

Franklin Borough: Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes for

September 4, 2025

This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the Chairperson, Mr. Babcock, who then led the assembly in the flag salute. Mr. Babcock read the statement on compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975"

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mr. Fredrick Babcock – Chairperson (present)
Mr. James Affinito - Vice-Chairperson (present)
Mrs. Crystal Talmadge – Member (present)
Ms. Sarah McGreevy – Member (absent)
Mrs. Lisa Wagoner – Member (present)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (absent)
Ms. Suzann Brush – Secretary (present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- August 21, 2025

Mrs. Talmadge made a motion to approve August 21, 2025 meeting minutes.
Mr. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Affinito, Mrs. Talmadge, Mrs. Wagoner

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Affinito made a motion to open public session.

Mrs. Talmadge second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All In Favor

APPROVED

- Concetto Formica:
 - o Informed the Recreation Committee he is planning a fishing derby, along with Franklin Boro. police/fire dept./EMS. – "Franklin Frontline Fishing Derby"
 - o Sat. Oct. 18, 2025
 - o 7am Registration, 8am-12pm Fishing
 - o Going to collect non-perishable food donations.
 - o Asked if Recreation would like to contribute.
 - o The Committee asked Mr. Formica to come to another meeting with more details once plans have established more.
 - o No committee vote was conducted at this time.

Mr. Affinito made a motion to open public session.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

All In Favor

APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Secretary:
 - o Field Use: Walkkill Valley Softball
 - \$400 security deposit return payment processed.

- No Fall Season, not enough players to establish teams.
- Treasure:
 - Reviewed Budget

OLD BUSINESS:

- 9/11 Memorial:
 - Thur. Sept 11th @ 7:30pm
 - Lighting/Sound – Aldo Sanchez \$1500
 - Performers – Geuther Girls, Mia Sanchez, Taryn Donovan, Chris Lynch (bag pipes), Franklin Band, Boy Scouts Troop 90
 - For 2026, Committee looking into having a guest speaker each year.
 - Additional spending for lighting: \$500

Mr. Affinito made a motion to approve additional spending of \$500 for the 9/11 Memorial lighting display.
Mrs. Talmadge second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Affinito, Mrs. Talmadge, Mrs. Wagoner

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- NJ Devils Bus Trip: **Table**
 - March 8, 2026 Devils v Detroit
 - If 40+ people attend, a group photo will be taken on the ice logo.
 - Charge \$75 per ticket
 - Lakeland Bus \$1175
 - Purchase: water/soda/chips for bus ride.
 - Tickets going on sale now.
- Halloween: **Table**
 - Sat. Oct. 25, 2025
 - Parade @ 12pm/Franklin School PTO Trunk-or-Treat @ 1pm/Halloween party at Fireman's Pavillion 5-8pm
 - Costume contest prizes: \$25 gift cards (total \$250)
 - 0-5yrs, 6-12yrs, 13-17yrs, 18+, group
 - DJ/Lighting – Aldo Sanchez \$500 (check pricing)
 - Mrs. Talmadge is asking Ideal Farms for a donation of mini pumpkins for painting.
 - Oriental Trading – order props
 - Budget: \$1900

Mrs. Wagoner made a motion to approve a budget for the Halloween event not to exceed \$1900.
Mrs. Talmadge second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Affinito, Mrs. Talmadge, Mrs. Wagoner

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

- Christmas Parade (Judy Williams): **Table**
 - Sat. Dec. 20, 2025
 - Mr. Babcock informed the committee; this event was approved through the Firehouse.
 - Recreation to discuss building a "float" to be in the parade.
- Carnival: **Table**
 - McDaniel's Brothers – 2026 dates will be provided after the 2025 season ends the 3rd week of Oct.
 - Garden State Fireworks:
 - Reservation – Sat. June 27, 2026

- Cost: \$14, 817
 - Secretary to reach out and inquire the cost of a bigger display.
- Yankee Game Bus Trip:
 - 15 tickets remaining/sales will be accepted up to 9/26
- Sip & Paint Party:
 - Sat. Nov. 8, 2025
 - Tickets on sale through vendor.
- Wind Creek Bus Trip:
 - Sat. Nov. 15, 2025
 - Tickets on sale now; \$35 each/\$25 back in play at the casino.

NEW BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

- Next Meeting: 9/18/25

AJOURNMENT:

Mr. Babcock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mrs. Talmadge made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Affinito.
All were in favor. *The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm