

**Franklin Borough**  
**Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes for**  
**September 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 (Absent)  
Mrs. Bobbi Formica (Present)  
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)  
Mrs. Holly Sollitto (Absent)  
Mrs. Patti Carnes (Present)  
Mr. Joe Limon (Present)  
Mayor Giordano (Absent)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion** to approve the meeting minutes from August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. **Mr. Davis made a motion** to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Concetto.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS: **Mrs. Carnes**

**Approved**

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would like a motion to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 recreation meeting minutes. **Mrs. Carnes** made a motion to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting minutes. **Seconded by Mr. Davis.**

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS: **Mr. Formica**

**Approved**

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

**Mr. Davis made a motion** to open the meeting to the public.

**Seconded by Mrs. Carnes**

**All were in favor.**

Kathleen Clohessey 29 Church St. – Mighty Miners Summer Camp 2020

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Mrs. Clohessey gave a presentation on her ideas for a full day summer camp for 2020. Mrs. Clohessey 's main goal for Summer 2020 is to make Franklin Borough's summer arts & crafts a paid summer recreation Camp Program.

Mr. Formica stated that the sheet that was given to all the rec members with specific details of the summer camp would have to be given to Mr. Urisn the town attorney for his approval along with being presented to the Mayor and Council. The committee and Mrs. Clohessey agreed. Mrs. Clohessey stated that she would be presenting the same presentation to the Mayor and Council at their next council meeting.

Mrs. Clohessey thanked the rec committee for allowing her to present her summer camp ideas.

Mrs. Sanchez thanked Mrs. Clohessey for all her time an effort on putting this presentation together.

Mrs. Clohessey stated that she has been approached by residents of franklin who would like to participate in the scarecrow contest but live in apartments and do not have the outside space to display their scarecrows.

Mrs. Clohessey asked the rec committee if they would be willing to allow permission for the historical society to suggest residents who do not have anywhere for their scarecrows to be displayed use the grassy area in the front entrance to the pond. The committee was in agreement and granted Mrs. Clohessey permission to use the pond area to display scarecrows.

Rebecca Babcock 40 Butler Street Franklin NJ

Mrs. Babcock introduced herself and stated that her daughter Kate Babcock is an EMT in Franklin. Mrs. Babcock stated that she would like rec to consider some sort of appreciation event for our local EMTS, Firefighters, and Police officers. Mrs. Babcock suggested a cook out- or a gathering with cake and coffee.

Mrs. Babcock feels that the volunteers and police are not being recognized enough and would like for the rec to possibly hold an event in appreciation to our EMTS, Firefighters and Police officers.

Mrs. Babcock also asked how the rec committee feels about having a Touch a Truck event in Franklin. Mrs. Babcock stated that she knows that the Sussex County Library System hosts one every year and Vernon Township holds one because her husband helps out with Vernon's and it is a huge success and the kids absolutely love it.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that is something that rec will keep in mind for next year. There was a brief discussion on time of year that would best to host the event. The committee ultimately decided spring would be the best time to have the event. Mrs. Sanchez stated that they would look further into the getting more information for a Touch a Truck event.

Mrs. Babcock thanked the board and walked back to her seat.

Mrs. Davis made a motion to **close the open public session**. Seconded by Mrs. Formica. All were in Favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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**Treasurers report** - Mrs. Formica gave a brief treasure's report giving a summary of the recreation accounts and their available balances.

There was brief discussion on the bowling account and contacting Tommy from the bowling alley again having him send over the documents the committee needs in order for rec to submit payment to the bowling alley.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sussex County Day** -Mrs. Sanchez gave a brief recap of Sussex County Day. Mrs. Sanchez stated it was well attended and next year she and Concetto will win the municipal egg toss. Mrs. Sanchez stated that there were 10 winners that received carnival wristbands from the drawing that they set up at their table at Sussex County Day. Mrs. Sanchez stated that Karyn from Campys was on board and thought it was a great idea. Karyn just asked we make a list of the inners so she knows when they come to redeem their wristbands at the carnival.

**CARNIVAL**

**Sponsors-** Technology General Corp has sent in a check in the amount of \$350.00 to sponsor the band on Friday Night. Mrs. Sanchez stated that they are asking we have a banner made up with their logo on it to be displayed at the pavilion. The committee had a lengthy discussion on ordering a banner to be displayed with Technology General Corp's Logo on it.

Mr. Davis made a motion to exceed \$75.00 on purchasing a banner for our sponsor TGC to be displayed at the entertainment pavilion during the carnival. Seconded by Mrs. Formica.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:**

**Approved**

Mrs., Sanchez stated that she has the banner that we used for Franklin day that was for Braen Stone that Just says fireworks sponsored by Braen Stone that can be displayed as well.

**Vendors** – Mrs. Sanchez stated as of right now there are a handful of vendors.

There was a brief conversation on allowing vendors to be able to come one, two, three and not have to completely commit to all four days.

The committee agreed and thought that it would be a great idea to sell fall like refreshments. Hot apple cider and cider donuts on Friday and Saturday and while supplies last on Sunday.

Mrs. Formica addressed purchasing Hay Bayles and mums to be displayed as decorations.

Mrs. Sanchez asked the committee how much cider and donuts should be purchased and how much rec should sell each for.

Mr. Formica stated just to confirm rec will be selling apple cider and donuts on Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Sanchez stated yes Friday night and all of Saturday.

The rec committee briefly spoke about the start up monies and bags and how many bags and how much in each bag and procedures on the end of the night with counting money. Mr. Formica stated that this year money would be counted and held at the police station due to the lock issues at the rec office at the senior center.

The rec committee discussed decorating and organizing the concession stand on Sunday.

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***Entertainment –***

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she has been going back and forth with the Petting Zoo people and came to the conclusion that *Sweet Sugar Farms* would come two days. The rec committee would pay them for \$600.00 dollars for the petting zoo for one day and there would be no charge to the public. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would recommend the that the committee pay them for Saturday and the petting fee would be free to the public. Then Sunday the rec committee would not pay for the petting zoo and the zoo its self would charge \$5.00 to the public for the petting zoo.

**DJ Andrew Molar-** Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee would need to come up with a fair price to pay Andy who does not give a price he was nice enough to donate his services to Franklin Day. Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee would have to come up with a price to pay him for DJing the Carnival (Thursday Night) Mr. Davis Suggested \$200.00. There was a discussion on how he also donated him time for Franklin day. The committee ultimately came up with giving DJ Andrew Molar 250.00 for his Thursday night carnival services this year.

The committee spoke briefly about the entertainment lineup for the carnival. Mrs. Sanchez was still looking for some kind of entertainment for Sunday.

Mrs. Sanchez suggested maybe having more of a family or childlike entertainment for Sunday afternoon. The committee agreed. Mrs. Sanchez stated she would look into it.

**Trunk- Or- Treat –**

Mrs. Sanchez is working on a flyer. Trunk or Treat will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Halloween parade. Start time for the parade will be 2:00 P.M

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she will also work on a signup sheet for the trunk or treat

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Carnes gave the rec committee an update on the event that will be held at Shoprite, Bag for Hunger. Mrs. Carnes stated that Shoprite sent letters to the council, the rec committee and Police and fire & EMTS and has not heard from anyone. Mrs. Carnes stated anyone interested can let t her know and she will sign them up. Mrs. Carnes stated the event will take place at our Franklin Shoprite from 12:00P.M - 1: 00P.M

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Limon** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mrs. Formica**  
**All were in favor.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Babcock  
Recreation Secretary

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