

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Daniel Higbie, Wayne Hawkins, Shawna Strenfel and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Anthony Williams, Dr. Lynnette Williams, Student Representative Gabriella DeJesus and Student Representative Keymell Gill.

GUESTS: Alderman Kleiner and Norris Gipson.

Norris Gipson is the recommendation given to the Mayor to replace Anthony Williams as a Recreation Commission member from the Superintendent of Recreation. Norris is currently the Program Coordinator for the Middletown Housing Authority and will help the Recreation Department make a better connection with Summitfield and David Moore Heights residents.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting were accepted by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Wayne Hawkins.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

March 2023 totaled:	\$15,082.98
'23 Grant and Donations Received	\$0.00
'23 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$33,664.98

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – One fulltime worker out on paid suspension. No seasonal employees working with our maintenance. All programming staff is full.

Activities – FREE: Teen and Youth Open Gym Basketball, Teen Boxing, Storytime Come Alive, Youth Fitness and Special Events.

PAID: Young Warriors Boxing Program, Little RECers Toddler Program, Intro to Boxing, Martial Arts, Crochet Clinic and Break Dancing.

Program Registration – Cheerleading Clinic, Soccer Clinics, Tennis Clinics, Cooking Class, Cookie Decorating for Pets Alive, Fairy House Building Workshop, Little People Playtime and Summer Camp.

Special Events – Planning for Recreation Department Vs. YMCA Basketball Game, Skateboard Contest and Cops & Kids Field Day.

Maintenance – Daily Garbage removal. Opening of Watts Park; field maintenance, spread clay, paint dug outs and benches. Assisted company with closing down ice skating rink. Mulching playgrounds. Getting pavilions ready for rentals.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Dan spoke about the survey results that Alderman Witt e-mailed. The majority of the people who took the survey wanted a splash pad to replace Maple Hill Pool. Alderman Kleiner mentioned a constituent would like to see steps added to Sproat Street Pool. Superintendent Berthold informed him that pool is too shallow and narrow to have steps put in. She also mentioned War Memorial Pool has 2 handicap lifts that can get people in and out of the pool.

OLD BUSINESS: We reviewed the fee schedule for the Recreation Department in detail. The Superintendent and Recreation Commission adjusted prices and changes were made. To accept the changes and updates a motion was made by Wayne Hawkins and seconded by Chairman Dan Higbie with everyone in favor. Little League made a \$3,500 donation towards the cost of new clay. We installed a new fence on Minor 1 for safety reasons. Naming the Babe Ruth Field after Dan Miller was approved and a sign is going up. The Superintendent is putting in a resolution to transfer the leftover money from the Reservoir Capital Project to a new line to put much needed bathrooms into the back of Davidge Park.

NEW BUSINESS: The Superintendent sent Norris Gipson's information as her recommendation for Recreation Commission. The Recreation Vs. YMCA games are scheduled for May 20th. The Ice Rink was torn down and stored in an old trailer. The Superintendent met with the Little Tykes representative. They have nothing to do with the grant process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:17pm motion made by Wayne Hawkins and seconded by Chairman Dan Higbie.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

Respectfully submitted,

Raelynn Bertholf, Superintendent of Recreation