

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Dave Bechtle, Vice-Chairwoman Shawna Strenfel, Wayne Hawkins, Daniel Higbie, Michael Torres and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.

Absent: Rollin Lybolt

GUESTS: Barbara Bonham, Shade Tree Committee

CORRESPONDENCE: Note from Middletown High School Honor Society, thanking Nicole and Kelly for participating in Family Fun Day at Presidential Park Elementary School.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Shawna Strenfel.

AUDIT: May program revenues were \$22,521.50. May donations and grants totaled \$24,853.50. Bringing year-to-date revenue total to \$114,099.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: **Personnel** – All seasonal laborers are hired and working in the parks department. Pool seasonal maintenance will start next week. Park Security seven(7) days a week started on Memorial Day. All summer hiring has been complete and orientations are being completed. They will all begin work on Monday, June 25th. Full time staff, in both departments, have been working hard getting ready for summer programs while creating new programming and doing park improvements.

Activities – The Annual Fishing Derby will be Sat. June 16th. On Sunday, June 10th the City of Middletown had a dedication ceremony naming the new pavilion and playground at Maple Hill Park the Robert Nathan Isseks Pavilion and Playground. All summer programs begin Monday, June 25th. Spring soccer, cheerleading and skateboard clinics are coming to an end. Summer brings many special events: Movies on King St., Party in the Park, Cops & Kids Day, Fairy and Troll House building, Community Camp-Out, Night-Out Against Crime, Bicycle Rodeo and Pop-Up Parties. Summer feeding sites will be added to War Memorial Pool on weekends and evenings at the Teen Center. Free lunch is now offered in all our camps and continues in our playgrounds.

Maintenance – All pools are ready for opening day and working well. Improvements to Maple Hill Pool are complete and the pool looks great and is working great. A permanent awning is being built for the guards at Maple Hill Pool. The tennis shack will be getting repaired with metal siding. The drainage issue in the Dog Park has been looked into and a solution will be done this summer or early fall.

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 National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) has given us another \$5,000.00 to go toward the Out-of-School Time Grant, bringing the total to \$23,000. Funds have already purchased folding tables, chairs, picnic tables, refrigerators, coolers, water jugs, garbage cans

and more. Additional funds will replace the small shelter's roof and allow us to assemble 3 additional single shelters in Davidge and Maple.

Summer Basketball enrollment is coming in slow. We are currently at only 68 registered and will start league on Sat. June 30th. Superintendent Brinckerhoff met with Tree Shade Committee members at the Dog Park. The Shade Tree Committee will be presenting the commission a diagram for tree plantings in the Dog Park Area for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: We will be holding free Lacrosse Clinics on July 24th – 26th at Monhagen Middle School for grades 3rd – 12th. If there is interest in the sport from the community we will have intramurals in the fall, which will hopefully develop teams to play in the Mid-Hudson Youth Lacrosse League.

Working Supervisor Bianchi put a preliminary budget together to develop the Davidge Park Expansion. The Mayor's Office is working to secure some funding for its development. Little League gave us a donation of \$425.00 to assist in off-setting field maintenance costs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None this evening

ADJOURNMENT: The May meeting was adjourned at 8:23p.m. on a MOTION by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Dan Higbie

NEXT MEETING: The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office. The July picnic will be on Wednesday, July 25th at the Lions Shelter in Fancher Davidge Park and we do not meet in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent