

# **Franklin Recreation Meeting Minutes\* [DRAFT]**

**September 28, 2026 @ 7pm**

Franklin Town Offices and on Zoom

**Attendance:** Allison Franklin, Dianna Benoit-Kittell, Stephanie Ho and Lissy Bachelder

Virtual: Cayley Renaudette

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Allison.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Dianna to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Allison. Carried unanimously to accept.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Checking: \$29,402.32
- Fund Balance: \$22,665.34
- LL Balance: \$4,101.20
- Bills were reviewed and approved by board members.

Moved by Lissy to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Allison. Carried unanimously to accept.

## **Grants/Fundraising/Sponsorship**

- Sponsorship Updates (11)
  - Banner order – 1 banner needs to be ordered for NMC
- Warner House: their fiscal year goes from 5/1 - 4/30

## **Soccer Coordinator – Thank you Cayley!**

- MyRec enforce age reg settings
  - Allison has been looking into the problem we have with preschool aged kids and getting registrations to not freak out over ages – we can enforce age settings when cloning the program. Allison will send over the screenshots from MyRec for when setting up programs moving forward.
- Game Scheduling Co-Ed
  - 5/6 had 10 games planned (before season even started) and when Cayley confirmed again (once teams were confirmed), other school ADs mixed things up (Georgia, Swanton and SATEC).
  - Parents are frustrated, understandably, but it's not Franklin Recs fault.

- Joyce reached out to Allison since some parents went to her about lack of games/communication.
- All schools within our district should have to play each other, regardless of teams being coed or not. Maybe we should have that spelled out within our MVUSD contract.
  - Should look at who 5/6 played last year and see if the contacts/ADs changed (maybe that's where the confusion happened?)
- Ref recruitment
  - Not a lot of people want to volunteer.
  - We should reach out to MVU NJHS, NHS and Student Council that require kids to have volunteer hours.
  - We should reach out to MVU coaches about volunteers.
  - We're asking the few people that are willing to ref to keep track of games, even 3/4, because we would like to compensate for their time.
- Coaching updates/guidelines
  - 5/6 soccer guidelines are written and somewhere on the drive.
  - Ashley Bachelder has some great 1/2 soccer guidelines that she shared with us. Maybe we can have her write other level soccer ones.
  - Stephanie wrote basketball guidelines a few years back that we should find.
- Approach to volunteers
  - Send more Facebook asks of small things/tasks or if they know anyone who could do those tasks.
- Morrisville Tournament – Allison saw that Morrisville has put on a soccer tournament for many years. She contacted them to get more information and if that would be feasible for next year.

## **Basketball**

- Open registration first week of October and close it the second week of November (grades 3-6). Younger kids close first week of December so we can have shirts ordered and received for their first practice. Pictures will be in January.
- Will send Cayley basketball duties and contract.
- Allison will get blackout dates and Crossroads schedule for scheduling gym time.
- Games should start at 5:30pm and 6:30pm, no one should be in the gym/school 30 minutes before.
- Looking at basketball numbers from last year, we're going to have coed teams for the next couple years.

- Predicted for this year: 2 – 5/6 teams and 2 – 3/4 teams.
- Make sure to reach out to Jon Godin about coaching a 5/6 team.

## **Field Management**

- Soccer Field Building payment
  - Will ask Lisa about payment and if it's been sent out.
- Ground plugs
  - Received plugs and will get them installed before ground freezes.
- Dugout Plans
  - Some sponsorship money has come in for dugouts – around \$1,500!
  - Have around \$7,700 in overage from having no Rec Coordinator and LL Reserve money.
  - Lissy will keep talking with her dad about dimensions and costs (concrete floors, chain link fence in front, benches and cubbies/bat hooks, overhang on the roof). Hoping to get softball dugouts (earliest) built this spring.
- Weed control payment
  - Kaeden has been tackling weeds for us and sent us over his hours worked (around 7 hours).
  - Moved by Allison to pay Kaeden \$135 for spraying weeds. Seconded by Diana. Carried unanimously to accept.

## **Old Business**

- Board Recruitment/Event Planning
  - Johanna Goodwrich has reached out about joining the board. Allison answered her questions and invited her to come to our next meeting.
  - Allison will try and recruit the preschool parents – lots of room parents/helpers.
- Trunk or Treat
  - We need the master list of trunks. 6 confirmed trunks (Dianna Benoit-Kittell, Haston Library, Madison Kempton, Allison Franklin, Emma Gerrard and Holli Sears). Ideas of people from last year to ask: Curtis with blue bus, Amber Granger, Ashley Flood, Ashley's mom, Herse people, Krista Birkheimer.
  - Made a Facebook event – need to share it!
  - Make a Facebook post that only asks for trunks.
  - Haunted Forest: Scouts are planning to come and bring whatever props
    - To Do: lights on driveway path (roll of lights, use generator or Stephs car), solar lights throughout path (make sure to charge new

ones week of), heavy door (sledgehammer, cordless drill, truck, 3-4 people), random decor at the beginning of the path and maybe at the end, single door blocking the extra path

- One volunteer from NHS reached out to be a guide
- Vendor Fair (6 confirmed – Hannah Ho, Dianna Benoit-Kittel, Arlene Thompson, Pam Vincellette, Stefania, Mary Reynolds) Past Year tables that we could ask: Sam Derosia, Laura Sherman, Andrea Sartwell, Sabrina Barney, Sadie Newton
  - Girl Scouts will do food.
  - Signs – put out our sandwich board or make one with our extra yellow corrugated signs.
- Moved by Allison to buy a 4ft banner from Grizzly Graphics with the basic info about the Vendor Fair for future use. Seconded by Lissy. Carried unanimously to accept.

## **New Business**

- District 5/6 funding
  - Why doesn't the district cover other 5/6 sports such as field hockey and football? Joyce is digging into who we can talk to and if we should pursue this.
- Tree Lighting
  - Dianna is willing to get tree and decorate. Will see if the Pub would like to take over the festivities or if we cut that part out for this year.
- Polar Express Events
  - Will confirm if Santa and Mrs. Claus and Tim Magnant are available for 12/20.
  - Town Hall has been booked.
  - Will talk more next meeting to see if this event is feasible this year.
- Schedule meetings post 10/19: 11/9, 11/30 and 12/14

## **Executive Session: None**

**Adjourned** at 10:13pm.

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Submitted by Lissy Bachelder.

Our next meeting will be held on October 19, 2026, at 7pm in the Franklin Town Offices.

\*Minutes are not yet approved by all board members; therefore this remains a draft until the next board meeting.