

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Dave Bechtle, Vice-Chairwoman Shawna Strenfel, Wayne Hawkins, Daniel Higbie, Alderman Tom Burr, Alderman Sparrow Tobin and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.
Absent: Rollin Lybolt & Michael Torres

GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Dan Higbie.

AUDIT: February revenues were \$9,856.50. Two donations were received in February. \$100.00 from CSEA Retiree Local 917 for camp scholarships and \$1000.00 from The Classic 10K Road Race for the Mayor's Youth Council

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel – There has been no changes in personnel since February. We are currently hiring staff for the Spring Break Program and have begun the process of filling all our summer positions.

Activities – Office staff is busy with reservations for parks, fields and pavilions. Registration is available for Spring and Summer Programs. Spring Break Program will run March 26th – 30th at Middletown High School. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 31st at Fancher Davidge Park. The Birdhouse Decorating is Tuesday, March 20th at the Mulberry House. Winter Volleyball ended this week and Pre-School Playtime began. After School Programs are going well at the three elementary schools. The Summer Brochure is at print and we are hoping to have it out to the public the end of April. Asst. Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf is working on implementing a youth summer basketball league and working with two college students to plan a skateboard competition and event sometime in July.

Maintenance – New bleachers have been assembled and placed at Watts Park. Staff continues to chip brush and remove dead trees around the Disc Golf Course area. Tennis Courts will be re-surface once the weather stays above 60 degrees. Maple Hill Pool Repairs will also be finished once weather cooperates. The men have assisted the City with snow and ice removal. Shawn continues to fabricate an incredible train replica that will be placed in the downtown area. Mother Nature gave us a couple nice days to work on the parking lot at War Memorial Pool.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Chairman Tom Burr reported that the Bobby Bearsto St. Partick's Day Benefit will be Saturday, March 17th at the Elks Club. Money raised will go to the Waalkills Engine Company and the Middletown Recreation Department Summer Camp Scholarships. On Thursday, March 15th will be the first Town Hall Meeting held by the Middletown Police Department at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS: An out-of-school time grant application has been submitted to the National Recreation & Parks Association requesting \$18,000.00 to increase our out-of-school time nutritional meals to youth. If granted we can expand feeding into the Teen Center all year round and War Memorial Pool on weekends during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS: It was unanimously approved to have David Bechtle as Chairman and Shawna Strenfel, Vice Chairwoman of the Middletown Recreation Commission term ending March 2019.
MOTION BY Dan Higbie; seconded by Wayne Hawkins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Little League Parade has been moved to Saturday, April 14th due to the long winter weather.

ADJOURNMENT: The March meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m. on a MOTION by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Wayne Hawkins

NEXT MEETING: The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent