

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
August 5, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 7:09pm 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 (Absent)
Mr. Concetto Formica (Present)
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)
Mrs. Christina Sanchez (Absent)
Mrs. Darlene Pallay (Present)
Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold (Present)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 15, 2021 meeting minutes:

Mrs. Formica asked for a motion to approve meeting minutes for July 15, 2021.

Mrs. Nahrwold made the motion. Second by Mr. Davis.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: Mrs. Pallay

APPROVED

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

There was no one from the public in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasure's Report –

Mr. Davis gave a Treasures report and noted that there were a lot of changes since the last meeting.

Mr. Davis and the committee went through the trial balance discussing every account and change made.

Mr. Davis stated field escrow, light use, fishing contest, Halloween, concession, beach, bowling, 5k, craft camp, senior spring fling, and 9/11 memorial all stayed the same.

Mr. Davis stated regular reserve for recreation last month was \$51,200 and change. This month was \$189,200 and change. That's a difference of \$140,000.

Mr. Davis stated he did not know the reason for the change; it was not on the report.

Mr. Davis stated the general trust was \$900 and change, and now was a little over \$1000 because of three line item charges of:

- Reserved for recreation \$14.62
- Reserved for recreation \$22.89
- Reserved for recreation \$36.58

Mrs. Formica asked if it came to us or went out.

Mr. Davis stated that came to us but he did not know why.

Mr. Davis stated the carnival made \$23,375, bringing the carnival fund total to \$24,119.03, there were some payments. The changes again could not tell, it only stated Sussex Co. Municipal Utility invoice bulk waste shows label tape, paper towels, and toilet paper were purchased for \$48 and change.

Mr. Davis stated Harden State changed but did not know why it went from \$132.64 to \$3030. There are a lot of line items.

Mr. Formica stated it was from a roll over CD.

Mr. Davis stated the playground last month was at \$2600, this month it is at \$114,000 and change. There are too many line items to go through them all individually.

Mr. Davis stated Franklin Day last month was a little over \$1000, this month it was a little under \$1700. Money from vendors went in, including a refund, \$500 from Planet Networks and the rest from other vendors. All in all we got \$900.

Mr. Formica asked if the payment ever went to the DJ.

An unclear speaker stated yes. (not all dialog was clear on audio). They stated the DJ gave an invoice at National Night Out.

Mr. Davis stated field use last month was at \$9200, this month it is at a little over \$9400, to be exact \$354. %150 came from Simply Dance, \$100 from the K9 Group, and \$50 from Dance Extreme.

Mr. Davis stated there is a miscellaneous line, the plaques went in, and refreshments for \$97.62.

Mrs. Formica stated it was from National Night Out.

Mr. Davis stated Movie Night was \$39.92.

Committee discussed more about specific line items for the playground.

Mr. Davis stated the Ms. Franklin Paget was \$500, this month is \$422.62 because supplies for the paget were bought for \$73 and change.

Mr. Formica asked if they should set up a line item for National Night Out for next year.

Committee discussed weather to do a single line item or put it under miscellaneous.

Mr. Davis stated there was nothing else to report.

Photo Contest –

The committee discussed and looked over all of the photo entries and came to the conclusion that first place would be the cover of next year's calendar. Other entries would be used for the calendar pages along with the website.

The committee agreed all of the pictures entered into the contest would ultimately be used whether it be in the calendar or on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Movie Night –

Mrs. Formica stated the movie Friday the 13th is scheduled for Friday the 13th. There are plenty of snacks, popcorn, and water.

Mrs. Formica stated she was going to re-watch the movie to make sure there was no nudity, but was pretty sure there was not.

Mrs. Formica stated she had received a good response on how Rec had handled the movie and advertising that it is a rated R movie. Viewer's discretion is advised and clearly stated on the movie flyer.

Playground/Pond Rendering –

Mr. Formica gave a brief update on the playground.

Mr. Formica stated next week the fence is coming in.

Mr. Formica stated that he is still working on getting the mulch delivered.
Mr. Formica stated that he has a phone call out to a company who can deliver and install the mulch.
Mr. Formica stated the mulch was \$3400.
Mr. Formica stated he talked to the police department and fire department, and started asking around as a last effort to do a community thing to have people help put the mulch in.
Mr. Formica stated that he really would have liked to see the playground open the beginning of August, but they are now looking at the middle of August
Mr. Formica stated he talked with the sign guy and discussed design option.
Mr. Formica stated he talked with Jessie from DPW about the benches, and rather than creating one large concrete slab under each bench, make two smaller blocks, one for each set of legs. This could allow them to move the benches if need be later on.
Mr. Formica stated once the mulch is in he can set up a date for the insurance inspection and then they can set a date for the playground opening and ribbon cutting.

National Night Out –

Mrs. Formica stated that National Night Out was a success.
Committee discussed details of National Night Out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Use Application –

Mr. Davis asked if George (unknown last name) called about field use.
Mr. Davis stated if the field is available he would have the Boy Scouts fill out an application.
Mr. Davis stated they originally asked for September 25th, which he said no to because that was the Fall Festival. So they asked for September 26th instead, they are going to be asking the police to teach bike safety. There will be BMX bike riders there doing different tricks and going through an obstacle course.
Committee further discussed the field use request for the Boy Scouts.
Mr. Davis asked if they would be waiving the field use fee since it was the Boy Scouts. (dialog could not be heard on audio for a response).

Fall Festival –

Mr. Formica also suggested getting a few food trucks.
Mr. Formica discussed information about breweries.
Mrs. Nahrwold asked about contacting the breweries and food truck vendors.
Committee continued to brainstorm ideas for the Fall Festival.

Rec Supplies –

Mrs. Formica stated they would wait until Mrs. Carnes joined the meetings again to discuss rec supplies.
Mrs. Formica stated to table rec supplies for the next meeting. All agreed.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

There was no one from the public in attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Nahrwold asked that possibility of there being a splash pad.
Mr. Formica stated that there have been discussions on the possibility of a splash pad.

Mr. Formica stated that it is something that can be done but it is a massive undertaking as far as the plumbing, piping, and filters.

Mr. Formica stated that a splash pad can become expensive as we all know how expensive the poured rubber is and that is what is needed for the flooring of the splash pad.

Mr. Formica stated that we have funds that will allow us to have options. Maybe we will look more into a splash pad and get better estimates on that or maybe we want to expand on the new playground and bring in another piece of equipment.

Mr. Formica stated that there are options.

Mr. Formica stated that he will continue to explore different kinds of grants that are also available and something that should be explored.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated she recently heard that the Lunar Fair has been cancelled this year and thought it would be fun if rec could pick it up and do something at a smaller scale but still invite witches, fortune tellers, medians, fairies, and physics.

Mrs. Formica stated that Christiana is working on that.

Mr. Davis asked if we could make some updates to the website including adding Theresa Nahrwold to the list of members on the web page along with the upcoming events and adding the minutes that have been approved.

Mr. Davis stated lastly, updating the volunteer page with current information on the header.

Mrs. Pallay stated that she is interested and had had a conversation with Bobbi about getting a softball team together.

Mrs. Pallay stated it would be an all-women's league.

Mr. Formica and Mrs. Pallay stated that they would chat again after the meeting to start exchanging information and getting in contact with the proper channels to make the team happen.

Recreation Secretary, Michelle, informed the committee she is moving into another position and would no longer be the recreation secretary.

Mr. Formica stated they would be hiring a new recreation secretary.

AJOURNMENT:

Mr. Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

All were in favor.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm