

NEW FREEDOM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 2, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Michels - President
R. Garvey - Secretary (Remotely)
L. Zapach
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 February minutes as written. L. Zapach seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$21,138.18.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: It has been proposed to Shrewsbury Township that we will go down to three members (R. Garvey will stay on the Commission but will give up his right to vote) and Shrewsbury will come up to three members. Each will have a voting liaison. It has yet to be determined if they agree. After discussion, we agreed that R. Garvey will stay on and keep his right to vote, and L. Zapach will stay, but give up her right.

FARMER'S MARKET: No Farmer's Market this season. Tabled until Fall of 2023.

TENNIS: The New Freedom Youth Program has gone very well. They are four weeks into the program and have 54 participants. They have netted \$1,900.00. The program is scheduled to end on March 2, 2023.

PICKLEBALL: The program continues to be a success and keeps growing. There were 46 players in February. The gross income was \$920.00, however there were expenses of \$994.99 (new nets, balls, and Borough fee) resulting in a negative balance of - \$74.99. Thanks to the Borough for obtaining and installing a first aid kit so quickly.

PARADE/SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT: During the Borough Council meeting we found out that Councilman Burnell Wildasin has secured a committee for the Sesquicentennial events this summer. This committee approached the Borough Council at the February meeting and requested that they be allowed to have a parade in May to honor the actual anniversary. The Borough agreed.

We had a subsequent meeting with A. Bobby, R. Ross, and B. Wildasin. It was decided the Sesquicentennial Committee would do their parade and we would go forward with Recreation's July 4th parade. Possible suggestions for that parade were to honor First Responder's, Emergency Worker's, Susquehannock Sport's, and/or the Baltimore City Firefighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice. To be determined.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2023: There will be two concerts in the park this year. We have picked August 19, 2023 for the Sesquicentennial concert and September 23, 2023 for a Karaoke concert. The dates have been reserved with the Borough and contracts have been received from the band, First Class, for both events. Unfortunately we cannot hire Uptown Band due to the cost. R. Garvey made a motion to pay First Class \$1,100.00 for each event, L. Zapach seconded, motion carried. We also discussed hiring the band, Mutual Fun, for a concert on August 24, 2024. R. Garvey will follow up.

OTHER: L. Zapach reported that she received an inquiry from a couple who would like to run a Taekwondo program through our Recreation Commission. We would be interested but are unsure of the availability of the Community Center. Need to follow up with the Borough office.

PARKS: It was stated that the Parks are being used and no vandalism has been reported.

CHILDREN AND TEENS: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: M. Michels made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM, L. Zapach seconded, motion carried.