

# MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

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

**GUESTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Joe & Theo Matta inquired about having a Memorial Skate on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2107 at the skate park for their deceased son Josh. The Matta Family donated a beautiful granite bench shaped as a skateboard to the City of Middletown in memory of Josh. Thank you to the Matta Family for this heart felt addition to the skate park.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Rollin Lybolt, seconded by Wayne Hawkins.

**AUDIT:** September revenues equaled \$15,062.50. Two more donations for the Disc Golf Course were received from Mid-City Tranist (\$400.00) and the Kiwanis of Middletown (\$400.00)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Personnel – Two part-time laborers remain on payroll in the parks department. Park security will finish for the year at the end of October. Seasonal staff is hired and working in our fall programs.

Activities – All fall programs (volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, pre-school playtime, skateboard clinics) are at capacity. Winter registration starts November 1<sup>st</sup> for indoor soccer, basketball and cheerleading. The After School Sports Academy is off to a slow start. We have opened it up for students K – 5<sup>th</sup> for the winter session. The Harvest Fest and Trunk or Treat will be Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am- 1:00pm. The Mayor's Youth Council is going well with a strong slate of officers and participants. On November 12<sup>th</sup> Assemblywoman, Aileen Gunther will be a guest speaker at MYC meeting.

Maintenance – A water fountain was installed in the Dog Park, donated by the Orange County Health Department. Humans can drink from the top and dogs from the bottom. Maple Hill Pool is getting resurfaced this month. The parking lot by the Lion's Shelter has been striped to help with traffic flow and parking issues. The castle at Fancher Davidge Park has been repaired and painted. The Disc Golf course has 3 holes complete with tee boxes and baskets. The parks staff continues to work on the course when time allows.

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE:** Alderman Burr updated us on discussion with council members about the department implementing a \$100.00 security deposit for use of park property and adding fees for use of Thrall Park. (\$150.00 for residents; \$300.00 for non-residents) The department will be implementing a proposal process for agencies and organizations wanting to use park property. This will give us better knowledge of exacting what groups plan to implement in our parks. (i.e. Music, bounce houses, fees, vendors, give aways, food, etc.) The department is inquiring about possibly having a credit card reader installed in the office for public convenience.

Alderman Kleiner mentioned that at a 2<sup>nd</sup> ward constituent's meeting, residents living by Watts Park are concerned about the amount of litter being left behind by groups using the park. Discussion followed by commission members about implementing a clean-up fee.

**OLD BUSINESS:** As to date, \$2,900.00 has been donated toward the development of a disc golf course. The City has finalized the purchase of land abutting Fancher Davidge Park that will run along the proposed Heritage Trail. The CPV power plant has finished using city property as a staging area for their project. They have installed fencing around the property, brought in top soil and hydro seeded. This property will be developed into athletic facilities as part of the Fancher Davidge Park Expansion. There will be a budget meeting on Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> for the Recreation & Parks 2018 operating budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We are looking to make improvements to the Academy Building, which will include a new roof, new carpet in the front hallway and refurbishing the gym floor. The City will be receiving 2018 Solutions Funding from the Orange County Youth Bureau totaling \$54,582.00 (\$5,000 for boxing program, \$21,960 for Teen Center, \$13,920 for Summer Lunch Program, \$8,702 for Summer Leadership Academy and \$5,000 for police department program Too Good for Drugs.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The October meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m. on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins, seconded by Dan Higbie

**NEXT MEETING:** The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent*