

Recreation Commission
June 7, 2023

Members Present: Bernie Simkins, Darlene Perna, John Quigley, Sheryl Neely, Patty Mayhew
Members Absent: Rich Daubenspeck, Steve Coates
Alternates Present: Melissa Magill
Alternates Absent: Teresa Six, Scott Rennie
Guest Present: Joe Bilinski,
Liaisons for 2023 John (Jake) Bruno-absent, Mike Marsh-absent

The regular meeting of the Township of Franklin Recreation was called to order by Vice Chairman Simkins at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Commission Building.

It was reported that there was \$85,957.59 in the Recreation Special Account.

Mr. Simkins reported that the Coin Drop would be held on June 23rd and 24th. Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon, although we are usually done by 10:15 a.m.

*NOTE this event was postponed, a date to be determined.

Mr. Simkins reported that Chairman Daubenspeck spoke to representatives from the VFW on Memorial Day to ask if they would like the Recreation Commission to help reestablish the Memorial Day Parade. The parade had been cancelled during Covid and had not been held since that time.

Mrs. Coulbourn noted she had spoke with Chairman Daubenspeck at the VFW following the Memorial Day Service. She noted that in the past she had always assisted the VFW and sent out invitations to participants for the parade. She also informed members that Delsea High School no longer had a marching band, but perhaps we could set up a vehicle with a sound system playing patriotic music. She stated that Delsea only had about a dozen musicians playing from the stands during football games.

Mr. Simkins reported that contracts for 40 North band and Bill Kerwood, a magician, had been prepared. Quotes will need to be obtained for the sound system. We were awaiting a contract from Monster Truck and helicopter vendors.

Discussion was held on the Craft Show application. It will be sent out to everyone so they can make copies for distribution.

Mr. Bilinski stated that there were a lot of potential sponsors that have not yet donated to date in support of the yearly Recreational programs. Several donations were received prior to the golf tournament when a one-time request was made for dominations. Contact will be made prior to Community Day to the sponsors that we haven't heard from to date.

Sean Amnuzi, a local Boy Scout from Troop 21, appeared before the Commission to make a proposal for an Eagle Scout Project. He explained that the project had to be completed before his 18th birthday and he would be responsible for obtaining materials and volunteers for the project. They are limited in the amount of donations they can receive and must get material donations for the project. His proposal included benches and a picnic table for Iona Lake at the cove and a GaGa Pit at Franklinville Lake Beach. The GaGa pit consists of a circular walled area where people stand and kick a ball. If you get hit with the ball you're out, the last person standing is the winner. He stated the game is very popular with the scouts.

Upon motion by Mrs. Mayhew seconded by Mrs. Neely and carried, the proposal for the Eagle Scout project was ordered approved. All members voted in the affirmative.

Upon motion by Mr. Quigley seconded by Mrs. Mayhew and carried, the minutes of the May meeting were ordered approved as presented. All members voted in the affirmative.

Upon motion by Mrs. Neeley seconded by Mr. Quigley and carried the meeting was ordered adjourned at 8:07 p.m. All members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coulbourn
Secretary