

**Franklin Borough**  
**Recreation Committee**  
**ZOOM Meeting Minutes for**  
**May 21, 2020**

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)  
Mrs. Bobbi Formica Co- Chairwoman (Present)  
Mr. Anthony Marino (Absent)  
Mr. Concetto Formica (Present)  
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)  
Mrs. Patty Carnes (Present)  
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (Present)  
Mayor John Sowden (Absent)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Sanchez stated that at this time she would like to have a motion to accept the April 16th ZOOM meeting minutes.

**Mr. Davis** the motion to approve the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Seconded by **Mrs. Carnes**  
***All were in favor.***

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION#1:**

**There was no open public session**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasures Report –**

Mrs. Carnes stated that there have been no changes to any of the rec finance accounts since the last treasures report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Littell Center – Equipment/supplies***

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee would need to work on setting a date and time to go to the Littell Center to start gathering the equipment and supplies that need to be taken from the Littell center to either the concession stand, Senior center or the basement of the Borough Hall. The Committee was in agreement and stated that weekends would work best for everyone. Mrs. Sanchez stated that we could discuss further in a group text to set a date and time.

Mrs. Sanchez stated of course when Meeting at the Littell Center we will practice social distancing as well.

***Pond Beach***

Mrs. Sanchez asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about possibly opening the beach this summer. Mrs. Sanchez stated that with the announcement of the state still being shutdown for another month that would bring the date to June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Skellenger stated that he would like to reach out to Mr. Ursin as to why it is ok why the beaches in south Jersey are being allowed to open. Mr. Skellenger stated that it does not seem fair that we cannot open if other beaches in NJ are being allowed to open.

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Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would be willing to put out a statement on Facebook stating that the recreation committee is looking to open the pond this summer if they are allowed to do so safely.

Mr. Formica stated that he believes that the town residents will be more willing to attend the beach this year because of everything going on and not being able to really do anything else this summer.

The committee agreed that we would move forward with plan to open the pond even if it is for a short period of time.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that there would have to be a discussion with the Mayor and Council on badges this year and what fees would be if the pond opened at some point this summer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Upcoming field use and field use fees already paid.***

Mr. Davis stated that he wanted to discuss the email that was sent from the K9 group earlier this week.

Mr. Sanchez stated that as of right now with the announcement that was made yesterday from the Governor keeping the state shut down for another 30 days puts us into the first weekend in June the time of the K9 groups event. Mrs. Sanchez stated that it is really out of our hands and we just have to wait until the date gets closer and let them know as soon as we know when things will be lifted and be able to hold their event. Mrs. Sanchez stated right now we just have to wait and see what happens and how things change if things change next month.

Mrs. Carnes asked if baseball has reached out as far as their fees for field use.

Mrs. Babcock stated that no one has asked about field fees.

Mrs. Formica stated that there should be an option for them to roll their fees over to next year or to request we send it back to them.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she knew that baseball was having a hard time finically and they may want their fees returned.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Davis announced Ted Weeks as the new Scoutmaster of Franklin Boy Scouts Troop 90 (effective September 2020).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Mr. Davis** made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Mrs. Carnes**

**All were in favor.**

***\*The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 7:40***