



Franklin Township
Advisory Recreation Council
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018
Community / Senior Center
6:00pm
Minutes

In Attendance: Bill Gallagher, Keith Stewart, Percy Sanders, Venkateshan Pundi, John Moon and Eloise Taylor (via phone)

Excused: Carl Wright

Absent: Varun Venkateshan, Nancy Sayre, Govind Seshadri, Ty-Wanna Cotton, and Lewis Hurd

Staff: Alice Osipowitz and Dan Reeve

Call to order: Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Moon to approve the Sept. 2018 minutes as presented, all others in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the Oct. 2018 minutes as presented, all others in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: A motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Sanders to open the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

*Peter Melillo, 312 Schilling Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873

Mr. Melillo, representing Franklin Township Baseball League, spoke about the need for lights on the large baseball field at the Franklin Baseball Complex. Adding lights to this field would allow for the 13-18 year olds extending their playing times to add evening games and host home field tournaments.

Mr. Melillo will forward to Mr. Reeve quotes that FTBL received in Sept. 2018. Current lights are halogen bulbs. Quotes were obtained for halogen lights and led lights.

Mr. Moon requests that Mr. Write send an email to detail his findings in discussing the additional lights with residents. Mr. Reeve will reach out to Mr. Wright.

A motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to close the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

Superintendents Report

Program Update:

- 2nd Annual Halloween on Hamilton Trunk or Treat Trunk Event
This community event featured 7 community trunks, game booths, a costume parade, costume contest, crafts, pumpkin decorating and other activities. The event was attended by approximately 400 youth who came with family. This event was a partnership between the Parks & Rec Dept., Week of the People and Hamilton Street Business District.
- Annual Senior Citizens Flu Clinics
 - Provided Flu Shots for approximately 70 Seniors.
- 3rd Annual Fall Brawl Pickleball Tournament
 - 47 Teams
 - 60 Registrants
 - Sponsored by Onix (Pickleball Equipment dealer)

Upcoming Events:

- Franklin Times (Winter Edition) scheduled to be mailed on Dec. 1
- Annual Tree Lighting – Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Reeve presented the 2019 Spring Program Fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Moon to accept the 2019 Spring Program Fees as presented, all others in favor, motion carried.

Directors Report

- Ms. Osipowitz presented the 2019 Capital Budget spreadsheet; Items include:
 - Playground equipment replacement at Bascom Park, Delar Park and Middlebush Park
 - Miscellaneous ADA access items
 - Miscellaneous park amenities
 - Bleacher replacements
 - Williams Park Pool upgrades
 - Castleton Park Pickleball courts
 - Middlebush Park Natural Play amenities
 - Weston Park shade structure
- Mr. Gallagher recommends replacing the outdoor fitness equipment at Middlebush Park. The equipment was used often by parents and adults
- A resident has also recommended installing a paddleball court / wall in town

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Mr. Gallagher reported that the Franklin Township Soccer Club is interested in hosting a tournament at Middlebush Park in the spring of 2019 with possible dates of April 27 or May 4. Format is still being discussed, max of approximately 24 teams with games being played on synthetic turf fields only.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Moon to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm , all others in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Reeve
Superintendent of Recreation