

**BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON
PRIDE & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: Wednesday – May 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sue Marshall at 7:00 PM. The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read by the Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sue Marshall.

ATTENDANCE:

| Brian Martin | Doris Mathisen | Joanne McAndrew | Ryan McAndrew | Christine Peterson | Suzanne Taylor |
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| Present | Present | Present | Absent | Present | Present |

Also In Attendance:
Mayor Sue Marshall

Recording of Hours:

| Brian Martin | Doris Mathisen | Joanne McAndrew | Ryan McAndrew | Christine Peterson | Suzanne Taylor |
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| 15 | 5 | 50 | Absent | 5 | 5 |

Approval of April 27, 2022 meeting minutes.

Mrs. Mathisen made a motion to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes; the motion was second by Mr. Martin. All in favor, none opposed.

Old Business:

Chairwoman McAndrew mentioned the County is planning two (2) concerts on Friday nights at the Seaport. Mrs. McAndrew mentioned since we don't have the money for concerts maybe we could have a karaoke night, a talent show, or ask the school if the jazz band would like to give a concert, maybe advertise if any young people have a band.

New Business:

Chairwoman McAndrew stated that the tree in the lake has been decorated with clear lights, American flag at the top, below is a Ukranian flag and a sunflower. She mentioned she would like to have someone build a frame and a base and put a big tree at the ball field. For the town wide yard sale, there will be a flyer made up to contact Brian. Brian will make a map of the yard sales in town.

Members Forum:

No member's comments.

Public Forum:

Mr. Jon Miller the chairman of the Tuckerton Economic Development Committee was present. Mr. Miller mentioned his mom is the President of the Acoustic Musicians Guild and she is involved with the Ocean County Artists Guild. He stated he is sure she could get musicians that are talented and good, that will put on a really good show. He will give his mom and Mrs. McAndrew's in contact with one another. Another option would be to reach out to Brian Majoros at Pinelands and see if you could get the high school and middle school jazz band, they may

want to put on a concert. Regarding the town wide yard sale, Mr. Miller suggested contacting Andrea at the Sandpaper and see if they would be willing to run a pro bono ad in the Tuckerton Leader with a map of the participating home owners. Also, with the lighting on the tree, he has a lot of experience with that. It is something that is called RGB (red, green, blue) strip light. You can change to color combination to make any color. It will chase, and it will strobe. They come with a remote or an app to go to your phone. In practicality he feels it works better with a remote. He stated they are really, really cheap like 32 feet for \$16. with the power supply and remote, and he offered to help with this. Mr. Miller than stated the reason he was there was he wants to make his rounds to all the committees to better feel to help him run EDC. Mr. Miller went on to say he attended an event in Plaistow, New Hampshire. The town was much like Tuckerton. They had an event where everyone came out; the families and the kids came out, and all the businesses came out and celebrated the town. They had a whole schedule of events throughout the day that were tailored to exhibit the businesses in town. They had a beard competition that was sponsored by the local barber. They would give out a token prize or a ribbon. They had a chili cook off that all the restaurants in town got involved in. They had a dance show sponsored by the local dance academy. Tai Kwon Do kids came out and did their thing, sponsored by Gold Hawk. He said they may have had a car show, sponsored by an auto repair shop in town. He said this has the potential to be a really big event. So big that the ball field or Freedom Fields would not be the right place for it. He stated we have the most underutilized park in Southern Ocean County, and it's a beautiful park. Tip Seaman Park is where it needs to be. It's just the right spot. It has parking, it has the space, it has the bathrooms, everything it is. Mr. Miller then stated he met with Mike Mangum from Ocean County Parks Department. Mr. Miller mentioned this not something that EDC is trying to do. This something he is bringing before the Pride & Celebration Committee to partner on. The EDC will not do this without Pride's blessing. He feels this is something that would be really big for Tuckerton. He said Mike told there is a form to apply for use with minimal fees. There are some logistics like if your having tents where they will be due to underground cables. Mr. Miller said we will need to have insurance, which he was told would not be a problem. If we do this, we could get a nominal donation from the businesses to be included and it would be enough to cover the costs. In the end it would be net zero. Mrs. McAndrew stated there's no reason we couldn't. Good things are coming for Tuckerton. We need to have our town brought back to life. Mrs. McAndrew stated she likes the idea. The committee agreed that this event would need a year to plan. Mr. Miller mentioned Jim is the person in Plaistow who does this, he's done this for decades. Maybe we could get a joint meeting with EDC and Pride and have Jim in on a conference call or zoom. We could fast forward this and find out what's good and what's not so good, what worked and what didn't work.

Mr. Martin made a motion to support EDC and cooperate on this event. The motion was second by Mrs. Mathison; all in favor; none opposed.

Approval of Secretary Services.

| MOTION | SECOND | NAME | YEAS | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| | | Brian Martin | X | | | |
| X | | Doris Mathisen | X | | | |
| | | Joanne McAndrew | X | | | |
| | | Ryan McAndrew | | | | X |
| | | Christine Peterson | X | | | |
| | X | Suzanne Taylor | X | | | |

Adjournment – Chairman at 8:07 PM

Motion by Mrs. Mathisen, second by Mrs. Peterson, all in favor, none oppose.

Respectfully submitted:

April D. Elley, Secretary