

Franklin Borough Recreation
Minutes for
February 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the Chairwomen, Mrs. 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 (Absent)
Mr. Anthony Marino (Present)
Mrs. Jennifer Giordano (Absent)
Mr. Joe Limon (Absent)
Mrs. Donna Vreeland (Absent)
Ms. Lindsay Erdmann (Absent)
Mayor Giordano (Absent)
Mrs. Formica Alternate #1 (Present)
Mr. Davis Alternate #2 (Present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 20, 2018 meeting Mrs. Sanchez Stated that she just finished the meeting right before the meeting and emailed them to the members. Mrs. Sanchez apologized and stated that it would be ok with her if the minutes were tabled. Allowing everyone to have a chance to read them and approve them at our next meeting. Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to table the December 20th meeting minutes till the next meeting. **Mrs. Davis made a motion to table the December 20th 2018 meeting minutes until the March 7, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Formica**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Mrs. Sanchez asked if all the members had a chance to read to minutes from February 7, 2019. Mrs. Asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Formica made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from February 7, 2019. Mr. Davis Seconded.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

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

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

All were in favor.

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Not seeing anyone coming forward Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to close the open public session to the public. Mr. Davis. Made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Marino.

All were in favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Formica gave a brief summary of the **Movie night/Chocolate event**. Mrs. Formica and Mr. Marino described the event as a success. Mrs. Formica stated that there was a nice crowd and they heard nothing but positive feedback. Mrs. Formica also stated they were given a budget of \$200.00 and came in at \$54.00.

Spring Fling - Mr. Limon gave a brief update, stating that he has confirmed the date of April 27th at the Franklin Firehouse. Mr. Limon stated that he will work on the food and Senior of the year award.

Mr. Limon just asked if everyone would be able to set up the night before and a little the morning of the event and of course the breakdown and cleanup.

Mr. Formica stated that Councilman Stephen Skellenger and Mr. Formica would like to donate the cake.

Mr. Marino stated that he would be working on two \$50.00 dollar gift cards which will be donated for the prizes for the dance competition they have every year.

Mr. Marino also stated like past years he would be willing to be in charge of entertainment and donate his services and time djing the event.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the committee would have to vote on budget to spend on purchasing the senior of the year plaque. Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to approve a budget for the Spring Fling. Mr. Marino made a motion to approve a budget up to \$800.00 for the spring fling. Including food, decorations, and the senior of the year plaque. Seconded Mrs. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Motion approved.

There was a brief conversation on timing and changing the date because the event will take place the same day as the town wide Garage Sale Day.

The members discussed briefly and agreed to keep the Spring Fling the same date as what is stated on the calendar. Mr. Limon stated that it just works better when we keep to the dates printed on the calendar. All the members were in agreement.

The **Spring Fling** will be on **April 27th and start at noon.**

Fluorescent 5K Mrs. Sanchez stated that Mr. Postas is taking the lead on this event.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee needs to go through the inventory that we have left over from last year. Mrs. Sanchez stated that way we know how much more needs

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to be ordered for this year's event. (T-shirts and bags) The **Fluorescent 5K** will take place on **August 17th**

Miss Franklin Pageant – Mrs. Sanchez stated that the event is moving along as well. Mrs. Sanchez explained that she sent the letter to the FOP as the committee does every year, for sponsorship for the scholarship. Mrs. Sanchez went on to say that we will wait to hear back from the FOP. If they decide not to sponsor the scholarship Mrs. Sanchez stated there are other business's that we could reach out to.

May 18th the same day as the Franklin Forward Wellness expo.

Mr. Marino asked what the dollar amount of the scholarship was that we were looking to receive. Mrs. Sanchez stated that in the letter she wrote it states that the recreation committee would like to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to the winner.

Mr. Marino stated that if the FOP does not meet the \$1,000 sponsorship he may have another sponsorship in mind. Mrs. Sanchez thanked Mr. Marino and stated that if the FOP does not come forth with the whole amount of \$1,000 Mrs. Sanchez stated that we would look into asking other business's for donations. All the members agreed that was a good idea.

OLD BUSSINESS:

Recreation fields – Travel Soccer leagues application to use the field.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to approve the soccer leagues application for use of the field. Mrs. Formica made a motion to approve the soccer leagues application. Seconded by Mr. Marino.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS

Motion passed.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that Mr. Davis has offered to be field coordinator. The duties of the field coordinator is to keep a schedule of who is using the fields on certain days and to keep track of times to be sure that the field is not double booked. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she has signed the board up for **team up** it's a calendar where you put in all the teams and their schedules that way you can keep track of all the different leagues schedules and the teams can also see who is using the fields/ pond area on what days and what times.

Maintenance funds – Mrs. Sanchez briefly touched on the maintenance funds.

Mrs. Sanchez explained to members who may of not of been at the last meeting that the girls softball league asked if the recreation committee would be willing to help them purchase a batting cage net in lieu of the field maintenance that they typically help with. The softball league received a grant from Franklin Forward to help revamp the whole softball field.

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Mrs. Formica stated that the soccer/football field needs dirt to fill holes. The Basketball courts need new nets.

Mr. Davis made a motion to spend up to \$1,200.00 on the batting cage nets.
Seconded by Mr. Marino.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS

Motion passed.

Mrs. Formica suggested that the recreation committee do a walk through when the weather breaks to get a better look at what needs maintenance for the spring/summer season. All the board members agreed.

Franklin Day – Mrs. Sanchez stated that she keeps putting Franklin Day on the agenda so that it is not forgotten. Mrs. Sanchez stated that we could discuss some ideas and thoughts now or we can wait until a later date to put things in to place like a date and a chairman/ chairwomen.

Mr. Limon stated that we should discuss and at least set a date tonight. Mr. Limon stated that at the last meeting the committee discussed a date in June. Mr. Limon believes that June 22nd was brought up. Mr. Limon suggested that we pick a date that is a few weeks out from July 4th because the closer the event is to July 4th the more expensive the fireworks will be. Mrs. Formica volunteered to make some phone calls to get some prices for the fireworks.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to set the date for Franklin Day 2019.

Mr. Davis made the motion to set the date of June 22nd for Franklin Day 2019.
Seconded by Mrs. Formica.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS

Motion passed.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if anyone wanted to take the lead on this event. Members agreed to hold off until potential new members.

Mr. Davis asked what was going on with receiving new members. Mr. Davis asked is that something we as members do as far as recruiting members or is that something the council does. Mrs. Sanchez believes that we as a committee will know more after the council meeting on February 26th

Mrs. Sanchez believes at that time the alternate members would be appointed a regular members. Mrs. Sanchez is not sure if there will be new members will be appointed that night or not.

Mr. Limon asked if there could be a brief discussion on a date for the pond opening this year. Mrs. Formica stated that at the last meeting the date of May 25th was discussed

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briefly. Mrs. Formica asked if we could have a soft opening for town employees/Councilman/ families. Mrs. Formica said that was a really fun day and appreciated by all who were invited and attended. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she thought that too and has actually put in her calendar the soft opening for May 19th with the following weekend being the opening day for all. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she has spoken to Mrs. McHose about other details in regards to the pond. Mrs. Sanchez stated that right now we are in the beginning stages. There are a lot of parts that are still up in the air and that need to be figured out. Mrs. Sanchez stated that Council is still working things out on their level. Mrs. Sanchez said that the pond will open all parties are in agreement that they want to see the pond open. Mrs. Sanchez explained at this point we are just waiting to hear from the council what are part will be this year when it comes to the opening of the pond this summer.

NEW BUSSINESS:

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she spoke to Mrs. McHose and she is giving us the bigger office down at the senior center building for us to do inventory, clean and to keep our things down there. Mrs. Sanchez also stated that we need to do inventory here at the Borough Hall as well. Mr. Marino asked if there was a projector here. Mr. Davis stated that it should be in the rec office upstairs in the Borough hall. Mr. Marino stated that there also needs to be speakers here somewhere around here too.

Bowling Program – Mr. Sanchez stated that her biggest concern was that the recreation would need someone at the program. Mrs. Sanchez that concerns her because of the time of day.

Mr. Hrbek stated that the way Jefferson runs their program a recreation person is only there the first day and the last day and maybe a day in between to hand out t-shirts.

Mrs. Formica suggested making a motion to putting someone in charge of the bowling program.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the person in charge does not necessarily need to be a member of the recreation committee. If there was someone who wanted to volunteer to be the person in charge of the program that would be ok.

Mrs. Formica asked if Shane Hrbek would be willing to be the volunteer to be in charge of the bowling program. Mr. Hrbek accepted and stated he would be willing to volunteer to be in charge of the bowling program.

Mr. Davis made a motion to go forward with the bowling program. Seconded by Mr. Marino.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS

Motion passed

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Mrs. Sanchez and Mrs. Formica discussed making t-shirts for the bowling program for the kids who sign up.

Mrs. Sanchez thanked Mr. Hrbek for his suggestions and for volunteering his time to make this program happen.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she wanted to go back to the beach discussion real quick. It has been brought to her attention that there is someone who is interested in doing Yoga on the beach every Sunday. (Mrs. Marino) The members were excited and agreed that is a great idea. There was brief discussion on about the New Jersey Paddle Boards coming back to the pond this summer as well.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Formica briefly discussed an update on the spring trout derby.

Mr. Hrbek asked about vendors at Franklin day and asked about looking into having food trucks at franklin day or even stationing them there over the summer on the weekends. The members briefly discussed the pros and cons on that and dismissed that discussion for right now.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Limon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Formica.

All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Babcock
Planning Board Secretary