



Franklin Township
Advisory Recreation Council
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Community / Senior Center
7:00pm
Minutes

In Attendance: Bill Milligan, Bill Gallagher, Keith Stewart, Venkateshan Pundi, Nancy Sayre, Percy Sanders , Ty-Wanna Cotton, Lewis Hurd and Govind Seshadri

Excused: Carl Wright

Absent: Rebekah Solomon, Darrin Russo, Elois Taylor, John Moon and Varun Venkateshan

Staff: Alice Osipowitz and Dan Reeve

Call to order: Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Mr. Stewart introduced new member, Govind Seshadri.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Milligan and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting as presented, all others in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Sanders 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 Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to close the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

Superintendents Report

Mr. Reeve provided a written program report.

- Swim Lessons
 - Swim Lessons at Williams Pool and Clarion Pool begin July 2nd.
 - 86 or 40% of swim instruction registration spots are filled.
 - NEW Saturday swim lessons offered
- Summer Camp / Playground registration:
 - Inman Park – 2/60
 - Williams Park – 20/75
 - Franklin Park School Full Day – 60/90
 - Pine Grove Manor School Full Day – 18/70
 - Pine Grove Manor School AM ½ Day – 13/28
 - Pine Grove Manor School PM ½ Day – 8/25
 - CIT Program – Interviews being conducted
 - Boys Council Summer Challenge – Registration begins May 21
- Destination Discovery and Sports Camps registration:
 - Build a Computer: Save the World – 5/20
 - Take the Stage: ABC's of Acting – 8/20
 - Super Science Stem Challenges – 9/15
 - Virtual Reality (8-11 year olds) – 8/12
 - Virtual Reality (11-14 year olds) – 2/12
 - Future Vets – 4/24
 - STEM Sampler – 3/24
 - *Drone Adventures (8-10 year olds) – 2/12
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 - *Minecraft Designers (8-10 year olds) – 2/12

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 - *Roblox (8-10 year olds) – 5/12
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 - *Code Breakers (8-10 year olds) – 4/12
 - *Python Programmers (11-14 year olds) – 4/12
 - Dutch Total Soccer – 12/100
 - Basketball Camp – 10/50
- Williams Pool Community Open Swim
 - Registration begins May 14th
- **FYI Boy's Mentoring Program (Sampson G. Smith School)**
 - Overall review of goals set at the start of the year, to determine if the young men are on target of accomplishing goals.
 - Discussion on Family relationships.
 - Homework support
 - Community Service project
 - Team Building Activities
 - **FYI Boy's Mentoring Program (Franklin Middle School):**
 - Overall review of goals set at the start of the school year, to determine if the young men are on target of accomplishing goals.
 - "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most" Community Service project with the mentoring program. The young men were able to put 3,000 prevention stickers on bags from Wine Vista Liquor store on Elizabeth Ave.
 - Attended demonstration with the Police Academy canine unit on April 26
 - Discussion on Family relationships
- **Teen Recreation Program (Franklin Middle School)**
 - Total Students registered for the month of April: 110
 - Two Basketball games scheduled against Elizabeth in April, with Elizabeth winning both games
 - Attendance has picked up in the game room, with the addition of a new air hockey game and atomic basketball game
- **Franklin Township Youth Council**
 - Meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather.
 - E Board and committee heads voted on provisional members. Notices were sent to each provisional on whether or not they were accepted into Youth Council.
 - Youth Council application was revised to accept provisional members in the Spring instead of the Fall. The new provisional period will end in January of 2019.
 - General members and committee heads announced their candidacy for new positions. Current committee heads may run for Executive offices. General members may run for committee heads.
 - Plans are under way for new programs...
 - May 18th – The World Race (grades 7-12)
 - May 19th – What's in my Tummy? (grades 2-4)
 - May 20th – Color Wars (Community Event – all ages welcome)
- **Therapeutic Recreation**
 - Parent Workshop- Wednesday, April 18th- Parenting a Child with Disabilities (15 attending). Workshop done by Behavior Therapy Associates.
 - Friday Night Drop In- Martial Arts- April 20th- 14 registered
 - F.A.S.T. Program (Fitness and Social Time) - 6 registered. First program offered for ages 26+ since Harmony ended.
 - Autism Awareness Event- April 28th- approximately 60 people attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Forever 55 Movie Series – May 17; "Last Vegas"
- Parties, Proms & Pitfalls – May 23
- Summer Camp begins July 2 ends Aug 10

- Forever 55 Movie Series – June 21; “The Dark Tower”
- Fireworks Celebration – July 3
- Quarterly Township Newsletter scheduled to be mailed out the first week of September.

Directors Report

Park Projects / Maintenance

- Due to the recent storms, brush and debris removal has been prioritized. This has delayed the mowing of grass and park maintenance.
- Castleton Park received some minor storm damage; mainly downed tree limbs. Playground equipment is scheduled to be replaced this year.
- Williams Park poured in place rubber safety surface for playgrounds and swing sets are complete.

No Smoking Ordinance

- Ms. Osipowitz distributed and reviewed a proposed amendment to the current Township No Smoking Ordinance. The amendment is proposed by the Somerset County Health Department. Discussion ensued. No action taken at this time.

Nonprofit Status / 501 (c) 3 Registered in Franklin

- Ms. Osipowitz reviewed the current facility rental policy. Recent numerous requests by Franklin residents with affiliations of nonprofit organizations whose 501 (c) 3 declaration is outside of Franklin Township have been submitted for facility rentals. Discussion ensued. Ms. Osipowitz will obtain clarification of the differences between nonprofit classifications for the June meeting.

The Mask You Live In - Movie

- Review of movie for possible community showing.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Milligan and seconded by Ms. Sayre to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm , all others in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Reeve
Superintendent of Recreation