

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you note to the Recreation Commission from Raelynn Bertholf and family.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting were accepted by Wayne Hawkins and seconded by Shawna Strenfel with everyone in favor.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

April 2023 totaled:	\$13,085.00
'23 Grant and Donations Received	\$2,150.00
'23 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$48,899.98

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – One fulltime worker not coming into work. One seasonal employee 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 RECCers Toddler Program, Martial Arts, Cheerleading Clinic and Soccer Clinics.

Program Registration – Tennis Clinics, Little People Playtime and Summer Camp.

Special Events – Recreation Department Vs. YMCA Basketball Game, Skateboard Contest and Cops & Kids Field Day, Fairy House Building and Fishing Derby.

Maintenance – Daily Garbage removal. Daily Mowing and weed whacking. Playground Safety Inspections. Feces clean-up from Geese at Wolslayer Field.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Alderman Witt e-mailed; the middle school tracks are available for public use only when the school isn't using them – whether it be for instructional use or after-school athletics.

OLD BUSINESS: The fee increase is ready to go to the Board of Estimates and Council but the Superintendent is unable to attend a BOE meeting and is hoping to make the next one. The Bathroom project at Davidge Park is moving along slowly due to the lack of full-time employees. We are still waiting for the Mayor to approve the appointment of Norris Gipson. May 20th is the Recreation Vs. YMCA game at MHS.

NEW BUSINESS: After the completion of the Lifeguarding class we are fully staffed at War Memorial Pool and Sproat Street Pool. All of our Summer hiring is complete. The Superintendent recommended Danielle McAvinue for the Distinguished Service Award. The Commission discussed the Community Partner Award. The Middletown School District was recommended and Mid-City Transit was also recommended. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Alderman Kleiner mentioned the new garbage can at the SkatePark and how it is filling quickly; the Superintendent will mention it to John Bianchi. Wayne Hawkins offered his condolences to my family for our loss.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00pm motion made by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Wayne Hawkins with everyone in favor.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 14, 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