



Franklin Township
 Advisory Recreation Council
 Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018
 Community / Senior Center
 7:00pm
 Minutes

In Attendance: Bill Gallagher, Keith Stewart, Rebekah Solomon, Venkateshan Pundi, Nancy Sayre, Ty-Wanna Cotton and Lewis Hurd

Excused: Carl Wright

Absent: Darrin Russo, Elois Taylor, John Moon, Varun Venkateshan, Bill Milligan, Percy Sanders and Govind Seshadri

Staff: Alice Osipowitz and Dan Reeve

Call to order: Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:16pm.

Approval of Minutes: No Quorum

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

Seeing there are no speakers from the public present, a motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Ms. Solomon to close the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

Superintendents Report

1. Program Update:

- Fall programs begin 9/22. (registration began 9/1)
- New Programs:
 - Young Artists (5 – 12 year olds)
 - Bharatanatyam (6 – 10 year olds)
 - Photography (6 – 10 year olds)
 - Youth Running Club (7 – 12 year olds)
 - Robotics (5 – 8 year olds)
 - Coding (7 – 10 year olds)
 - Battle Bots & Robotics (6 – 12 year olds)

2. Summer Camp Final Update:

2016 Summer Camp		2017 Summer Camp		Variance from 2016	2018 Summer Camp		Variance from 2017
Play & Learn	6	Play & Learn	9	3	Play & Learn	0	-9
Safety Town	49	Safety Town	32	-17	Safety Town	0	-32
Franklin Park 1/2 Day AM	16	Franklin Park 1/2 Day AM	14	-2	Franklin Park 1/2 Day AM	0	-14
Franklin Park 1/2 Day PM	15	Franklin Park 1/2 Day PM	9	-6	Franklin Park 1/2 Day PM	0	-9
Franklin Park Full Day	84	Franklin Park Full Day	77	-7	Franklin Park Full Day	97	+20
FMS 1/2 Day AM	6	CRS 1/2 Day AM	14	8	PGM 1/2 Day AM	19	+5

FMS 1/2 Day PM	10	CRS 1/2 Day PM	13	3	PGM 1/2 Day PM	12	-1
FMS Full Day	49	CRS Full Day	31	-18	CRS Full Day	46	+15
Inman Park 1/2 Day	44	Inman Park 1/2 Day	26	-18	Inman Park 1/2 Day	17	-9
Williams Park Full Day	79	Williams Park Full Day	74	-5	Williams Park Full Day	74	0
Totals	358	Totals	299	-59	Totals	265	-34

3. Upcoming Events:

- Patriot Day Ceremony – Sept. 13 at 6pm
- Canal Walk & Roll North – Sept. 16 at 10am
- Gazebo Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Sept. 16 at 5pm
- Franklin Day Festival – Sept. 22 at Noon – 5pm (Colonial Park)
- Family Movie Night at Middlebush – Oct. 12 (Tentative)
- Halloween on Hamilton Pumpkin Patch – Oct. 27 at 1pm
- 3rd Annual “Battle of the Paddles” Pickleball Tournament – Nov. 3 at 8am

Directors Report

Park Projects / Maintenance

- New playground equipment to be installed in 2019 at the following parks; Bascom, Dunham Lebed and Rutgers Heights
- New “Nature Trail” created at Middlebush Park
- Grass fields at Middlebush Park have been very damp/wet over the past couple of weeks

Nonprofit Status / 501 (c) 3 Registered in Franklin

- Discussion ensued. It was recommended that Pop Warner be grandfathered in as a Local Non Profit since their certificate of insurance is provided through the National Pop Warner Corporation. Further discussion tabled to future meeting.

By-Laws

- Mr. Stewart reviewed the By-Laws and Expectations. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Ms. Sayre to move the start of all future Advisory Recreation Council meetings to 6pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, all others in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

The Franklin Township Board of Education recently informed the Parks & Recreation Department that moving forward, all programs after school hours will need to have either a school security guard or Township Police Officer. Ms. Osipowitz is working with Mr. Orvyl Wilson on making sure this new protocol is followed.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Ms. Sayre to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm , all others in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dan Reeve
 Superintendent of Recreation