

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Daniel Higbie, Wayne Hawkins, Shawna Strenfel, Dr. Lynnette Williams, Student Representative Gabriella DeJesus and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.
Absent: Vice-Chairman Anthony Williams and Student Representative Keymell Gill.

GUESTS: Alderman Witt, Alderman Kleiner and Little League (Rosanne Darrel, Darrin Cross, Lou Janson).

- Little League announced that Opening Day is April 15, 2023 and their numbers are looking good. They are requesting a field be updated with new clay that will help with drainage issues. John Bianchi is getting a quote from Ketcham fencing to repair the old netting. They are also requesting netting to protect the people sitting in the bleachers on Minor 1. Little League is would like to get Babe Ruth Field named after Dan Miller. The Recreation Commission will take an official vote and if passed the Superintendent will submit a Resolution to the Council for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter to Vice Chairman Anthony Williams letting him know we are seeking a replacement for him on the Recreation Commission.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting were accepted by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Wayne Hawkins with everyone in favor.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

February 2023 totaled:	\$6,754.00
'23 Grant and Donations Received	\$0.00
'23 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$18,582.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – All fulltime workers working. 1 seasonal employee working with our maintenance. All programming staff is full.

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

PAID: Young Warriors Boxing Program, Little RECCers Toddler Program, Intro to Boxing, Youth Basketball Clinic, Indoor Soccer Clinic, Martial Arts, Cheerleading Clinic, Crochet Clinic, Break Dancing, Computer Science and Art Classes.
Registration for; Spring Break Program, Crochet Clinic, Intro Boxing, Cheerleading Clinic, Soccer Clinics and Art Classes.

Special Events – Planning for Recreation Department Vs. YMCA Basketball Game, Skateboard Contest and Cops & Kids Field Day.

Maintenance – Reservoir Trails and Davide Park up-keep from fallen dead trees. Garbage removal. Ice Rink upkeep. Fixed drainage issue at Dog Park on Big Dog side. Getting mowers and ball carts ready for Spring. Trucks are down; Matt's truck needs a new transmission, Mark's truck in shop, took a truck from DPW salvage and put \$500 into it and it is now running well. Damage at Wolslayer Field; someone caught on video doing donuts on practice field and parking lot, the City is going after them to pay for damage.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Alderman Witt spoke about survey going out to all City residents about Maple Hill Pool. We all spoke about the survey and the wants and needs of the community.

OLD BUSINESS: Ice-Skating Clinics were cancelled due to the warm February weather. The Superintendent is going to get everyone a copy of our fee schedule to changes and updates can be made.

NEW BUSINESS: We need a new Truck, it was requested in the Capital Budget. John Bianchi is working on getting a quote for a WallBall/American Handball court. He is also getting a quote for a Bathroom facility in the back of Davidge using the Capital money left over from the Reservoir bathroom project. A motion was made by Wayne Hawkins and seconded by Dr. Lynnette Williams with everyone in favor of naming Babe Ruth Field in memory of Dan Miller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shawna Strenfel mentioned the Little Tykes grant information she sent to the Superintendent. She will forward an additional e-mail with more information. Alderman Kleiner announced the City-Wide Clean-Up is April 22, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:28pm motion made by Chairman Dan Higbie and seconded by Shawna Strenfel.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

Respectfully submitted,

Raelynn Berthoff, Superintendent of Recreation