

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Daniel Higbie, Wayne Hawkins, Shawna Strenfel, and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Anthony Williams and Lynnette Williams.

GUESTS: Alderwoman Kate Ramkissoon, Little League President Rosanna Darrell, Little League Vice-President Darrin Cross. Middletown Little League thanked the Recreation & Parks Department for all their support and the great job they did on the fields this year and their hard work on the renovation of the concession stand. They presented us with a \$2,000 donation to go towards the expenses accrued for concession stand. They discussed the need for field improvements and potential fixes for the poor drainage on Lybolt, Stevens and Minor 1 fields (70 out of 250 games rained out). They stated they donated \$5,000 years ago for field conditioner and it didn't help. The Superintendent asked them to get quotes for the improvements they are "wishing/dreaming" of. Quote for a pump to remove rain water from field and a quote for drainage on the fields. They are applying to host the 2023, 2024, 2025 New York State 12U Little League Championship games. They expressed how great of an opportunity it would be for the City of Middletown. They are requesting the Babe Ruth field be named after Dan Miller who recently passed unexpectedly. They also discussed donating funds to improve/redo the infield and pitchers' mound on the Babe Ruth field. The Superintendent and Recreation Commission asked them to submit a proposal for the naming of the field first so it can be voted on by them before being brought to the Common Council for approval. They asked about the possibility of tamping the batter's boxes and pitching mounds after games to improve the field conditions. The Superintendent will speak to John Bianchi about this request.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You letter from Susan DePuy for our help with the City-Wide Clean-Up.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting were accepted by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Shawna Strenfel.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

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| May 2022 totaled: | \$23,747.50 |
| '22 Grant and Donations Received | \$1,650.00 |
| - \$550 Little League, \$900 Lions Club, \$200 Lions Club | |
| '22 Year-to-Date Revenues | \$62,480.50 |

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – All full-time workers working. Three seasonal employees working in our Parks Department. Two Reservoir part-timers and two part-time park patrol employees. All programming positions are full.

Activities – FREE: Teen and Youth Open Gym Basketball, Teen Boxing, Storytime, Youth Fitness and Zumba.

PAID: Let's Play Gym Time, Boxing Training, Youth Martial Arts, Pre-School, Youth Breakdancing Clinic, Spring Adult Tennis, Summer and Fall Tennis Registration, Little People Playtime Registration, Spirit Camp Registration and Sports Camp Registration.

Maintenance – Watts Park upkeep. Daily mowing. Daily garbage removal in parks. Wolslayer Field Project; Pole Barn started and framing is complete, Truex is working on the plumbing then concrete will be poured by Goodrich and they will finish the building. Reservoir Trails; Regular upkeep, Vanduzer bathroom project is complete and open to the public, the handicap porta potty was moved to Abramson Road and Highland Lakes parking lot. Waiting approval for BOCES summer group do work at Vanduzer parking lot. Frank Shorter Way walkway is almost complete and eventually the path will be expanded through the park to Lake Avenue. War Memorial Pool opened and looking great. Sproat Street Pool opened and needs a lot of work.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Reported out that Lynnette Williams will be asked to find 2 student representatives who will begin in September. We discussed Ice-skating programming ideas, supplies needed and budgeting suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS: Reported out the possibility of naming something after past Superintendent Christine Brinckerhoff. The Vanduzer Picnic Grove was suggested and recommended by the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission dinner will be held 5:30pm on July 13, 2022 at the Middletown Recreation Department. The Recreation Commission discussed the yearly awards and decided to give the Distinguished Service Award to Emily Bonilla and Victoria Sanchez and the Community Partner Award to the Middletown Police Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shawna mentioned that the Middletown School District is hosting a movie night over the summer and end of summer gathering and suggested we set up a table there. The Superintendent agrees it is a great idea and will contact Superintendent Amy Creeden.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:20pm motion made by Dan Higbie, Seconded by Shawna Strenfel.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 14, 2022** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

Respectfully submitted,

Raefynn Bertholf, Superintendent of Recreation