

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Daniel Higbie, Vice-Chairman Norris Gipson, Wayne Hawkins, Shawna Strenfel, Dr. Lynnette Williams and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Student Representative Gabriella DeJesus and Student Representative Keymell Gill.

GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting were accepted by Wayne Hawkins and seconded by Shawna Strenfel with everyone in favor.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

May 2023 totaled:	\$18,135.00
'23 Grant and Donations Received	\$900.00
'23 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$67,934.98

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – All full-time workers in. 5 seasonal employees working with our maintenance. 2 Park Patrol employees working. All programming staff is full. All summer hiring is complete.

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 and Spring Adult Tennis Clinic.

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

Special Events – Planning for Skateboard Contest and Cops & Kids Field Day.

Maintenance – Daily Garbage removal. Daily Mowing and weed whacking. Opening and preparing pools for inspections. Spreading Mulch. Painting of pavilions, picnic tables, Maple Hill pool house, reservoir signs and garbage can posts painted.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: The fee increase was approved by the Common Council. The Bathroom project at Davidge Park is moving along slowly. Norris Gipson was approved by the Common Council as a member of the Recreation Commission and was sworn in by City Clerk Richard McCormack.

NEW BUSINESS: The Recreation Commission decided to keep Norris as Vice-Chairman. We discussed the Distinguished Service Award and Community Partner Award. A motion was made by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Norris Gipson with everyone in favor to nominate Danielle McAvinue and the Enlarged City School District of Middletown. The Recreation Commission dinner will be held Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the Recreation Department Community room. Teen Open

Gym has been moved to Presidential Park due to the dangers of kids walking on County Route 78. 2024 Funding is out and we will continue to request funding and we will include the Mayor's Youth Council. Capital Budget requests are due and the Recreation and Parks Department are putting in requests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08pm motion made by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Dan Higbie.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 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