

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 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, Dr. Lynnette Williams and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Wayne Hawkins, Shawna Strenfel, Student Representative Gabriella DeJesus and Student Representative Keymell Gill.

GUESTS: Alderman Kleiner and Alderman Witt

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You Letter from Susan DePuy. Letter of resignation from Wayne Hawkins.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting were accepted by Dr. Lynnette Williams and seconded by Norris Gipson with everyone in favor.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

June 2023 totaled:	\$56,645.00
July 2023 totaled:	\$81,896.00
August 2023 totaled:	\$22,147.00
'23 Grant and Donations Received	\$10,250.00
'23 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$238,872.98

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – One full-time worker out with shoulder surgery and the rest are working. 3 seasonal employees working with our maintenance. 1 Park Patrol employee working. 1 Reservoir employee 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, Cooking Class, Teddy Bear Clinic and Special Events.

PAID: Young Warriors Boxing Program, Little RECCers Toddler Program, Fall Adult Tennis Clinic, Adult and Youth Art Classes, Adult and Youth Pickleball, Adult and Youth Crochet, Youth Soccer Clinics, Youth Cheerleading Clinics and Youth Martial Arts.

Program Registration – None.

Special Events - Planning for Halloween Fall Festival.

Maintenance – Daily Garbage removal. Daily Mowing and weed whacking. Closed pools and winterized them. Building an office for John Bianchi in Coop Building. Bathroom in the back of Davidge complete. Scoreboard ready for install at Wolslayer Field. Assembling new bleachers. Reservoir work from wind and rain damage.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Alderman Witt reported he supports us and is here if we need any help with anything.

OLD BUSINESS: The Recreation Commission Dinner was a success and the award recipients seemed very happy. We applied for 2024 OCYB Funding. All of our Capital requests were approved and we are beginning the projects and making purchases.

NEW BUSINESS: Summer was a success besides the issues with the OCDH. Pools ran smoothly. Playground numbers were low and next year we will not operate in David Moore Heights and Thrall Park. The scoreboard was ordered from the Dept. Service Account and there has been talk of getting lights for Wolslayer Field from that account as well. There are other things that the money could be used for that would benefit more people in our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Alderman Kleiner reported out about the need for Pickle Ball courts. I noted that it will be added to the Capital request for next year. Alderman Kleiner mentioned his constituents concerns with the foul balls hitting cars at Little League and the teams cheering when a foul ball hits a car. He also mentioned Little League getting insurance to cover damage caused by foul balls. I told him if we have money at the end of the year we will get netting installed. Alderman Kleiner also mentioned the Back to School event and the need for recycling bins for the plastic bottles. I informed him I will purchase a few for Special Events.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:21pm motion made by Dan Higbie, seconded by Dr. Lynnette Williams with all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 11, 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