

# MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Shawna Strenfel, Wayne Hawkins, Daniel Higbie, Dave Bechtle, Rollin Lybolt, Alderman Jerry Kleiner, Alderman Tom Burr and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.

Absent: Michael Torres

**GUESTS:** Carol Lybolt, Lions Club

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Rollin Lybolt

**AUDIT:** Program revenues for January totaled \$20,876.50. Bringing yearly revenue total to \$20,876.50

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Personnel – New Full-time Laborer Mark Sherman is fitting in well with the Parks Department. There is no changes in full-time or seasonal employees. We are beginning to put our summer staff together and getting our spring staff in place.

Activities – Winter programs are coming to a close.

Registration will be posted for all spring programs this month. Summer registration will be available to the public the beginning of March. The new Kidz Cooking Clinics went well, we are planning more sessions for more ages groups. Some new programs include Pickle Ball for adults, Double Dutch and Art Quest for kids and adults. Spring Break and Sports Camp will be held at Presidential Park Elementary School. Supt. Brinckerhoff complimented the cooperation of the school district as they go through construction in their buildings and still plan to find space for our community programs. The department is now offering Pickle Ball for adults at the Truman Moon gym on Monday and Thursday evenings. Currently there are 30 people registered and enjoying the three courts marked down in the gym.

Maintenance – With the mild winter the parks department has been working on removing down trees in Davidge and Community Campus. They are removing dead trees they can take down safely and are contracting out the bigger trees. We will be working with Shade Tree Committee to plant new trees. The guardrails are going in at the parking lot by the War Memorial Pool. Work is being done at the reservoir on the trails planning for a spring opening. The train was placed at Maple Hill Park, welcoming people to the Middletown City Limits. Signage is being planned for the train.

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE:** Alderman Burr thanked recently retired Skilled Laborer, Shawn Reisert for his years of service to the Middletown Recreation and Parks Department. Supt. Brinckerhoff mentioned she would like a Parks and Rec. Committee meeting to discuss a city policy for city workers and program fees and to present to the council the Lions Club offer to build a pavilion over the BBQ pit at the Lions Shelter in Fancher Davidge Park.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Davidge Park Expansion ( Richard P. Wolslayer Athletic Field) has gone out to bid. Hopefully work will begin in the spring. City Pride Day will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. That will also be the day of the Little League Parade and opening day. The census committee will be at these events and other special programs to promote the census. The 2019 Annual Report was given to Commission Members and Alderman.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was discussion about the Lion's Club wanting to build a shelter over the Lion's Club barbeque pit located at the Lions Shelter in Fancher Davidge Park. The Lion's Club would pay for all materials and any labor that the parks department staff could not complete. The funds were donated by deceased Lion's Club members Norton & Claire Madigan. We will be speaking to council about proper procedure moving forward. The Recreation Commission unanimously voted to approve this project. Motion made by Daniel Higbie; seconded by Dave Bechtle. A Middletown resident has requested a portable ice rink be put somewhere in the City for ice skating. The mild winters the last few years has not allowed safe skating on our public lakes and ponds. Supt. Brinckerhoff discussed the concern with Community Development Director, Maria Bruni and we will be looking into the possibility of having a rink next winter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The State of the City will be Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** The February meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on a MOTION by Rollin Lybolt and seconded by Wayne Hawkins

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent*