

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 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, Lynnette Williams, Gabriela DeJesus and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Anthony Williams

GUESTS: Alderman Kevin Witt

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You letter from Officer Patricia Galli thanking us for our support and help the Annual Kid's Celebration.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the June 15, 2022 meeting were accepted by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Shawna Strenfel.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

June 2022 totaled:	\$57,622.50
July 2022 totaled:	\$76,089.50
August 2022 totaled:	\$20,810.00
'22 Grant and Donations Received	\$2,725.00
'22 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$219,727.50

- We discussed in detail revenue from camps and pools in comparison to what was spent on personnel. We discussed the possibility of a price increase and comparing costs to YMCA and TOW.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – All full-time workers working. 1 seasonal employee 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 and Youth Fitness.

PAID: Boxing Training, Little RECCers, Youth Breakdancing Clinic, Fall Adult Tennis, Youth Soccer Clinic, Youth Cheerleading Clinic, Youth Lacrosse Clinic, Rising Stars Basketball Clinic and Crochet Clinic.

Maintenance – Pools covered and closed and will be winterized soon. Watts Park upkeep. Daily mowing. Wolslayer Field Project finishing up with final touches. Reservoir Trails; regular upkeep. Closing in the horse rink stage and using it as storage.

- We discussed more programming at Wolslayer Field and the possibility of having the Turkey trot there.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Reported out that Lynnette Williams is still seeking 1 more student representative. Introduced Gabriella DeJesus as our student representative, what she brings to the Commission, her background with City of Middletown and her initiative to be the student representative. We discussed the very fast approaching ice skating rink opening, materials and supplies still needed, money in our

budget that is needed and programming schedule. Reviewed and further discussed the possibility of naming the Vanduzer Picnic Grove after past Superintendent of Recreation Christine Brinckerhoff. Raelynn will work with Alderman Kevin Witt to get him more information about and this naming and what we are looking to do. We discussed the Recreation Commission Dinner and Awards. We liked having the families there and having it catered.

NEW BUSINESS: Superintendent reported out about Summer, it's successes and problems we overcame. We discussed the Retirement of John Bianchi, his new role within the Department and selecting a new Working Supervisor. The 2023 budget was submitted. Increases were discussed and park improvements added to the budget. The Kiwanis club is donating a bench to the Recreation Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing to Report

ADJOURNMENT: 8:54pm motion made by Shawna Strenfel, Seconded by Lynnette Williams.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

Respectfully submitted,

Raelynn Bertholf, Superintendent of Recreation