

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
March 2, 2023

This meeting was called to order at 6:58pm by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Formica, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mrs. Formica read the statement on compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975"

ROLL CALL OF MEMEBERS:

Mrs. Bobbi Formica – Chairperson (present)
Mrs. Patti Carnes - Co-Chairperson (present)
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (absent)
Mrs. Sandra Westermann – Member (present)
Mr. Eric Maynard – Member (present)
Mr. James Affinito – Member (present)
Mr. Frederick Babcock – Member (present)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (absent)
Ms. Suzann Brush – Secretary (present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **February 2, 2023** – approved

Mr. Affinito made a motion to approve meeting minutes for January 5, 2023.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Westermann, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS: Mrs. Maynard

APPROVED

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

Mr. Babcock made a motion to open public session #1.

Mrs. Carnes second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All in Favor

APPROVED

- James Bradley – The Franklin Band
- Gina Woodbury – Wallkill Valley Recreation Softball
- Rosa Colins – Wallkill Valley Recreation Little League Baseball
 - Both Wallkill Valley Recreation representatives came to inquire about the sports field care and upkeep, and who is responsible.
 - They were recommended to attend a Mayor & Council meeting and address their concerns.
 - They also indicated one of the score boards is not working properly.
- Ethan Poplaeski – Boy Scout, presented Eagle Scout project & design
 - Plans & design presents for a kayak storage rack to be placed at the pond.
 - Secretary, Ms. Brush, to inquire with the zoning/planning department regarding any necessary permit.
 - Potentially starting the project at the end of March.
- Annette Fritz – Community Garden
 - Ms. Fritz came to ask about a community garden.
 - The Committee indicated there use to be one by the Senior Center that is no longer is active, but this was a topic they could discuss further and possibly implement again.
 - Ms. Fritz was also given information regarding other community gardens that are active.

Mr. Babcock made a motion to close public session #1.

Mrs. Carnes second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All in Favor

APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasure's Report:

- No changes
- 2023 Budget Pending

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fluorescent 5K
 - Date: September 30, 2023
 - Time: Evening (TBD)
 - Additional Ideas to Discuss:
 - Glow party at the end.
 - Franklin Band possibly to play near the Franklin School during the race.
- Senior of the Year:
 - Budget – tabled to April 6, 2023 meeting
 - Nominee application submission extended to March 15, 2023
- Pond Opening:
 - Mayor & Council has decided to advertise for lifeguards to see if there is interest.
 - Mr. Maynard plans to discuss with the town clerk, Darlene Tremont, possibly offering support as an aquatic director if the pond does move forward with opening for swimming.
- Concert in the Park:
 - July 1, 2023
 - Featuring: Glenn Roberts Band
 - Budget: \$1500 (approved 2/2/23)
 - Brick & Brew Food truck confirmed
 - Moo for you – pending confirmation
 - Fireworks Display – Mrs. Formica is going to reach out to Garden State Fireworks for additional information.
 - July 15
 - Featuring: Unhinged Band
 - Budget and planning pending
 - August 5
 - Featuring: Mile 39 (need to confirm availability)
 - Budget and planning pending
- Craft Day at the Senior Center:
 - Feedback – excellent turn out, everyone enjoyed the time.
 - The Committee is looking to make it a monthly event and combine it with quilting day
 - Target Audience: Adults and older adolescence
 - Budget: \$25

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve a budget not to exceed \$25 for supplies for snacks/drinks for craft day.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Westermann, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

- Town Logo printed on table cloth/banner:
 - Mrs. Formica is going to reach out to Finishline in Vernon.
- Softball Field – Bench area covering
 - Tabled
- Field Use:
 - Softball Field: Karen Carney – Sussex County Stars Youth Softball – DENIED
 - Due to schedule conflict with the other softball field use.
 - Softball Field: Salena Abbott – Walkkill Valley Softball - APPROVED
 - Baseball Field: Rosa Colins – Walkkill Valley Little League Baseball – APPROVED

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the field use application for Walkkill Valley Softball.
Mr. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Westermann, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the field use application for Walkkill Valley Little League Baseball.
Mr. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Westermann, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- Easter Event:
 - Date/Time: April 8, 2023 @ 10:00am
 - Budget: \$500
 - Mrs. Westermann is going to bring goats from her farm.
 - Mr. Babcock is going to inquire with the Fire Dept for use of their Easter bunny costume.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve a budget not to exceed \$500 for supplies for a Easter Eggs Hunt.
Mr. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Westermann, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- Earth Day Clean Up:
 - Date: April 22, 2023
 - Tabled
- Fundraiser:
 - Painting Event at the Senior Center
 - Tabled to April 6, 2023 meeting
- Boy Scouts:
 - Eagle Scout: Gabriel Nardini
 - Mrs. Carnes attending Court of Honor ceremony on April 30, 2023
 - Order: Eagle Scout Plaque
 - Budget: \$100

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve a budget not to exceed \$100 for and Eagle Scout plaque.
Mr. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Westermann, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- Cub Scouts-Pack 90
 - Soap Box Derby
 - Forward email regarding event to DPW, to inform of potential need for hay bales and road barricades
- Vendor:
 - Curt Pandorf – Hot Dog Truck
 - The Committee is interested in having him attend at future events.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

- No one in attendance

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Maynard and Mrs. Carnes are going to work together to transition the Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts liaison responsibilities, with Mr. Maynard taking over.
- Girl Scouts Garage Sale Day is the 4th Saturday in April.
- National Night Out: 5-9pm
 - Combining with surrounding towns
 - Planning still in the works.
- Recreation will be holding their second meeting in March on 3/16/23 @ 7:00pm

AJOURNMENT:

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

Mr. Affinito made the motion. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

All were in favor. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm