

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office located at 393 County Route 78.

ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Shawna Strenfel, Wayne Hawkins, Daniel Higbie, Anthony Williams, Rollin Lybolt, Alderman Tom Burr and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.

GUESTS: Carole Lybolt

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes from September 9, 2020 accepted by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Daniel Higbie

AUDIT: Program revenues for September totaled \$6,010.00 and \$1,520.00 was donated by the Orange Runners Club to purchase benches for the Reservoir. Bringing revenue for 2020 to \$65,562.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – No changes

Activities – Fall small group outdoor programs have ended. Oct. 2nd there was an outdoor movie with 29 families attending. Families were assigned to a spot to watch the movie. Staff is working on winter programming, which will be a challenge being indoors and meeting COVID guidelines. We are letting the school district borrow our portable disc golf baskets to teach the sport to local youth, who can then go use the Davidge Course. A great social distancing activity. There will be a pop-up Halloween parade to evenings in conjunction with the police and fire departments.

Maintenance – Men remain busy with steam cleaning equipment, mowing, garbage, preparing pavilions and lining athletic fields. They continue to do improvements to new facility when they have time. They are working on completing parking lot by War Memorial Pool and expanding parking lots at the reservoir. We are looking to replace old toilets, urinals and sinks in our public restrooms. We are working to take down dead trees throughout our park system. Some trees we are taking down, larger trees are being contracted out. We have purchased a new Holland Tractor to replace an old one that no longer works.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Alderman Tom Burr reported that 2021 proposed budget is being presented to the Board of Estimates by department heads. It will then go to finance committee and then common council for approval. He updated the commission on the new sidewalks going in throughout the downtown.

OLD BUSINESS: Contracts have been signed to do the drainage, capping, rough wiring and sod at the Davidge Park Expansion. There was a ribbon cutting on Friday, October 9 at the new Recreational Campus. Senator Jen Metzger attended, who secured a \$400,000 grant to renovate the campus. The gym floor has been sanded, lines painted and refreshed. We are waiting on the bench for the Dave Bechtle dedication. A tree has been planted and plaque made for a nice sitting area in front of our main building dedicated to Dave.

NEW BUSINESS: The Orange Runners Club donated \$1,520 to purchase 4 benches for the Reservoir Trails. Ethic Forms were filled out by everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next month's meeting will be the 3rd Monday in November due to Veteran Day.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 with a motion from Rollin Lybolt and Seconded by Anthony Williams.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 18, 2020** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office located at 393 County Route 78. (** This is the 3rd Wednesday due to regular meeting falling on Veterans Day**)

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent