

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
October 6, 2022

This meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Carnes, 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 – Chairwomen (present)
Mrs. Patti Carnes - Co-Chairwomen (absent)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (absent)
Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold – Member (absent)
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (present)
Mrs. Barbara Castania – Member (absent)
Mrs. Sandra Westermann – Member (present)
Mr. Eric Maynard – Member (present)
Ms. Suzann Brush – Secretary (present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 1, 2022:

Mrs. Westermann made a motion to approve the September 1, 2022 minutes.

Mr. Formica second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mrs. Westermann

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Maynard

APPROVED

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

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

Mrs. Westermann Second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All in Favor

APPROVED

- No comments
 - Two persons were in attendance:
 - Andres Ryker – Community Resource Director at Ginnie’s House, Children’s Advocacy Center, 4 High St. PO Box 3156, Newton, NJ 07860
 - Christine Larco (Quarry Grill) – Resident

Mrs. Formica made a motion to close public session #1.

Mr. Formica Second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All in Favor

APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasure’s Report:

- No changes to the current or general accounts.

- Committee members review spreadsheet for requested budget for 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Halloween Parade/Trunk-or-Treat:
 - Route: Main/Rutherford Ave. to the Firehouse.
 - Cider and donuts will be provided by the Firehouse.
 - Trunk-or-Treat at the Fireman's Pavilion parking lot.
 - Timeline:
 - Trunk-or-Treat set-up - 10am-11am
 - Parade Line-up – 11am
 - Parade Step-off – 11:30am
 - Trunk-or-Treat – 12:30pm
 - Still looking for volunteers for the Trunk-or-Treat.
 - Planning and details to continue next meeting (costume prizes and best trunk prize, games, set-up, crowd control, etc.)
- Volunteer Member – Recruitment:
 - Mrs. Formica is going to reach out to Wallkill Valley to inquire about student volunteers as a form of community service and to encourage them to get involved through a morning announcement and posted flyers.
 - Other discussions – creating a Jr. Recreation Member Committee and putting up a recruitment table at events.
- 2023 Events:
 - Committee went over event dates to be add to the Municipal calendar, including:
 - Senior Spring Fling and Earth Day Event Sat. April 22
 - 9/11 Memorial Ceremony Mon. Sept. 11
 - Sat. Sept. 30 Fall Festival
 - Sat. Oct. 28 Halloween Parade & Trunk-or-Treat
 - Sat. Nov. 25 Holiday Tree Lighting
 - A blub will be added to the May or June calendar informing residents to keep a look out on the Recreation Facebook page for additional events that are to be determined.
 - Other ideas discussed – Youth Fishing Day, Adult Date Night/Movie Night, Movie Nights, Carnival/Fireworks, Concerts in the Park, Outdoor Market.
- Field Maintenance:
 - Garbage Clean-up – has been addressed with municipal administration and DPW department. DPW has addressed this with their employees and will be monitoring and maintaining the pond area as needed.
 - Bees – an exterminator came and eradicated the hive.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New Committee Member: Eric Maynard – Welcome!
- Field Use:
 - Pavilion use was discussed for further explanation and expectation on reservations. The committee sent a request to Mayor & Council to possibly add a refundable deposit to pavilion use reservations.
 - Sports League requests do not include reservation of the pavilion, only the indicated field.
- 2023 Pond Opening: the committee made a recommendation to Mayor & Council to open the pond for swimming in 2023.
 - Items to be discussed further:
 - Lifeguard recruitment
 - Pay Rates
 - Certification process
 - Time frame of open season

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

- No comments

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

- Next Meeting: October 20, 2022 @ 7:00pm will be reserved for a planning workshop for the Halloween Parade & Trunk-or-Treat.
- Mr. Maynard is going to get a quote on possible large equipment vehicles to assist in the holiday tree lighting.
- Ms. Brush is going to reach out to DPW to find out when they can pour a concrete slab for the new bench donation from the Jr. Honor Society at Franklin Borough Elementary School.
- The committee discussed possible additions/updates that can be made at the pond, including a kayak lock-up station and paddle board/boat rentals.

AJOURNMENT:

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

Mr. Formica made the motion. Seconded by Mrs. Westermann.

All were in favor. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm