

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Dave Bechtle, Vice-Chairwoman Shawna Strenfel, Wayne Hawkins, Daniel Higbie, Alderman Tom Burr, Alderman Jerry Kleiner and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.
Absent: Rollin Lybolt & Michael Torres

GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: New York Blood Center, thanking the Mayor's Youth Council for sponsoring a Blood Drive that collected 29 pints of blood.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the March 11, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Dan Higbie.

AUDIT: March revenues were \$20,181.00. Bringing this year's revenues to \$42,207.50

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – There has been no changes in personnel since March. We will soon be starting a couple seasonal laborers in the Parks Department. We are starting to hire our summer staff.

Activities – Spring Break program went well. Enrollment was lower than usual due to advertising there would be no pool. The Easter Egg Hunt had huge attendance. We will be revisiting how we implement the event due to big numbers and parent issues. Spring Soccer and Cheerleading will be starting May 5th. The Little League Parade is Saturday, April 14th. The School Districts Varsity Tennis and JV Baseball are using our facilities for their spring season. The summer brochure is at print and we are waiting to approve final draft. There will be a men's modified softball league held at Turfler this summer.

Maintenance – Men have been preparing fields and cleaning facilities for all our spring activities and leagues. Park bathrooms and concession stands are getting un-winterized for use. Some cracked and corroded pipes have been replaced. Work continues on War Memorial Pool Parking Lot and Disc Golf Course.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Tom Burr thanked the Bearisto Family and the Waalkill Engine Company for their donation to camperships that will be accepted by the council and for running a great community event. Alderman Kleiner inquired about stocking Summitt Pond at Fancher Davidge Park. That will be done in May through Sullivan County Water and Soil. Alderman Kleiner inquired about the Cherry Blossoms in Academy Ave. Park and who has pruned them in the past. This will be looked into. Alderman Kleiner inquired about the fire call at our building involving a dryer in the ABCD section of the building and if access to the ABCD area has been arranged with the fire department. Concerns about the parking area around Watts Park were mentioned. DPW will be sweeping and repairing parking area. The Recreation & Park Committee will be requesting a meeting soon to discuss the planning and implementation of the expansion project at Fancher Davidge Park.

OLD BUSINESS: The July Recreation Commission Picnic will be Wednesday, July 25th at the Lions Pavilion. The change in venue and date is to see the new Disc Golf Course and all commission members were available. Updates were given on the Maple Hill Pool Completion and the Resurfacing of the Tennis Courts. Both are waiting on the weather to cooperate. More soil has been added to the Parking Lot by War Memorial Pool and trees will be removed soon. The last couple holes of the Disc Golf Course are being completed, posts are complete and signage will be going up.

NEW BUSINESS: Due to construction of the high school pool and Sports Camp back using Maple Hill Pool, swim lessons will held at Sproat St. Pool this summer for beginner classes only. Lessons will return to the high school next summer. The department was awarded on April 6th \$18,000.00 in funding through the National Recreation & Parks 2018 Healthy Out-of-School Time Program Grant to go towards buying equipment that will allow us to serve free meals year round in the Teen Center and Saturday and Sundays at War Memorial Pool. Upon approval to accept funds we will be developing nutrition education to go along with the meal program. Free meals will now be served in the everyday in playgrounds, camps, teen center and War Memorial Pool on weekends. June 25th is our opening day of all summer programs. The school district is now requiring all district staff to report to work on June 25th, which subtracts 16 key staff members from our opening day summer staff. We are working on a solution to be able to open on time with adequate staffing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The April meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m. on a MOTION by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Wayne Hawkins

NEXT MEETING: The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent