

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
RECREATION COMMISSION**

Meeting
March 4, 2025

Members Present: Patty Mayhew, Darlene Perna, Steve Coates, Natlie Szwed,
Alternates Present: Scott Reenie
Members Absent: Bernie Simkins, John Quigley-called, Melissa Magill, Sheryl Neeley
Alternates Absent: Teresa Six
Guest Present: Joe Bilinski, Tim Warburton-VFW Post 2071
Liaisons Present: none present

An informal meeting of the Recreation Commission was held on March 4, 2025 in the Community Center. It was noted that there is no working bathroom in the Recreation Building on Main Road, therefore, the February and March meetings will be held in the Community Center.

Mr. Tim Warburton, VFW Post 2071, appeared before the Commission to discuss the annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 26, 2025. He presented a copy of the invitation/registration form.

Mrs. Coulbourn stated she would send the form out as she had for the last numerous years, if Tim would forward the letter to her. She also stated she would contact the Township Clerk regarding obtaining a parade permit from the State.

Mr. Bilinski questioned what the Recreation Commission could do to help.

Mr. Warburton asked if they could borrow tents for Memorial Day, to be placed in front of the building to provide shade for invited guests.

Mr. Bilinski stated we could provide tents for the occasion.

Mr. Warburton stated they planned to welcome kids to enter decorated bikes, trying to book a string band, allowing candy to be thrown to the crowd along the parade route, among other ideas. They ask that no political activity or handouts be distributed during the event. They will have their annual ceremony in front of the Post at the end of the parade. They might need help serving refreshments following the event. He thanked the Commission members and left at this point.

Mr. Bilinski thanked Mr. Warburton for his service and for the VFW bringing back the parade.

Members suggested having all future meetings in the Community Center. The location and parking was better, plus there is no working bathroom in the Recreation Building. Work tasks will still take place in the Recreation Building. A sign will need to be posted on the door at the Recreation Building informing people of the change, due to the fact the information was already printed in the Township calendar and sent to the local newspaper. All members agreed.

The Secretary will notify the local newspaper.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

Municipal Building, 1571 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ 08322

March 21, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

As per the Open Public Meetings Law, please be advised that the Township of Franklin Recreation Commission meetings location has been changed to the Community Center for 2025. The dates will be held as follows:

February 4, 2025 - Meeting held at Community Center

March 4, 2025 - Meeting held at Community Center

April 1, 2025

May 6, 2025

June 2, 2025

July 1, 2025

August 5, 2025

September 2, 2025

October 7, 2025

November 5, 2025 - Change due to Election Day Holiday

December 2, 2025

All meetings will now be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center, rather than in the former Forest Grove Ambulance Building. Meetings will include recreation activities, Community Day and Events planning. They will take place on the first Tuesday of each month except as noted for the month of November.

Carol Coulbourn, Secretary

The Egg Hunt will take place at 10:00 a.m. on April 12th, at the Delsea Knights football field, located behind the Little League fields. It was suggested that Little League officers be contacted to ask that players within the ages of 0 to 12 be allowed to attend if they are playing that day.

Mrs. Mayhew will order the eggs.

Mrs. Coulbourn will contact Chief DeCesari requesting the Little League players within the ages of 0 to 12 be allowed to attend. The egg hunt is over in a short amount of time and players could return to their games following the egg hunt,

Members folded fund raising flyers, then stuffed and labeled envelopes to be sent out. The letter and registration form for local churches, businesses and local organizations was revised and will be included in the envelopes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn, Secretary