

NEW FREEDOM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

September 7, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES: M. Michels made a motion to accept the August minutes as written, S. Boyle seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$21,992.97.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Boy Scout Troop 24 Campout was a very nice event but was not very well attended. We hope the event continues so we can build it up by promoting it earlier.

Casey Kubin, a citizen of New Freedom, is leading an effort with Borough businesses to do a Basket Raffle at Freedom Fest. She has pledged that all proceeds be donated to the New Freedom Recreation Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The proposed Corn Hole League is tabled at this time as they are still discussing how it could be possibly put together.

Ryan Ross commented that any rental of Freedom Greens has to go through the Borough Office.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: No update

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

TENNIS: The New Freedom Adult tennis program is going well. The second session completed on August 19th and netted \$180.00. The third session started on August 26th with 14 participants. We believe the larger number is due to the advertising in the Borough magazine. Thanks for helping build our programs.

PICKLEBALL: The program continues to grow, with both new players and existing players returning. We had 25 players in August, netting \$260 (\$460 less the Community Center fee.)

CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2023: We had our first concert in Marge Goodfellow Park on August 26, 2023, and by all accounts it was a great success. Danny Dolan and the First Class Band were amazing. Our vendors; Stone's Burgers and Fries, desserts by the Southern York Senior Center, and beverages by Seven Sports Bar, contributed to the success. A total of \$18 was contributed to our Commission. We want to thank Mayor Kim Butcher for attending the event.

The second concert will be a karaoke style event on September 23, 2023, again featuring First Class Band. Food will be provided by Two Guys and a Grill (Borough has Certificate of Insurance) and desserts by the Senior Center. Seven will again serve adult beverages. We discussed that Borough Council have Public Works prep the Park prior to events by making sure the stage and surrounding area are in suitable condition. We also discussed the need to have camera surveillance at the far end of the park in the stage area.

VETERAN'S DAY: Our Veterans Day dinner will be held on November 9, 2023 in the Community Center from 6-9 PM. We need everyone's help securing donations.

PARKS: A meeting was held yesterday by the Park Feasibility Committee. Questions are still being formulated to go out online, asking for community input as to what improvements they want to see. It was suggested that there should be some sort of an incentive given for completing the survey, such as the opportunity to be entered in drawing for free trash collection for a quarter.

CHILDREN AND TEENS: M. Michels suggested that once a Recreation Director is in place, we should explore restarting teen dances.

ADJOURNMENT: M. Michels made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM, S. Boyle seconded, motion carried.