SESSION:

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to reopen to the public seconded by Mr. Davis.

All were in favor.

Michael Restel – Hardyston with Walkkill valley Sports.

Mr. Restel inquired about having football games played down at the pond again under the lights. Mr. Restel explained that when he first moved up here from Bergen County, he remembers coming the pond and watching the football games at the pond under the lights and it was the coolest thing. Mr. Restel would like for his children to have that same experience. Mr. Restel would like to work with the borough to possibly have the

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lower level football teams play their games at the pond. Especially the flag and rumble levels.

Mr. Restel thanked the recreation for being so receptive to the Wallkill Valley Football. Mr. Restel asked if the football scoreboard still works. Mr. Marino believed that it needs to be fixed. Mr. Marino explained that it has been years since the scoreboard actually worked. The recreation committee agreed that they would look into fixing the scoreboard and what it would entail to get it back up and working again.

Mr. Restel asked if the committee was aware of Wallkill Valley's football league deposit from last year was still available and if they could just roll that over to this year if possible.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that their deposit was not refunded and would be more than ok to roll it over to this year's deposit. Mr. Restel was very relieved to hear that.

Mr. Restel stated that his second comment or question would be if the borough DPW guys could pick up the grass piles and the bigger pieces of rocks that we have removed from the field. Mrs. McHose stated that she would reach out to DPW and ask if they could help out with your request.

Mr. Formica asked how much clay would need to be ordered. Mr. Restel explained what he uses in the town he manages. Mr. McHose suggested voting on purchasing the clay tonight so that Mrs. McHose could get the ball rolling as far as placing the order.

Mr. Davis asked if he could ask a quick question in regards to banners that are hung on the fence of the little league fence. Mr. Davis stated that they need to be replaced. Mr. Connelly stated that they were all being replaced this year for the new season.

Mr. Restel stated that the clay would total \$1057.50 with shipping. Mr. Formica asked if this would cover two seasons. Mr. Restel believed it would be enough for two baseball seasons. Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the baseball clay for \$1057.50 and not to exceed \$1,100.00. Mr. Davis made a motion to \$1057.50 not to exceed \$1,100.00. Seconded by Mr. Marino.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES Mrs. Sanchez, Mr. Formica, Mr. Marino, Mr. Davis

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Approved.

Mr. Formica wanted to make a note that this purchase would be coming out of the field use fund. Along with the purchase of the nets.

Mr. Restel stated that his last comment was thinking ahead for next year. Mr. Restel stated that when he was growing up in his town there would be an opening day parade in the center of town. Mr. Restel stated that Main Street in Franklin would be an ideal for a little league opening day parade. The committee agreed and stated they would look into that next year.

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Mr. Restel thanked the committee for all their help and he looks forward to working with everyone this year.

Renee- Little League

Renee asked if the pet expo will be cleaning up after themselves.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that they would be cleaning up. Mr. Sanchez stated that they leave a security deposit. Mrs. Sanchez stated that after the event Mr. Davis or a member from the rec committee would be doing a walk through to make sure the field was ok.

Renee – Asked for the rec committee to stop down and look at the field. The volunteers went down last weekend and painted the dugout and met with the health dept and is getting the concession stand up and going as well.

Renee stated that the man who helped with the painting offered to paint the light poles that need painting. Renee stated the only problem would be he would need a cherry picker. Mrs. McHose stated that she would look into it. Mrs. McHose stated that the problem is insurance. Renee thanked the committee for all their help.

Clay Fisher – Asked if there was an age limit and if he needed to get a fishing permit prior to that day. Mrs. McHose stated that there was permit needed to fish at the fishing derby. Mr. Formica stated that there would be a registration form the morning of the derby that would need to be filled out.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Marino presented Mrs. Sanchez and the rest of the recreation committee with a check in the amount of \$2,500 from SB One Bank in Franklin. SB One Bank will be sponsoring this year's Fluorescent 5K which will be held on August 17, 2019. Mrs. Sanchez and the rest of the recreation committee was very appreciative of the generous donation.

Mr. Limon just wanted to make sure that the rec committee does a lot of advertising for the Senior Spring especially with the date being changes. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she has a flyer ready to go she just needed confirmation on the date. Mrs. Sanchez and Mr. Formica stated that they would post them around the community and on social media.

Mrs. Sanchez asked Mrs. McHose when the Sign at the pond will be fixed. Mrs. McHose stated that it will be looked at later this week and hopefully fixed and working properly by the end of next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Limon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Davis
All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Babcock
Recreation Secretary