

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
August 19, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 7:21pm 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 Chairwomen (Present)
Mrs. Patty Carnes Co-Chairwomen (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica (Present)
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)
Mrs. Christina Sanchez (Present via video call)
Mrs. Darlene Pallay (Absent)
Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold (Absent)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (Present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August, 5, 2021 meeting minutes:

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve meeting minutes for August 5, 2021.

Mr. Davis acknowledged they did not have the meeting minutes available, and they would be tabled to the next meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

There was no one from the public in attendance.

COMMITTEE REBORT

Treasure's Report –

Mr. Davis stated he did not have time to compare last months trial balance and did not want to report inaccurately.

OLD BUSINESS:

Playground/Pond Rendering –

Mr. Formica opened with discussion on the sign/photo and asked if anyone had preference to design.

Committee discussed their likes/dislikes of photo options and design or sign.

Mr. Formica stated Shop Rite donated \$1000 and Service Banana donated \$1500.

Committee discussed adding the names of those who donated to the sign and the possibility of a second sign.

Committee agreed to recognize all donators.

Mr. Formica stated the quote for the sign is \$420

Mr. Formica stated a sign post would need to be purchased separately.

Mr. Formica stated he would call the fence company about the post/cap/two clamps.

Mrs. Carnes suggested budgeting an additional \$150-200 for post/cap/claps.

Mr. Formica stated a bag of cement would be needed.

Mr. Formica made a motion for the playground sign.

Mr. Davis made the motion for the blue sign with 2021 date and colorful playground, as well as the sponsorship sign for \$420. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to order from Double A Fence for the equipment posts/cap/clamps/cement that are needed to install the sign not to exceed \$200. Second by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Mr. Formica opened discussion about the mulch.

Mr. Formica stated two more estimates came in – 1. \$9000 and change, 2. \$7600, but neither are available until the middle of September.

Mr. Formica stated he was in communication with Prestige and they gave him a quote of \$4000 to install the mulch. Prestige said to call when the mulch was in and within a day or 2 they would be able to put it in.

Mr. Formica stated the possibility of installing shrubs in the grass area by the playground in Spring 2022.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the installation of the mulch by Prestige Maintenances for a cost not to exceed \$4000. Seconded by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Carnes, Me. Formica

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Mr. Formica stated he spoke with the insurance agent, once the mulch is installed, they will come out to do an inspection.

Mr. Formica stated once the inspection is done they can set a date for a grand opening.

Mr. Davis asked if the playground is done on time if it would be possible to the grand opening at the Fall Heritage Festival.

Mr. Formica stated that was further out and hopes it have the playground wrapped up in a week or two.

Ms. Franklin Paget -

Mr. Formica added Ms. Franklin Paget to old business, stating at the council meeting Joe Malone asked him to bring up a possible prize for next years paget and finding a possible sponsor.

Mrs. Formica stated reaching out to local business for sponsorship.

Mr. Formica stated that would all depend on how the year when with closures/shut downs, and if they couldn't get sponsors looking to upping the budget.

Mrs. Formica stated they would have to seek approval to up the paget budget.

Committee expressed that they were pleased with this year's paget turn out.

9/11 Event -

Mr. Formica stated he was going to reach out to everyone one last time to confirm the 9/11 event and suggested and invite be sent out to the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Formica said they needed to reach out to the churches and synagogue.

Committee further discussed details for the 9/11 event, including chairs.

Fall Festival -

Mrs. Formica opened discussion on Fall festival, stated there was a list of beer vendors, not all were confirmed but in the process.

Mr. Formica stated the council approved the beer vendors, but still waiting on the insurance company to approve.

Committee discussed finding entertainment – Anny Malar for DJ, possible magician for the kids, and a band.

Mrs. Sanchez via video call stated she would work on finding entertainment and getting quotes.

Mrs. Formica stated the petting zoo would like to offer services again free of charge as long as they can sell animal feed.

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve Dream State Acres coming to the Fall Festival free of charge where kids can purchase animal feed. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Mrs. Carnes stated she was going to call around to local farms to price out small pumpkins for the kids to decorate.

Mrs. Carnes stated to also price out hay bails for decorating the festival.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Formica stated her and Patty were discussing doing another Halloween movie night featuring Hocus Pocus on Saturday, October 30th

Mrs. Formica stated the Truck-or-Treat would be on Halloween, Sunday, October 31st at the Fireman's Pavilion.

Mr. Davis stated they needed to look at a new way to hang the flag on the bridge at the pond.

Mr. Formica stated looking into finding a replacement for the pole brackets and the pole itself.

Mr. Formica stated changing the flag placement to the face of the bridge rather than on the top.

Mr. Davis stated addressing the doggy-doo bag stations, that they were all empty.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Formica discussed addressing the walking path, and the guide rails being lifted.

Mr. Formica stated he sent an email with photos to the town and they came out to look at it and we are on the list.

DPW is responsible for clearing the overgrown weeds in the path.

Mr. Davis asked for approval on posting about Eric's doggy-doo stations and thanking him and adding a map of station locations on behalf of the rec committee.

All committee members agreed.

Mrs. Formica stated she forgot to request a motion to approve field use for Walkkill Valley flag football games for August 16 – September 20 Monday-Friday 6-8pm, they gave all appropriate paper work.

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve Walkkill Valley flag football to use the field. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Mrs. Formica made a motion to approve a birthday party at the pavilion on September 5th from 2:00pm until dark for a resident.

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the request to hold a birthday party on Sunday, September 5th from 2:00pm until dusk at the Franklin Pond pavilion. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Mr. Formica stated at the council meeting a new rec secretary, her name is Suzann and will start Monday, and Michelle will be training her. Michelle moved to planning and zoning secretary.

AJOURNMENT:

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes
All were in favor.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm