

**Franklin Borough**  
**Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes for**  
**November 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairwomen, Mr. Formica, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

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

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

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mr. Formica stated he would like a motion to open the meeting to the public.

**Mr. Davis** made the motion seconded by **Mr. Marino**.

**All were in Favor.**

**Barbra De Renzo-** Introduced herself as the committee chair for the cub scouts.

Ms. De Renzo also introduced who is also here tonight with her.

Alicia Warner Committee Chair for the Boy Scout troops.

Ted Weeks – assistant Scout Master for Troop 90

Ms. De Renzo explained what the rec's responsibilities are as far as chartering. Ms. De Renzo explained that the recreation as a charter holder is in charge of the leaders.

Ms. De Renzo explained that Scott handles all of the signatures.

Ms. De Renzo explained that the applications along with the youth protection training.

Ms. De Renzo gave an overview of the operations of how the cub scouts and boy scouts work and what they provide for our community.

Ms. De Renzo thanked the rec committee for allowing them to be the only food vendors at Franklin day and the Carnival of course besides the carnival food.

Ms. De Renzo and Ms. Warner expressed how much the funds made at both Franklin Day and the Carnival helped both the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts this year.

Mr. Formica stated that the reason why rec invited them here tonight is so that it could be explained better on what the rec's part is in being the charter holder for the Cub/ Boy Scouts.

Mr. Formica stated last year everything was very new and there were a lot of new rec members and we were learning as we went.

Mr. Formica stated that this year rec would like to be prepared and do everything the right way and help the cub/boy scouts out in anyway they could.

Ms. De Renzo stated that she appreciates that and stated another huge way that Rec can help is providing the boy scouts with service hours. (especially on the Boy Scout side)

Ms. De Renzo stated that the Boy Scouts need a certain amount of service hrs. before they can rank up. with the Boy Scout Eagle projects.

Ms. Werner stated another huge help is coming up with ideas and

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Mr. Weeks stated that the best thing Rec could do is make a wish list of all the things they would like to see done or have and write it down.

Mr. Weeks explained when there comes a time that a Boy Scout is ready to work on his Eagle Scout project he can go to Rec and ask what they would like to see done or what they have on their wish list of projects.

Mr. Weeks suggested starting a list and make it as long and as wishful as you want.

Ms. De Renzo gave a brief list of the leaders and their roles and explained that you need two leaders for every unit and this year they have met that in past years they were sharing leaders. The committee and Scout leaders discussed different ideas for possible Eagle Scout Projects for around the pond area. One being to maintain the hiking trail around the pond area that has been over grown for some time now.

The committee also discussed possible service hrs. for the Boy Scouts such as the 5K and the Trout Derby and any other events that the Rec committee may need help with throughout the year.

Mr. Davis asked if his Youth Protection qualification is going to expire at the end of this year.

Ms. De Renzo said it should not expire to the end of next year. Mr. Davis stated that he would look into it.

Mr. Davis stated that is that something he should renew before the recreation's re-org meeting which is the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January.

Ms. De Renzo suggested that Rec should choose who the liaison will be before the new year so if someone needs to get their youth perfection certification they should before the new year. Or if Mr. Davis's has expired, he can renew before new year.

Mr. Formica asked for Mrs. Babcock to remind Ms. Sanchez to add it to the next meeting's agenda.

Mr. Davis stated that he would not be able to attend the December 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

If Mr. Davis was nominated to continue to be the Boy Scout liaison he would accept.

Mr. Formica made a note of that and thanked Ms. De Renzo.

Ms. De Renzo, Ms. Werner & Mr. Weeks thanked the Rec committee for having them this evening and said that they would be in touch and felt the meeting tonight was very helpful and productive and they look forward to working with the rec committee in the upcoming year.

The Rec committee agreed and thanked them for coming.

**Mrs. Formica entered the meeting at 7:20**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Formica suggested we table the minutes till the December 5<sup>th</sup> rec meeting when there would be more rec members present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Treasures Report –

Mrs. Formica stated there were no changes in the Treasures report other than the holiday account due to the purchase of lights for the trees at the pond.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Davis stated that Mrs. Williams is all set and has what she needs as far as the lights and decorations for the tree lighting.

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Mr. Formica suggested getting the make and model of the lights used so that when they go on sale at the end of the season, we can pick up more light sets for next year. Mr. Formica stated the trees are only going to get bigger and need more lights every year.

Mr. Davis stated that he and Mrs. Williams have asked Alison to reach out to the DPW guys asking if the lights could stay on longer this year. The Bridge lights till end of January and the Tree till the second week of January.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Committee had a discussion on the new proposed Permit for use of the Rec and Parks area. That was a recommendation from the Borough Attorney Mr. Ursin., The Committee members collaborated and came up with different ideas and suggestions, Allowing Ms. Babcock to go back and draft a Permit to be finalized at the Dec 5<sup>th</sup> meeting along with new wording on the field use application to specify more clearly the spring season the off Season and the fall season. The committee agreed rewording and specifying the months for each season would eliminate confusion.

Mr. Formica stated the background checks have to be supplied before the application is approved.

**Wreath Workshop –**

Mrs. Formica stated that Tamara is looking to help co – chair a wreath workshop for adults/seniors.

Mrs. Formica stated that Tamara wanted to be here but something came up and Mrs. Formica stated that she would present the ideas to the rec committee.

Mrs., Formica stated that she would chair this event with Tamara.

The idea is that Tamara would lead a workshop on Wreath making at the senior center. Mrs. Formica suggested a pre-registration and including the donation of \$9 dollars for the cost of supplies. Or registering and having the crafters purchase their own supplies. The committee agreed that it would probably be easier for the crafters if they donated the \$9 dollars when they registered for the workshop.

Mr. Formica suggested advertising the event now and coming come back to the next meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> with a date and other suggestions for the event.

Mrs. Formica stated that gives us enough time as long as it is before Christmas.

**PUBLIC SESSION #2:**

No public session #2

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Davis stated that he thought that the rec committee should have more events that may be rock related seeing how Franklin is considered the mineral capital of the world.

Mr. Davis suggested rock collecting/hunting events sponsored by the rec committee.

Mr. Davis stated that it would be a good idea to get the kids involved and learn about the town's history.

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Mr. Formica agreed and stated that he believes that the upcoming year is going to be a great year with all the committees coming together and wanting to work together to improve Franklin and come together has a community. The rec members agreed.

Mr. Davis asked about the POW flag for the bridge.

Mr. Formica stated that they still need to purchase the flag. Mr. Formica stated he has been working on it but has not had luck with the store he has been working with.

Mr. Formica stated he will continue to work on it.

Mr. Davis stated that when he was reading the last meeting minutes that it was mentioned about inviting the first responders to the tree lighting.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she has emailed the PD, FFD, EMTS, DPW and all other organizations that are involved in Franklin to the tree lighting.

Mr. Davis also stated that he was at coffee with a cop at Starbucks the other night.

Mr. Davis said it was not well attended but he said he enjoyed himself and was able to talk to the officers and thinks it's a great event and we should spread the word the next time they host coffee with a cop.

Mrs. Formica asked if the rec committee could do appreciation basket for the first responders in town. Using local business to fill the basket with goodies. The committee agreed and thought that would be a really nice gesture to show rec's appreciation to our town's first responders.

Mr. Davis stated that last year's House Decorating signup form was available from Nov 15- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Davis stated that we should get a flyer out as soon as possible to get people signed up for the contest.

Mr. Davis also stated that at the Coffee with Cop event the cops mentioned National Night out and they want to start working on that so it can be a huge event this year.

The Police department would like to work with the rec committee on brain storming ideas.

Mr. Davis stated that the calendar stated that there is a movie night on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee briefly discussed leaving it to be further discussed at the next rec meeting Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Limon** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Mrs. Formica**

**All were in favor.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Babcock  
Recreation Secretary

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