

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Minutes for
October 17, 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 (Present) Arrived @ 7:05
Mrs. Bobbi Formica (Present) arrived @ 7:25
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)
Mrs. Holly Sollitto (Absent)
Mrs. Patti Carnes (Present)
Mr. Joe Limon (Absent)
Mayor Giordano (Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Sanchez tabled the September 19th meeting minutes till the Nov 7th 2019 meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mrs. Sanchez asked the public if anyone wanted to come forward.
Not seeing anyone coming forward Mrs. Sanchez closed the meeting to the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Sanchez stated that due to Mrs. Formica not being present the committee would skip the committee reports and the Treasurer's report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

CARNIVAL – Mrs. Sanchez stated that she does not have the final numbers. Mrs. Sanchez stated that we could recap again when we have the final numbers at the November meeting.

Mrs. Sanchez stated everyone knows that it went well.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that now we have to look forward to next year and start planning now.

Mrs. Sanchez explained that the rec committee would be presenting the council with a request to extend the contract with the carnival company Campy's for one year with the dates of September 24, 25,26&27.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that it was the town attorney's recommendation to ask Karen from Campy's for a one-year proposal. Mrs. Sanchez stated that Karen will not give a new proposal she will say that the terms from the last contract still stand. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she could use the contract from the past years as a backup for council if they needed it upon approving

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the one- year contract. The committee had a lengthy discussion on different options and what they felt would be the best-case scenario for this upcoming year. The committee ultimately decided to present the council with the one-year contract with Campy's for 2020 and would start in the upcoming year to get bids and research other carnival companies for 2021.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to present a one-year contract with Campy's carnival company for the last weekend in September 24, 25, 26 &27, 2021 to the council for approval.

Seconded by **Mr. Davis**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

Fishing Derby -

Mr. Concetto gave a brief summary of the fall trout derby.

Mr. Concetto said that it went well considering all of the events that go on this time of year. Mr. Concetto stated that next year they will have a bigger spring trout derby and eliminate the fall trout derby.

Mr. Concetto stated that everyone who was signed up received a prize.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there were two gift cards left over that will be rolled over to the Halloween Parade/ Trunk or Treat.

Mr. Formica asked when the calendar events for the 2020 calendar were due. Mrs. Sanchez stated soon. Mr. Formica stated that we should go over the rec events for next year at our next calendar.

Halloween –

Mrs. Sanchez stated that everything is set as far as the Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there are 15 cars registered for the Trunk or Treat.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that fifteen cars is a good number of cars however, there are so many times the kids can go around the cars. Mrs. Sanchez stated that we need to find different ideas to keep the kids occupied.

The committee discussed many different ideas. Tin can bowling, donuts on a string, bopping for apples, painting mini pumpkins, toilet paper mommies , egg toss, etc.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for the committee to come up with some sort of Halloween budget.

Mrs. Formica entered the meeting at 7:25.

The committee discussed at length different ideas and ultimately came up with a budget of \$250.00 to spend on the Halloween event.

Mrs. Sanchez also stated that Sharon Schultz one of the winners from the group best 5k costume has donated the gift card back to rec and is asking for it to be used on the children at one of the next rec events.

The committee discussed different ideas on how to use the gift card at the Halloween event.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the gift card that Sharon is giving back is in the amount of \$50.00 and should be used for the best group/ family costume at the Halloween parade. The committee agreed.

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Mr. Davis gave the lineup of events for the day. Parade line-up at 1:30 on the corner of Main and Rutherford. Parade kicks off at 2:00 the parade ends at the Firehouse where there will be cider and donuts given out by the fireman, The Halloween costume contest will take place at the firehouse. After the winners are announced the parade goes will walk over to the Fireman's Park where the trunk or treat will take place along with any other activity that the rec committee decides on.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to approve \$250.00 budget for Halloween/ Trunk or Treat supplies.

Mrs. Formica made the motion to spend up to but not to exceed \$250.00 on items for the Halloween/ Trunk or Treat event.

Seconded by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

Tree Lighting-

Mr. Davis stated that he has received the Christmas lights that are used for bridge from Mrs. Babcock.

Mr. Davis stated that he would reach out to Mrs. Williams to see what she needed as far as lights this year for the trees down at the pond.

Mrs. Formica also asked if we requested to have the senior center building for Nov 30th for the tree lighting ceremony.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she would make note of it and ask Colleen to mark rec on the calendar for November 30th.

Mrs. Formica gave a brief explanation of the ginger bread house contest and rules.

Franklin Band has confirmed they will be there.

The committee discussed having more activities outside this year depending on the weather of course.

Mrs. Formica suggested asking Mrs. Williams if she could do her old-fashioned Christmas caroling at the Tree lighting this year as well.

Mrs. Formica stated that the committee should brains storm ideas now until the next rec meeting and we will come up with an agenda for the tree lighting event. The committee agreed.

Open Public Session #2

There was no open public session

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Formica stated that she had a gentleman reach out to her in regards to the missing POW Flag that hung from the bridge at the pond that was lost due to high winds and a storm a while back. The gentleman requested the flag be replaced.

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Mr. Marino stated as far as changing the light of the falls is something that can be changed out easily. Mr. Marino stated that you can buy cheap films that come in all different colors that can go over the light. Mr. Marino stated heat resistant of course.

Mr. Davis also made a point to say that the area where the falls flow really needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Davis stated that there is a lot of debris in that area.

Mr. Formica asked if he could move on to the filed use issue.

Mr. Formica stated that there has been a lot of talk and discussion on the field use application being confusing and not clearly stated what seasonal means.

Mr. Formica stated that in researching he has found the dates. Mr. Formica explained that April 15th – June 30th and August 15th – November 15th Making July 1st to August 14th as the summer season. Mr. Formica stated because we are not changing the fees, we do not need approval from council.

Mr. Formica suggested revamping the field use application to make it clear cut leaving no room for questions on what dates are considered what season. Mr. Formica suggested listing the dates on the application allowing the applicant filling out the application to circle or check off the exact season with the exact dates on the application.

Mr. Formica stated that everyone should take the existing application home and look at it and think about how we can change it and make it less confusing at the next meeting.

The committee agreed.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee needs to discuss summer camp. Mrs. Sanchez stated that people are waiting for an answer.

Mr. Formica stated that he did not want the program to be a profitable program. Mr. Formica did not agree with charging residents \$400.00 so that employees could get paid. Mr. Formica stated that he was against the camp as it was presented to the rec. Mrs. Formica suggested just leaving it simple like it has been done before. A simple craft, a snack and possibly swimming.

Mr. Marino stated that there are a lot of moving parts and we could be going down a very slippery slope.

Mrs. Formica suggested keeping it simple.

Mr. Formica stated that rec is still growing and trying to get things in order. Mr. Formica stated this seems like it could be something that can become very complicated very quick. The members discussed different ideas on what could make the camp be successful. Mrs. Carnes suggested that the committee brain storm different ideas and come back to the next meeting or meetings to follow to come up with camp ideas that keep it easy and simple but still a fun camp. The committee discussed if the camp should be opened to out of town residents and if so if they should be charged a small fee for the day to cover the cost of the craft or snack for the day. rec agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Formica made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mrs. Formica**
All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Babcock
Recreation Secretary

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