

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Dave Bechtle, Vice-Chairwoman Shawna Strenfel, Wayne Hawkins, Daniel Higbie, Alderman Jerry Kleiner, Alderman Tom Burr and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.

Absent: Rollin Lybolt and Michael Torres

GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Shawna Strenfel

AUDIT: September program revenues were \$24,310.90. Bringing year-to-date revenue total to \$294,937.23

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – There has been no changes in personnel since the September meeting.

Activities – The Touch-a-Truck was a success on September 29th. Volleyball clinics have begun at Presidential Park Elementary on Thursday evenings. Soccer, Cheerleading and After School Programs continue to go well. Our department hosted Junior Leadership Orange on Wed. Oct. 10th. Thirty-eight 8th graders from around Orange County participated in a leadership workshop. Superintendent Brinckerhoff was one of the presenters. All flyers are out advertising all fall and winter special events. There are a total of 12 special events. Residents can find information about our programs on Facebook, Instagram, City Website, Channel 20, Department Brochure and Flyers.

Maintenance – Lowes was finishing up their Hero's Project at the Maple Hill Pool House. We will be sending out a letter thanking them for the improvements they made to the facility. The Parks Department continues to keep up with mowing and the lining of athletic fields in use by youth football, soccer and men's softball league. All pools have been properly closed up for the season. Two benches have been installed in the Dog Park and work on the drainage issue in the dog park will begin next week. Materials were purchased through the NRPA grant to build 6 single shelters. Shelters are being fabricated in the garage and will be put out in the parks in the spring.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Alderman Burr reported that an architect was approved to work on the Davidge Park Expansion Project.

OLD BUSINESS: Remaining funds from the NRPA Out-of-School Time Grant was spent on additional recreation equipment to encourage physical activity in our youth as well as putting new roofs on the Small Shelter, Lions Shelter and will build six single shelters for various parks.

Architect Joseph Fucci has produced a preliminary drawing of the Davidge Park Expansion Project. Commission members reviewed and gave input as we plan the development of the facility. Working Supervisor Bianchi is working with Architect, DEC and Fusco Engineering to complete all necessary surveys and permits to move forward with project.

New playground equipment will be purchased for Sproat St. Park and Jerome Neil Park this fall. At Sproat St. Park we will be building a small pavilion in the back area of the park, resulting in less

playground equipment needing to be purchased. We are hoping for Board of Estimate approval to use the remaining capital funds from Sproat to go towards new equipment in Bennett Hill Park.

NEW BUSINESS: We are waiting to hear the results of the LIFT Orange Up funding, which would allow us to purchase equipment for our soccer fields. The department had its 2019 budget meeting with the Mayor. Park improvement requests were funds to install a paved walking path to the back fields of Watts Park, making easier accessibility for all. Other projects at Watts would be replacement of fencing, safety nets and purchase of infield mix. We look to increase funds for tree maintenance throughout our parks system.

A local scout will be working on his Eagle Scout Project at Maple Hill Park. His proposal is to create a walking trail behind the Kiwanis Shelter for residents to enjoy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The October meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m. on a MOTION by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Dan Higbie

NEXT MEETING: The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent