



**Franklin Township  
Advisory Recreation Council  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 6:01 PM

**Approval of the minutes**

Michele motion to approve, Rich 2nd: motion carries

**Public comments**

Bill motion to open, Rich 2nd: motion carries

Rich motion to close, Bill 2nd: motion carries

**Senior softball** - Outside purview of rec dept, Pete and Beau worked out details to bring it back. Beau budgeted for it and will break even. The program is for ages 50 and over. 2017 staff Alice/Dan for insurance reasons wanted it independent, but doing it through rec takes the burden of administration, tax ID, bank accounts, etc. off the group and lets them just have fun.

**Summer programs** - Might be pushback because we won't have site in the southern part of town (Franklin Park school is under construction or Claremont - has an extended school year). Will be at Connerly (indoors), Middlebush, Naaman. Consalata will have some STEM programs. 6th-9th grade is most difficult because there are a lot of challenges. No transportation offered.

How many kids were attending from Franklin Park? We can pull those numbers.  
People need full day camps, half days aren't as popular.

**Franklin Day** - Officially at Colonial Park which has a tighter area for vendors, more parking, etc. The date will be Sept 23rd. Myra is doing a planning committee meeting every other week for now, then weekly. Please sign up to help her.

**4th of July** - July 3rd. (Monday)

**Therapeutic** - Maria , therapeutic coordinator, has reinvigorated the program. About 15-17 kids show up. Bowlero is doing bowling league as an offshoot program. Gaming club for young adults with special needs. Little ones - mommy and me - game class for 45 min. Parachute, balls, sensory activities. Will share TOPSoccer flyer with the therapeutic team. (attached)

**Curb and leashing signs** - Beau reached out to DPW for Middlebush and Inman.

**Skatepark** - ribbon cutting (March 11th, 1-3PM). Council and Rec Advisory Board invited. CRB will do safety talk, skateboarding demos. Mural art might help curb graffiti -many places have success doing this. Perhaps contact Franklin highschool's art department, Mason Gross School of the Arts. We can use a technique with two layers of protection: one to seal the art, then one to power wash graffiti. Design piece can be a collaboration w/ kids

Idea: Advisory board parkas - we pay half, board pays half

**Old Business** - Fridge to concessions leaves PA march 15th. Will be installed immediately.

Cameras in Middlebush? \$80K-ish. IT is working on it. It could be fiber off the scoreboard to concession OR they could run a repeater off this tower OR mobile unit which is a wifi hotspot that links to cameras and goes back.

**Reminder** April 22nd is park clean up at 9AM at Inman

**New business:** Nope

**Motion to adjourn** Pete, Bill 2nd bill - motion passes