

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Minutes for
April 30, 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. Bobbie Formica (Present)
Mr. Scott Davis (Absent)
Mrs. Holly Sillito (Absent)
Mr. Joe Limon (Absent)
Mayor Giordano (Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the April 4th meeting minutes would be tabled again to the next rec meeting when there are more members present.

All were in favor.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. **Mr. Formica** made a motion to open the meeting to the public. **Seconded by Mrs. Formica**

All were in favor.

Mrs. Sanchez stated not seeing anyone coming forward she would like to ask for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mrs. Formica made the motion to close the meeting to the public Seconded by Mr. Formica

All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spring Fling – Mrs. Sanchez gave a brief update on the spring Fling for Mr. Limon who is the chairperson for the event.

Mrs. Sanchez asked if there was a way that she could use the tax-exempt number to purchase decorations from Oriental Trading for the Spring Fling.

There was a brief conversation about different trays to order for food for the Spring Fling.

Miss Franklin Pageant – Mrs. Sanchez gave a brief update on the Miss Franklin Pageant. Mrs. Formica stated that Thor Seldon is willing to be the MC for the pageant. Everyone agreed he would make a great MC for the event. Mrs. Sanchez reminded the

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committee that on the same day the wellness expo will be taking place. The committee gave a brief up date on what the committee will be doing for the wellness expo.

The committee discussed different prizes/gift cards that can be purchased as gifts for the winners.

Mrs. Formica and Mrs. Sanchez had a brief discussion on purchasing flowers and crowns.

Mrs. Formica made a motion to spend \$ 125.00 dollars for prizes for the winners of the pageant, including a \$ 25.00-dollar gift card for the top prize. **Seconded by Mr. Formica.**

All were in favor.

Mrs. Formica and Mrs. Sanchez discussed saving money this year and buying the flowers at local supermarkets and making their own bouquet and boutonnieres.

Mrs. Formica made a motion to spend up to \$150.00 on crowns, flowers, small gift bags and any other miscellaneous items for the pageant. **Seconded by Mr. Formica**

All were in favor.

Bowling- Mrs. Sanchez gave a brief update on the bowling program and stated that there were only 3 weeks left before it ends. Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee needs to vote on sponsoring the end of the program pizza party. The committee agreed to vote on this topic at the next rec meeting (May 16th)

Franklin Day – Mrs. Formica updated the committee on the progress of Franklin Day. Mrs. Formica stated that she is getting a ton of emails regarding vendors inquiring about being a vendor at Franklin Day.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she has also been returning and sending tons of emails out to vendor applicants looking for applications to be part of Franklin Day. Mrs. Babcock stated that as of today there were five vendors paid and accounted for.

Mrs. Sanchez and Mrs. Formica discussed having local businesses do demonstrations under the pavilion/basketball court on Franklin Day.

Mrs. Sanchez also touched on entertainment for franklin day. Bands and other musical talents for Franklin Day.

Treasure's Report – **Bobbi Formica** - Mrs. Formica gave a brief treasurer's report.

Mrs. Formica stated that She and Michelle meet with Monica the CFO earlier this week and had a productive meeting. Mrs. Formica explained that Monica suggested that once the budget turns over which should be by the end of the week. The rec committee should take the total amount in the tax payers account and create sub accounts to disburse the money to different kind of events that the rec has throughout the year. Mrs. Formica stated that it would make budgeting events easier. Mrs. formica stated hopefully by the next meeting the committee could look more into this and start setting up and budgeting the sub accounts. Mrs. Formica stated in the meantime the committee members can start thinking of events that they would like to see pre budgeted.

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OLD BUSSINESS:

Beach/concession /paddleboards – Alison McHose

Mrs. McHose stated that as you know tomorrow is the deadline for the RFQ's on the paddle boards/ pond/ concession stand.

Mrs. McHose stated that as of today she has only received one RFQ and that was from Micky from *New Jersey Paddle Boards* the same company that we used last year. Mrs. McHose stated that she would be reviewing her bid and it would also be presented to the council as well. Mrs. McHose stated that she was not certain on how the turnaround will be now that things will be run differently this year.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she wants to make sure that there is nothing on the recreation committee's end that needs to be done. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she and other members were not apart of the opening of the pond process last year. Mrs. Sanchez stated that there were only two members and Mrs. McHose who handled the opening of the pond last year. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would like for the committee to be more involved but does not want to over step the limits of what the rec committee is responsible for. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she wants to makes sure that the rec committee knows what needs to be done on their end and it gets done in a timely matter.

Mrs. McHose stated that she attended a session of lake associations at the Mohawk House earlier this week. Mrs. McHose stated that the session was very informative and she was able to learn a lot of information in regards to new legislation that has come into effect that could help us tremendously this year especially with staffing. Mrs. McHose stated that this could also be a huge savings and keep our costs down.

Mr. Formica asked if this association was something that the rec committee/borough could join. Mrs. McHose stated yes, and she is currently looking into it. Mrs. McHose believes that the cost is \$90.00 and would be well worth it. The association as a lot of information and resources that can be very helpful to the committee.

The committee touched briefly on replacing signs near the pond area. Mrs. McHose stated that the last time she spoke with the electrician for the lighted sign at the pond and he was waiting on a part. Mrs. McHose stated that the she would be reaching out to the electrician later this week for an update.

Mrs. McHose asked if she could give a brief update on the fields. Mrs. McHose stated that she had a very productive meeting with Mr. Connelly the president of Walkkill Valley Little League and informed Mrs. McHose that he has been in touch with Jesse's Tree service and they were willing to donate a whole day of work to help with painting the light poles and helping with prepping to get the net area ready for when the barrier net arrives.

NEW BUSSINESS:

Boy Scout Soap Box Derby request

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Mrs. Sanchez stated that she received a letter from the boy scouts Scout Pack 90's requesting to use Main street, High, Catlin, Junction, and Parker Streets for their Soap Box Derby on Sunday July 14, 2019 from 12: 30p.m – 4:30 p.m. The Boy Scouts are also requesting 24-36 bales of hay to use for the finish line and to use along the streets. The committee spoke at length on where they would purchase hay bales and different ideas on where to use the hay bales once the Boy Scout's are finished using them.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the event is not until July. There is plenty of time to order the hay bales. Mrs. Sanchez stated that they would discuss this again when the date gets closer.

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the Boy Scout's request to use Main street, High, Catlin, Junction, and Parker Streets for their Soap Box Derby on Sunday July 14, 2019 from 12: 30p.m – 4:30 p.m. **Seconded by Mrs. Formica**

All were in favor.

Mrs. Sanchez asked Mrs. McHose to briefly explain the letter that the rec committee received from the clerk in regards to the peddler license letter. Mrs. McHose stated that the was the ice cream truck business. Mrs. McHose explained that last year there was an issue with not allowing the Ice cream truck down at the pond because of the concession stand. Mrs. McHose stated that it is now up to the committee on how they would like to handle this going forward.

Mrs. McHose suggested allowing him to use to the pond area, until further notice.

The committee was in agreement.

SECOND PUBLIC SESSION:

Mrs. Sanchez opened the meeting to the second public session.

The committee along with Tamara Contreras stated that Franklin forward received the rec committee's registration form.

Tamara Contreras wanted to share that the Franklin Board of Ed approved the walking school bus last night. Mrs. Contreras explained what the walking school bus was and gave all the details she has thus far. She Stated that the date has not yet been confirmed. Mrs. Contreras stated as she receives more information, she will pass it along. The overall goal is to promote walking to school safely.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Formica gave an update on what she has thus far as far as quotes and information for fireworks.

There was a brief conversation on sound system speakers and how many speakers are currently working. Mrs. Sanchez stated that there is one speaker that she is aware of that does not work. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would ask her husband who tinkers with speakers and ask him if it was worth fixing.

Mrs. Contreras asked if there was anything else that she would need to provide with the rec volunteer application.

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There was a brief conversation about weather or not the rec committee needs to submit a financial disclosure statement. Mrs. McHose stated that now that the recreation is considered a committee, they would no longer have to submit a financial disclosure statement.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for the committee members to start brain storming and coming up with creative ideas to recruit members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Formica made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mrs. Formica**
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Babcock
Recreation Secretary