

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
ZOOM Meeting Minutes for
June 4, 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 (Absent)
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 May 21st ZOOM meeting minutes.

Mrs. Formica the motion to approve the May 21st meeting minutes. Seconded by **Mr. Davis**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION#1:

There was no one from the public who addressed the committee at this time.

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 gave a brief update on the opening of the pond for the 2020 summer season. The committee spoke at length of the different procedures and guidelines that would need to be in place for opening the pond safely & successfully.

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The committee addressed that the Mayor and Council are looking to hire two lifeguards at the next council meeting on June 9, 2020.

The committee discussed the days that would be best for the pond to be open. Mr. Skellenger thought that having the pond open on the weekends would be best. Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Mrs. McHose joined the ZOOM meeting at 7:48 and added to pond discussion and gave a brief update to things and the areas she has been working on. Mrs. McHose stated that she has been in touch with BRAEN and they are willing to donate sand to help clean up the beach area and fill in the spots that have had wash out issues.

Mrs. McHose stated that she has been in touch with the County Board of Health and is working closely with them as to what needs to be in place for the beach to open safely and under all of the guidelines.

Mrs. McHose stated that the bubblers are installed and are working. Mrs. McHose stated that she anticipates that there will be two lifeguards hired the upcoming council meeting.

Mrs. McHose stated that they would be set to start working immediately after council approval to start prepping the beach for the opening. Mrs. McHose stated that she hopes to see the pond open the first weekend in July.

Mrs. McHose also stated that she has been speaking with Mr. Zydor the chairman of the Ordinance committee and he is looking into changing the dog/pet ordinance for down at the pond/recreation area. Mrs. McHose agreed that there needs to be signs purchased to distract residents from allowing their dogs to do their business in certain parts of the pond area.

Field Use and Fees

. *Public notice* -Mrs. Sanchez stated that the public notice that Alison distributed via email will go on to the Facebook account immediately after the recreation meeting tonight.

. *Softball* -Mrs. Sanchez stated to Mr. Roccisano if he wanted to chime in at any point, he was more than welcome to do so.

Mr. Roccisano stated that he knows that the parks and fields are allowed to be open again on June 22nd Mr. Roccisano stated that he does not anticipate a summer league. However, Mr. Roccisano stated that he would be practicing every afternoon/night on the field to have the girls in good shape to start their fall season come the end of August beginning of September. Recreation agreed that could be easily accommodated.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she also received an email from a coach from a traveling team who was also interested in using the field for their summer league and would need to use the field during the summer as well.

The recreation committee agreed that at this time that the field should be reserved for Walkkill Valley's Girls Softball league.

. *K-9* Mr. Davis stated that the K-9 group has decided to reschedule for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drive -in Movie

Mrs. Sanchez gave a brief update on the information she has been researching on getting the Drive – in Movie a reality for Franklin Rec and the residents of Franklin Borough this summer. Mrs. Sanchez and the committee discussed the possibilities of purchasing a new larger screen to be used for the Drive – in Movie event.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she had to confirm with Tony that we can continue to use the FM turner like we have been doing in the past.

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Virtual Camping Event-

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she and Mrs. Formica have been working on starting a virtual camping event on line. (June is Camping Month)

Mrs. Sanchez explained that it would just be a fun way to get families outside and having fun.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would like to set up a registration on line and the first 10 families who register would get a smores package sent to them.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would encourage families to take share pics on line of their camping experiences.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for the rec committee to come up with a budget for the s'more packages.

Mrs. Formica stated that a \$50.00 budget would be more than enough for the packages.

Mrs. Sanchez asked for a motion.

Mrs. Formica made a motion to exceed \$50.00 for the Smores packages for the virtual camping event. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Approved

Postponed events

Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would be officially announcing that Franklin Day this year will be postponed on social media this week.

Mrs. Sanchez also stated that the recreation committee needed to discuss what they wanted to do as far as Miss Franklin this year.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that other towns are just allowing the 2019 Miss Franklin to hold the Miss Franklin title for 2020 year.

The recreation committee discussed and agreed that having Miss Franklin 2019 hold the 2020 Miss Franklin title. Due to the cancelling of the queen of the fair this year because of Covid -19.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION # 2

Mr. Roccisano thanked everyone for allowing him to join in the meeting this evening.

Mr. Roccisano stated that he loves working with the recreation department and is looking forward to getting the girls back on their beautiful field in the next few weeks.

There not being anyone else from the public on the zoom meeting Mrs. Sanchez closed the meeting to the public at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Davis asked if the basketball nets at the pond could be replaced.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would be willing to participate in and open field play when she is down at the pond. Allowing for parents and children to play with balls, hula hoops, and other pick up games while down at the pond.

Mrs. McHose stated that there is miscellaneous equipment like that in the basement at Borough Hall.

Mrs. Formica even volunteered to do small arts and crafts projects some days with anyone who happens to be visiting the pond and would like to participate.

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Mrs. Formica stated that the committee also needs to start thinking of which way they wanted to go as far as the 5K this year.

Mrs. Formica stated that a lot of the 5Ks this year are being held virtually.

Mrs. Sanchez stated that the committee should think about which way they would want to go as far as the 5K this year and be ready to discuss options at the next rec meeting.

Mrs. Formica also stated that she had a resident ask her why not all the flag poles in the pond area had the POW flag hanging as well.

Mrs. McHose explained that there was one hanging from the bridge and stated that she does not know the reason why the POW flag is not hanging from all of the flag poles.

Mrs. McHose stated that she would just like to mention that she has been in contact and BRAEN and they are willing to donate sand to spruce up the beach at the pond.

She also has been talking to Mr. Zydor who is the chairman for the Ordinance committee and they are working on a new pet ordinance for the pond area.

Mrs. McHose stated that she would be ordering new signs as well to make sure residents are picking up after the pets in the pond/park areas.

Mrs. McHose stated that she would replace the nets as per Mr. Davis's request.

Mrs. McHose stated that she has added a line under parks for building and grounds and the new nets will be charged to that line.

Mrs. McHose also stated that Deborah Bonanno the new CFO/ Administrator would like to be a part of the next recreation meeting to introduce herself to everyone.

Mrs. Sanchez thanked Mrs. McHose and asked if anyone else wanted to add anything.

There not being anything, else discussed Mrs. Sanchez moved to adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

All were in favor.

****The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 8:15***