

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 9, 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, Alderman Jerry Kleiner, Alderman Sparrow Tobin and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.
Absent: Rollin Lybolt, Daniel Higbie & Michael Torres

GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

AUDIT: April revenues were \$21,716.50.00. Bringing this year's revenues to \$66,724.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – Seasonal laborers have started in the parks department. We are in the process of summer hiring, trainings and orientations. Spring soccer and cheerleading staff started on May 5th for 6 weeks.

Activities – Spring Soccer and Cheerleading have started. All summer registration forms are available to the public. The staff has planned and registration is out for a summer youth basketball league to be held at Monhagen Middle School's outdoor courts. The Summer Brochure is available to the public.

Maintenance – The Maple Hill Pool new liner and repairs to pool walls has been completed. The City's water project at Maple Hill Park will have the lower part of the park closed for the summer. A BOCES group will be working on park improvement projects this summer. Summit Pond will be getting stocked on June 30th. Supervisor Bianchi did a one year inspection on the Skatepark with a Spohn Ranch representative. Some small repairs will be done and the company gave us supplies and information for repairing cracks in the future. The skate park has held up very well. The Sproat St. Pool cover was stolen and recovered by the police. It is back on the pool with no damage.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: No Report. The Recreation Commission would like to have a meeting soon to discuss the planning of the Davidge Park Expansion.

OLD BUSINESS: The Recreation Commission has selected for the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to the Waalkills Engine Company #6 and the Gold Award to Dave & Anna Madden. Awards will be presented at the July picnic. Letters will go out to inform the winners. Funds are available for the NRPA Out-of-School Time Program Grant. We will begin purchasing equipment to implement the feeding of youth at the Teen Center and War Memorial Pool. We have met with Eat Smart NY and the Orange County Health Dept. to implement a nutrition education component to staff, youth and families.

NEW BUSINESS: 2019 Solution Funding Applications are out and due by June 19th. We are working on applications to fund staffing in our extended teen center hours, summer feeding program, summer youth leadership academy and boxing program.

\Supt. Brinckerhoff went to a workshop presentation for the New York State Consolidated Funding Application. She will be looking into submitting an application for the Environmental Protection Fund Grant through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to replace aging playground equipment in eight city parks.

Middletown Little League asked for permission to have a sign donated that says Welcome to Watts Memorial Park, Home of Middletown Little League with the Little League emblem on it. It was approved and final details will be worked out with the parks department.

Questions, updates and concerns from Commission Members were the following:

Wayne Hawkins - When will the office start use of the credit card machine? We are looking at the fall after our summer season.

Wayne Hawkins- What is going on with Tree Inventory and new software? The Shade Tree Committee had a training on April 27th to use the new TreeKeeper software. The software has been paid for and the Parks Dept. will update the shade tree committee on trees that have been removed or planted since last tree inventory. Once all data is put into software the Parks Dept. will use software program to keep trees in the parks updated.

Jerry Kleiner - Gave update on Heritage Trail Meeting

Jerry Kleiner – Concern was brought to him about the hill on the end line of the Bennett Hill Basketball Court. John Bianchi and Wayne Hawkins observed players and saw no danger. An injury has never been reported to the office since court has been there.

Shawna Strenfel – mentioned the painting of garbage cans is the park. Making it a community event with residents painting themed murals on the cans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jerry Announced that meet the candidates for the School Board is Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Presidential Park at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The May meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m. on a MOTION by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Wayne Hawkins

NEXT MEETING: The June meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent