

NEW FREEDOM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

November 2, 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 October minutes as written (with one correction as to the amount of the Concert deposit), S. Boyle seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our balance as of October 31, 2023 was \$23,855.62.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: The Recreation Commission closet in the Community Center needs to be organized and cleaned.

Our overall Budget was discussed and will go back to A. Shaffer. R. Garvey made mention that there was not a separate line item for the Concerts. It was discussed that the expenditure may be contained in Programs. M. Michels will follow up.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: No action has been taken. K. Butcher asked if Shrewsbury Township had put anyone on their Commission.

FARMER'S MARKET: No Farmer's Market this season. Tabled until a Recreation Director is hired and can determine if we want to go forward with this program.

TENNIS: The 3rd Adult session was extended from 9/30 to 10/21 due to the weather. There were 14 participants and netted \$315.00 to date.

The Fall session began on Saturday, October 28th, and will go week to week.

PICKLEBALL: The program continues to grow. We had 35 players in October, netting \$440 (\$640 less the Community Center fee.)

The Recreation Commission hosted a "Thank You" gathering at Vortex Brewery on October 21st. This was very well received and appreciated by those who could attend. M. Michels made

a motion to reimburse R. Garvey \$169.91 for the expenses of the event, S. Boyle seconded, motion carried. R. Ross asked what the expenses consisted of and was answered that Rec paid for their appetizers. He was further assured that no alcohol was paid for with public funds. R. Ross further commented that any funds to be used should be voted on prior to the event. All agreed. It was also discussed making this an annual event and putting it in the Budget.

There was a lengthy discussion of where to store the pickleball nets in lieu of comments made by Public Works. Suggestions were made and it was decided to do a site inspection after the meeting. R. Ross was going to talk to A. Shaffer about a resolution. It was asked to note that the new electronic lock to the closet off the auditorium was discovered broken several weeks ago. It was reported at the time of discovery.

B. Foster attended October's Council meeting to ask them to repaint the Pickleball lines on the tennis courts and to install nets. This was rejected by the Council - Thank you. Mr. Foster was told that Pickleball courts was one of the items on the Community Park Survey which has gone out to the Borough residents.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2024: We are tabling any further discussion until the beginning of next year.

VETERAN'S DAY: Our Veteran's Day Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 9th, in the Community Center. We need everyone's help with this. We are continuing to solicit and receive items for the silent auction, the raffle, and gifts for the Veterans. The Borough has donated a one day/night free rental of the Community Center for the silent auction. This is very much appreciated.

We discussed which items are going to the auction, the raffle, and which will be given as door prizes (\$25 or less).

We will need help setting up the Community Center the night before.

PARKS: The Park feasibility questionnaire has been finalized and sent out to the residents of the Borough.

CHILDREN AND TEENS: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: M. Michels made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM, S. Boyle seconded, motion carried.