

## **NEW FREEDOM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 2, 2023**

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

M. Michels - President  
R. Garvey - Secretary  
S. Boyle - Treasurer  
L. Zapach  
Andrew Bobby - Council President  
B. Wildasin - Councilman  
R. Ross - Councilman  
E. Rearich - Councilwoman

**CALL TO ORDER:** M. Michels at 6:59 PM.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** M. Michels made a motion to approve the January minutes as written. S. Boyle seconded, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Our balance as of January 31, 2023 was \$18,236.34.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** B. Wildasin stated that Borough Manager, Andrew Shaffer, is trying to put together a Barbecue Competition, similar to Smoke in the Grove, as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Dates in July are being considered. We did discuss our need to firm up all dates of events.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT:** R. Ross informed us that Shrewsbury Township is adamant that there be no more than two representatives (plus Board members), from each locality on the joint commission. After discussion, we are asking our Borough Council to vote on three representatives (plus a Board member), plus a liaison, from each municipality to be on the joint commission.

**FARMER'S MARKET:** Postponed this season due to lack of attendance, vendor availability, and Director resignation.

**TENNIS:** The New Freedom Youth Program is starting this Sunday, February 5th. There are roughly 50 participants signed up for the six week session. The program has grossed \$2,720.00. The program ends on March 12, barring no weather cancellations. Make up dates as in place just in case. The program has players from New Freedom, Shrewsbury, Glen Rock, Stewartstown, New Park, Delta, Fawn Grove, Parkton, and York.

M. Michels made a motion to purchase up to \$400.00 in tennis balls and other equipment, R. Garvey seconded, motion carried.

**PICKLEBALL:** There were 39 participants in January. We netted \$418.98, Income of \$710.00, less the \$200.00 Borough fee, less \$91.02 in supplies to reline the courts. R. Garvey reports the program is growing every month with large crowds, especially in the evenings and Saturday. He asked that an additional hour be added to each evening session to accommodate all the players. It was agreed on. M. Michels made a motion for up to \$1,000.00 in new balls and nets, L. Zapach seconded, motion

**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 in the Park celebration, tentatively set for August 19, 2023. S. Boyle has tentatively reserved Summit Grove's Tabernacle for the afternoon of July 16th, for activities to be determined. Half day rental is \$350.00. She has also contacted Brodbeck's Band for their availability and is waiting to hear. She will continue to work with B.Wildasin on planning.

**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. R. Garvey made a motion to hire Uptown Band (if available) for the August concert, S. Boyle seconded, motion carried.

**VETERANS DAY:** The thank you notes are just about complete. This year's event will be on November 9, 2023. Further planning will be tabled until June or July.

**PARKS:** No report.

**CHILDREN AND TEENS:** No report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** M. Michels made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM, S. Boyle seconded, motion carried.