

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 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, Dr. Lynnette Williams and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Anthony Williams, Shawna Strenfel, Student Representative Gabriella DeJesus and Student Representative Keymell Gill.

GUESTS: Alderman Kleiner

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the October 12, 2022 meeting were accepted by Wayne Hawkins with everyone in favor.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

October 2022 totaled:	\$4,100.00
'22 Grant and Donations Received	\$23,647.50
'22 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$256,045.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – All full-time workers working. 1 seasonal employee working in our Parks Department. Two Reservoir part-timers still working. All programming positions are full. Looking to hire a new Full time Laborer in 2023.

Activities – FREE: Teen and Youth Open Gym Basketball, Teen Boxing, Storytime Come Alive, Youth Fitness and Special Events.

PAID: Boxing Training, Little RECers Toddler Program, Youth Martial Arts, Youth Breakdancing Clinic and Youth Football Cheerleading (Squad). Registration for the following programs; Adult Floral Arrangement Class, Teen Book Club, Youth Craft Night and Crochet Clinic.

UPDATE: Fall Programming almost over and we are starting to plan for Winter programs. MYC holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Prepping for Holiday Events. ABCD – November 11th volunteering – Day of Service. Merry Mailboxes are out. Looking for workers for the Ice-Skating rink.

Maintenance – Leaf removal. Picking parks and garbage removal. Reservoir Trails upkeep. Working on Tree Lighting parade float for City Hall employees. Putting up flag pole at Wolslayer Field. Prepping for 2 games this weekend at Wolslayer Field; using temporary dividers with shower curtains.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: The Garden Lovers' signs are up in Thrall Park.

NEW BUSINESS: Fall programs were very successful; added an older age group for soccer and it was successful, the special events were well attended. Excited about our upcoming Skateboard contest. Ice-rink installation next week; shed is installed, supplies coming soon. Lots of Holiday Events coming up;

Santa Letters to the North Pole, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and parade, Santa Paws at Dog Park, Cops and Cookies, Polar Express at the Paramount Theatre, Holiday Decoration and Light Display Contest and Winter Break Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing to Report

ADJOURNMENT: 8:09pm motion made by Wayne Hawkins and everyone in favor.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 14, 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