

Franklin Borough
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for
May 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Formica, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mrs. Formica read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mrs. Bobbi Formica Chairwoman (Present)
Mrs. Patty Carnes Co- Chairwoman (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica (Present)
Mr. Scott Davis (Present)
Mrs. Christina Sanchez (Present)
Mrs. Darlene Pallay (Present)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger (Present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Davis stated that he is still working on the April 15th meeting minutes.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION#1:

There was no one stepping forward to

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasure's report –

Mr. Davis stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Playground & Pond rendering –

Mr. Formica gave the committee a brief update on the playground and when the playground will be installed. Mr. Formica stated he is waiting on a call back with confirmation on a date they will be starting.

The committee briefly discussed flooring options for the playground.

Mr. Formica also stated that he spoke with the new engineer in regards to the pond rendering and tweaking some of the ideas we have discussed as a committee.

Mr. Formica suggested that the rec secretary go ahead and start placing the order for the benches that have been donated by local businesses and organizations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Franklin Day/Pageant-

Mrs. Formica stated that Franklin day is a go and we need to decide as a committee what date we want. First date being June 19th and second date being June 26th

The committee discussed and ultimately decided that Saturday June 19th would be the best date for everyone to have Franklin Day.

The committee decided the times would be 8am to set up and a 10:00 Start to the day, Ending at 10:00 (after fireworks)

Mrs. Formica also stated that yes, there will be fireworks at Franklin Day she has been in touch with Garden State fireworks and that date is available.

Mrs. Formica stated that the company quoted them at \$6,000 when Mrs. Formica contacted them the other day.

Mr. Formica stated that he also spoke to the Mudrucker Brewery owner is looking to have a vendor table and at first was interested in giving sampled of his product. Mr. Formica stated that he would have

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to follow all guidelines set by ABC along with any permits that need to be filed with the borough and the county.

Mr. Formica stated that the owner will play around with different ideas on how he can promote his business at Franklin day.

Mrs. Formica stated that we will keep the prices the same as past years. \$25 a table free to nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Formica stated like everything else prices of steel are sky rocketing.

Pageant – Mrs. Sanchez stated that she would work on the flyer and get that out on social media as soon as possible to get the word out.

Mrs. Formica asked if the recreation committee was ok with naming this year's pageant after Sally McGrath in honor of her and all she did with past pageants and recreation events in past years.

The committee agreed whole heartedly.

Mrs. Formica stated that she would also start brainstorming and thinking of different ideas and making a list of things that will need to be addressed in order to make sure the pageant is a success.

Carnival –

Mrs. Formica stated that the carnival is coming to town and prepping and planning is in full force.

Mrs. Formica stated that everyone should take a bunch of yard signs and put them around town and surrounding areas.

Mrs. Formica stated that the carnival will start "moving" in tomorrow.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she met with Brian and John from DPW today and worked out some details and what their responsibilities would be and where and what needed to be moved.

Everyone was on board and it seems like everything will run smoothly.

Mrs. Babcock also stated that she reached out to Jose the Porta John contact and he is all set to deliver the Porta John's tomorrow morning as well.

Mrs. Formica stated that Karyn from Campy's told her she would be providing hand washing stations along with hand sanitizer stations as well.

Mr. Davis asked if Rec should be putting something out on social media about COVID restrictions and Pricing of the tickets.

Mr. Davis stated that he just thinks it should be something that rec shares on their page so residents know that these rules, restrictions and prices are set by Campy's the carnival company not by recreation or the town.

Mrs. Formica stated that recreation will come out with a statement and post it to the rec page later tonight or tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land use

Girl Scout pond request –

Girl scouts are looking to use the Pond area for their cookie event that was originally approved for April 24th and was rescheduled to this Saturday and then again rescheduled for May 22nd

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to approve the Girl Scouts request to use the pond area on May 22nd for the what a cookie can do for you event. Seconded by Mr. Davis

ALL were in favor

Pop up tent for seniors –

Mrs. Babcock stated that she gave Anna the Senior director at the senior center a pop-up tent that Rec had in the basement at the borough hall until a more permeant structure can be put there at a later date.

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Anna and the seniors were thrilled and appreciated all of recs help in getting them the pop up as fast as they could.

Open Public Session #2

Members of the Wallkill Valley first Aide squad were present and wanted us to know that they would be stationed at the pond everyday all day of the Carnival.

Jennifer the captain also stated that they support and would be willing to be there to help with any upcoming rec events this summer and fall or any event that recreation haves for that matter.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

Mr. Formica stated that he is starting to work on the getting some information on the Trout Derby.

Mr. Formica stated that he thought having it at the end of the summer this year would be a good idea.

The committee agreed.

Mrs. Babcock stated that she has received a few calls in regards to a community garden and if there was going to be one available this year.

The committee discussed and throughout different ideas and places where one could go and ultimately tabling the discussion till the next meeting.

Mrs. Formica asked everyone to think of a good place in town or near pond area that would work for a community garden.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

All were in favor.

****The meeting was adjourned at 8:36***