

Recreation/Events Meeting January 12, 2021

Members Present: Darlene Perna, Cheryl Neely, Bernie Simkins, John Quigley, Harry Lucas, Rich Daubenspeck

Members Absent: Steve Coates

Alternates Present:

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Guest Present: none

The January meeting of the Recreation Commission/Events meeting was called to order by Mr. Daubenspeck at 7:05 p.m. in the former Ambulance Building, now the Recreation Building, on Main Road.

The first order of business was to appoint a Secretary for 2021.

Upon motion by Mr. Daubenspeck seconded by Mr. Simkins and carried Mrs. Carol Coulbourn was nominated Secretary. All members voted in the affirmative.

The next order of business was to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2021.

Mr. Simkins nominated Mr. Daubenspeck and Mrs. Neely seconded the nomination. No other nominations received. All members voted in the affirmative for the appointment of Mr. Daubenspeck as Chairman.

Chairman Daubenspeck nominated Mr. Simkins as Vice Chairman and Mrs. Neely seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received. All members voted in the affirmative for the appointment of Mr. Simkins as Vice Chairman for 2021.

Chairman Daubenspeck announced that Mr. Jim Kelly, Mr. Mike Marsh, and Mrs. Teresa Six were appointed as alternates for 2021. He encouraged members to try to think of other people that might be interested in serving with the Recreation Commission. He noted that we should try to perhaps encourage some young people that could follow in our footsteps.

Mrs. Coulbourn informed members Mr. Marsh had called her regarding the meeting dates and times. He stated he could not attend the first meeting of the year due to the fact he was quarantined in preparation for a medical procedure the next day. He provided his e-mail address for future notifications and minutes.

Plans for 2021

March 27th Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center

September 25th Community Day

December 4th Christmas at the Center

December 5th Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Plans could change depending on the status of the Covid Pandemic now that the immunization process against the virus has begun to take place.

Chairman Daubenspeck announced we would meet at the Railroad Station on Saturday, January 16th, at 8:30 a.m. to take down the Christmas decorations.

Chairman Daubenspeck informed members that we now have a nonprofit 501C3 status for the Friends of Franklin Township Recreation. Funds donated could now be claimed as a tax deduction by the donors.

Some fund raising ideas were discussed such as a chicken bar-b-que, a pound cake sale, and a coin drop. It was noted that the coin drop was very successful and took little time and effort.

Mrs. Neely questioned if it would be possible to have a fly over for our 200th anniversary.

Chairman Daubenspeck informed members that we still had the air show booked from last year's cancelled event due to the pandemic.

Mrs. Coulbourn jokingly suggested we have a burn the mask bond fire for our 200th plus 1 year anniversary, adding she was tired of wearing a mask every time she went out.

All members agreed they were tired of wearing the masks for almost a year.

Chairman Daubenspeck stated a bond fire might be a good idea, the fire trucks are already on the scene. He encouraged members to bring ideas to the next meeting on February 2nd.

Upon motion by Mr. Simkins seconded by Mrs. Neely and carried the meeting was ordered adjourned at 8:15 p.m. All members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn, Secretary