

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
October 7, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 7:10pm 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 via virtual facetime)
Mrs. Patty Carnes - Co-Chairwomen (present)
Mr. Scott Davis – Treasurer (absent)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger - Council Liaison (absent)
Mrs. Christina Sanchez – Member (present)
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (absent)
Mrs. Darlene Pallay – Member (absent)
Mrs. Theresa Nahrwold – Member (present)
Mrs. Barbara Castania – Member (absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting minutes for September 16, 2021, tabled for next meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

There was no one from the public in attendance.

COMMITTEE REBORT

Treasure's Report –

Mr. Davis was absent.

Committee reviewed some of the items on the accounts report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Playground Ribbon Cutting-

Mrs. Carnes stated all the signs look beautiful. Everyone agreed.

Committee discussed the little library and that they were pleased with everything.

Fall Festival-

Mrs. Carnes asked if they were going to keep the Carnival in May every year.

Mrs. Formica stated yes, that they were on the schedule for May next year.

Mrs. Formica stated if summer dates become available, they have first dibs, but right now they are on for May, which she felt was perfect.

Committee discussed the benefits of this schedule date.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated to possibly rename the Fall Festival to The Franklin Fall Food Truck Fest to make it more marketable. Everyone agreed.

Committee discussed planning events earlier and some ideas for different food trucks.

Mrs. Carnes asked recreation secretary, Suzann, if she could find out when they needed dates by in order to be added to the borough calendar.

Mrs. Carnes stated The Scoop stated they would like to be informed about future events.

Mrs. Formica stated The Scoop would be sending over an outline of terms for their services they provide to Hardyston for movie nights. That it is like a contract where they come to all the movie nights and pass out free ice cream and in exchange get paid by the town.

Recreation secretary, Suzann, stated that if the committee gets vendor information early Corry can get payment earlier so we aren't doing everything last minute. Committee agreed.

Mrs. Sanchez asked recreation secretary, Suzan, about payment for the 9/11 event lighting.

Stated that the vendor was not paid yet.

Suzann stated she would look into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior luncheon-

Mrs. Formica stated they needed to get permission from the borough in order to utilize help from the workers at the senior center.

Mrs. Formica stated they would find out more information and discuss it at the next meeting, and vote on a budget.

Mrs. Formica stated they should get invitations out so they can get a head count and sign-up.

Mrs. Formica stated that Concetto asked Darlene for a list of previous senior winners.

Mrs. Formica stated to have the RSVP date be October 21st.

Mrs. Sanchez confirmed the luncheon is being held on October 30th.

Committee discussed themes.

Committee finalized on keeping it simple and do a senior appreciation with fall leaves theme.

Movie Night, October 29th-

Mrs. Formica stated that her and Concetto cannot be there.

Mrs. Formica asked if they had the man power to do movie night or should they cancel.

Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Nahrwold, and Suzann (recreation secretary) all stated they could help out.

Mrs. Carnes stated they would need someone to set up the equipment.

Mrs. Sanchez stated they would need to see if Scott was available because Aldo is not.

Mrs. Nahrwold stated her husband could help with the set-up of the screen.

Mrs. Formica stated her and Concetto should be able to come set up the equipment.

Senior bingo sponsorship-

Mrs. Formica updated the committee on the details around Senior Bingo night and the sponsorship request to recreation.

Mrs. Formica stated as a sponsor they do not have to put out any money and no one has to be there, it is just for insurance purposes so the event can be covered under the borough recreation.

Mrs. Sanchez made the motion to approve sponsorships for the Senior Bongo Night program.

Second by Mrs. Nahrwold

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Nahrwold

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Field Use – Presbyterian Church-

Mrs. Carnes addressed the field use application from the Presbyterian Church of Franklin requesting to use the pavilion on November 21, 2021 from 2-4.

Recreation secretary, Suzann, confirmed there was no one on the calendar for field use that day.

Mrs. Sanchez made the motion to approve the field use request from the Presbyterian Church of Franklin for November 21, 2021. Second by Mrs. Nahrwold.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Nahrwold

NAYS: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

Halloween Parade/Trunk or Treat-

Mrs. Formica stated there was a question weather or not parades were aloud to take place on a Sunday. She looked into it and could not find anything that indicated they couldn't. That Concetto asked but no one knew so he as going to ask the town lawyer.

Mrs. Sanchez stated it was not in the borough ordinances.

Mrs. Carnes stated she was happy to see the flyer mentioned going out into the neighborhood for trick-or-treating after the parade/trunk-or-treat.

Committee discussed details regarding trunk-or-treat and how many people signed up.

Mrs. Sanchez stated here are 4 people signed up for trunk-or-treat.

Mrs. Formica asked if they were going to do prizes this year. Everyone agreed yes.

Mrs. Formica asked if the rec committee was going to do themed costumes or just individual.

Mrs. Carnes stated there is \$1234.73 in the budget for Halloween.

Mrs. Formica stated maybe they could do a photo scavenger hunt to encourage people to go out into the town for trick-or-treating after the parade/trunk-or-treat event.

Committee liked the idea.

Mrs. Carnes stated they would do prizes for the trunk-or-treat and costumes.

Committee discussed how and when to view costumes for voting.

Mrs. Carnes suggested having each age group line up before the parade for voting. All agreed.

Mrs. Formica stated they needed a theme for the scarecrow at the pond.

Committee discussed ideas.

All agreed on putting the scarecrow by the little library, sitting in a chair with a book.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

There was no one from the public in attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Committee discussed purchasing a small bulletin board to hang down at the pavilion, so they can hang field use schedules and event flyers.

Committee discussed doing another 5k at some point and some details surrounding this event.

AJOURNMENT:

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

Mrs. Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Nahrwold.

All were in favor.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm