

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Shawna Strenfel, Wayne Hawkins, Daniel Higbie, Dave Bechtle, Michael Torres, Alderman Jerry Kleiner and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.

Absent: Rollin Lybolt

GUESTS: Antinea Sanchez, MHS Student from Public Policy Class & Barbara Bonham, Shade Tree Committee

CORRESPONDENCE: Email from Tom Quislik with the Orange County Park Department thanking us for participating in the Santa's Toy Box Toy Drive.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Dave Bechtle

AUDIT: Program revenues for December totaled \$15,958.60. Bringing yearly revenue total to \$367,932.17

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – Skilled Laborer, Wayne Stewart, was transferred to DPW and our department received skilled laborer, Jeffrey Lunham. Jeff comes to us with experience in tree service and has been a positive addition to our staff. All winter seasonal employees have been hired.

Activities – All of our winter programs are up and running. Programs include Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, Pre-School Playtime and our new Kidz Cooking Clinics. We see the cooking clinics growing and being offered to more age groups. Assistant Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf is going to be introducing Double Dutch to get more girls involved in the teen center. Teen Center numbers remain low, while other year round programs are going well.

Maintenance – The men are assisting with snow removal when necessary and taking advantage of mild weather to remove trees that are down and work on the back nine of the disc golf course. They are making repairs and improvements to indoor facilities and doing maintenance to tractors and mowers and getting all machines ready for the spring season.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: The City had its reorganization meeting and members of the Recreation & Parks Committee remain the same. Alderman Kleiner is interested in pinning down a date for the City Pride Clean-Up.

OLD BUSINESS: The Davidge Park Expansion (Richard P. Wolslayer Athletic Field) should be going to bid this month. City is finalizing requirements and insurance needed by contractors to go into the bid. They are hoping for the project to begin this spring. 2019 Annual Report will be completed by the February meeting. Wayne Hawkins brought up his concern of the Cherry Blossoms getting cut this spring in Academy Ave. Park before they bloom. It brought up a long conversation on finding out who is doing this, what the blossoms are being used for and where is the written agreement for a person or company to do the work.

NEW BUSINESS: Kaboom, who is working with us to improve our play space around the city may of found a foundation interested in donating a match to replace playground equipment in Amchir Park. The City has already committed \$68,000 to the project.

Barbara Bonham would like to get 5th graders involved in a poster contest for Arbor Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commission members were remind to get in their Ethic Disclosure Forms in to the City Clerk

ADJOURNMENT: The January meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a MOTION by Daniel Higbie and seconded by Wayne Hawkins

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent