

Franklin Borough: Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes for

February 6, 2025

This meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm by the Chairperson, 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 MEMBERS:

Mrs. Bobbi Formica – Chairperson (present)
Mrs. Frederick Babcock - Vice-Chairperson (present)
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (present)
Mr. James Affinito – Member (present)
Mr. Patti Carnes – Member (present)
Mrs. Crystal Talmadge – Member (present)
Ms. Sarah McGreevy – Member (absent)
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (present)
Ms. Suzann Brush – Secretary (present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- January 16, 2025 – **Approved**

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve January 16, 2025 meeting minutes.

Mrs. Carnes second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Formica, Mr. Affinito, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Talmadge

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

Mr. Babcock made a motion to open public session #1

Mrs. Formica second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

ALL IN FAVOR

- Kieth Correal – Walkkill Valley Youth Football
 - Applied to join Tri-County Football League (need a commitment from Recreation to update the Franklin Pond football field)
 - Field Use: bring youth football back to Franklin Pond
 - Scrimmages: Tentative in Aug.
 - Games: Beginning of Sept. – First Weekend of Nov./Sat. 5:00, 6:30, and 8:00pm
 - All improvements need to be complete by May 31, 2026
 - Applied for T-Mobile grant
 - Franklin Pond Revival Project:
 - Score board repair or replacement
 - Announcer booth with large window
 - Concession stand
 - Electric box relocation
 - Goal posts (H style)
- Recreation committed to assisting with the following projects:
 - New announcer booth
 - New goal posts
 - Cleaning out concession stand

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the Recreation Committee's commitment to the following project improvements for the football field to assist Walkkill Valley Youth Football: announcer both, goal posts, and concession stand clean out.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Formica, Mr. Affinito, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Talmadge

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

Mr. Babcock made a motion to close public session #1

Mrs. Carnes second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

ALL IN FAVOR

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Treasure's Report - Reviewed
 - Temporary budge \$3300

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wind Creek Bus Trip – Feedback:
 - Overall great turn out and enjoyable time for all.
 - Next bus trip: Mr. Affinito looking into available dates between Sept.-Nov. – **Table**
- Craft Day - **Table**
 - Date to be determined
- Yankee Game Bus Trip – **Table to May**
 - Tentative: Sat. Sept. 27th
 - Pending budget approval
- Comedy Night – **Table**
 - Cancel for March
 - Tentative: plan for Fall
- 5K – **Table**
 - Secretary to confirm with CFO on encumbering funds

NEW BUSINESS:

- Easter Event:
 - April 19, 2025
 - Amazon Order: plastic, pre-filled eggs/\$200 per 1000 x 3 – Budget: \$700
 - "Big Kid" Egg Hunt – **Table**

Mrs. Talmadge made a motion to approve a budget of \$700 for purchasing plastic, pre-filled eggs.

Mr. Affinito second the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mrs. Formica, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Formica, Mr. Affinito, Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Talmadge

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:

No one in attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:

- Hardyston Recreation:

- \$1000 remaining from Drug Alliance, can Franklin Recreation use for an event(s)?
 - Committee indicated they would use the funds towards the Easter and Halloween events.
- The Center for Prevention: (Secretary shared information)
 - Public Health Vending Machines
 - Public health vending machines are part of The Center for Prevention & Counseling's approach to addressing the overdose crisis and supporting the general health and well-being of our community. The vending machines are managed by our organization and provide a range of health and wellness supplies for free
 - Purpose:
 - To increase access to no-cost health and wellness supplies.
 - Reach people who are not connected to harm reduction services or who are likely to witness or experience an opioid overdose.
 - Reduce stigma by allowing residents to access harm reduction supplies conveniently and anonymously.
 - Four vending machines will be placed in different municipalities in Sussex County.
- Spring Fling - **Table**
 - Budget
 - Mr. Babcock to get a quote for food from Brick & Brew
- Next Meeting:
 - Cancel: 2/20/25
 - Next: 3/6/25

AJOURNMENT:

Mr. Babcock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 Mrs. Carnes made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Affinito.
 All were in favor. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm