

NEW FREEDOM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Michels - President
R. Garvey - Secretary
S. Boyle - Treasurer (Remotely)
L. Zapach
K. Butcher - Mayor
B. Wildasin - Councilman
R. Ross - Councilman
E. Rearich - Councilwoman

CALL TO ORDER: M. Michels at 7:00 PM.

APPROVE MINUTES: M. Michels made a motion to approve the December minutes as written.
L. Zapach seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our balance as of November 30, 2022 was \$18,024.00. Our balance as of December 31, 2022 was \$18,274.92.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FARMER'S MARKET: Melissa Emerick submitted her resignation as Market Director. A discussion was held about the lack of vendors and the poor turnout. R. Garvey made a motion to table the Market until January of 2024, S. Boyle seconded, motion carried. Hopefully this will allow the new Recreation Director to get involved.

TENNIS: The New Freedom Youth Tennis Program (Grades K-8) will begin on February 5, 2023 and will run for six weeks, ending on March 12, 2023. Two snow days, March 19th and 26th, have been built into the schedule. The Beginner's time will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, and the Intermediate/Advanced will be from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. M. Michels has secured help for this program. Flyers have been distributed to Southeastern School District, St. John the Baptist School, Southern York County School District, Shrewsbury Christian Academy, and all of last year's participants.

A big thanks to Andrew Shaffer and the Borough office for printing and separating the flyers for distribution.

Adult Tennis is on hold due to the weather.

PICKLEBALL: There were 34 participants in December. We netted \$480.00 (\$680.00 in income, less the \$200.00 Borough fee). Andrew Shaffer advised that Council has agreed to keep the fee the same for 2023. The new Saturday Pickleball has been very well received with 24 players last Saturday. We also discussed the need for an AED Defibrillator in the Center and the possibility of getting CPR training.

CORNHOLE: No longer being considered as a Recreation program at this time.

PARADE/SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT: Next year's parade will be in honor of the Sesquicentennial anniversary of New Freedom. Councilman B. Wildasin will be running it with our assistance. The parade will be the kick off to the celebration, culminating with a Concert celebration, tentatively set for August 19, 2023. We also discussed having an old timer's baseball game, picnic, and possibly a band on July 16, 2023. Location and details are in planning. B. Wildasin commented that Ned Dukes, Freedom Fitness, has offered his assistance.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2023: It was decided to have two concerts in the park this year. Tentatively we have picked August 19, 2023 for the Sesquicentennial concert and September 23, 2023 for a Karaoke concert. We are awaiting confirmation from the Borough office on the dates and are still discussing bands.

VETERANS DAY: The thank you notes are just about complete. This year's event will be on November 9, 2023. Our DJ has been contacted and is available. Further planning will be tabled until June or July.

PARKS: No report.

CHILDREN AND TEENS: No report.

OTHER: As we were getting ready to adjourn, we were informed that the proposed formation of the Southern York County Recreation Commission may be voted on at the next Borough Council Meeting, in its original draft form. Our unanimous Commission strongly objected, stating that we had asked at our last meeting (December 1, 2022) that there be changes made to the draft, most importantly that the number of representatives be changed from two and a supervisor to four and a supervisor, This will allow us to keep our current Commission intact and will give us the number of people to run events. We cannot and do not accept the Draft in its current form.

ADJOURNMENT: M. Michels made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM, L. Zapach seconded, motion carried.

