

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
RECREATION COMMISSION**

Meeting  
May 6, 2025

Members Present: Patty Mayhew, Melissa Magill, Darlene Perna, Sheryl Neeley  
Alternates Present: none  
Members Absent: Bernie Simkins, Steve Coates, John Quigley  
Alternates Absent: Teresa Six, Scott Rennie, Natlie Szwed  
Guest Present: Joe Bilinski, Tom Schofield  
Liaisons Present: Tim Warbuton – VFW Post 2071 and Adrian Benton-Auxiliary VFW

An informal meeting of the Recreation Commission was held on May 6, 2025 in the Community Center. It was noted that future meetings will be held in the Community Center, and work meetings in the Recreation Building as needed.

Mr. Tim Warbuton, from the local VFW Post 2071 appeared to discuss the Memorial Day Parade. He stated line up would take place in the Community Center parking lot at 8:30 and the parade would start at 8:45. The parade will proceed south on Delsea Drive to the VFW Post where a brief ceremony will take place. Refreshments will follow inside the VFW. The Boy Scouts will be serving hot dogs. Mr. Warbuton requested the use of a Recreation Tent for the special guests to sit under during the ceremony. It should be set up about 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Bilinski offered to get a tent for the ceremony.

Mr. Warbuton stated that the members of the VFW were discussing the possibility of having a Renaissance Day and/or a Civil War re-enactment. He asked if the Recreation Commission would be interested in taking part.

Mrs. Coulbourn stated there was no way we could take on another event with our current limited members.

Mr. Bilinski suggested that the Renaissance Day could be used as the theme for Community Day.

Mrs. Coulbourn suggested that a Civil War reenactment could be held for Community Day 2026, the year our country celebrates our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

All members agreed that would be a good plan.

Mr. Bilinski thanked everyone for their help at our successful Al Batton Golf Tournament. It was a great day.

It was suggested that the 17<sup>th</sup> hole on the green needed to be improved.

Mrs. Perna and Mrs. Mayhew expressed concern over Community Day. Mrs. Mayhew stated she would be at the shore most of the summer and would not be able to help.

Mr. Bilinski offered to take charge of the event. He noted that he had a flexible schedule and could take charge.

Mrs. Mayhew stated it was a lot of work.

Mr. Bilinski and Mrs. Coulbourn both noted that Joe was well aware of the amount of work involved, having started the event over thirty years ago and run it for many years.

The following items were discussed:

Zeo Brothers Sound system – PO done

Fireworks – increase show size \$9,000 – not to start early-time will be firmly set!

Helicopter – if available - \$500. Deposit due-they run the ticket sales and retain funds

American Bounce – add 2 more items – Patty will get invoice

Monster Truck – we need proof of insurance, school additionally insured-they run tickets, retain proceeds.

Dave Cornwell - \$1,325 – MC & entertainment bookings as needed

National Anthem – Carol will contact Missy Lewis

Chuck Starr – portable toilets

Steve Coates & Mark Titas - Recreation food booth

**Meet again in 2 weeks May 20<sup>th</sup> at Recreation Building, Main Road 6:00p, to clean trailer**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn, Secretary